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One Woman's Quest to Restore Election Integrity

"We were stuck at home, forced to be there, so we just decided we would start taking a look at it."

That is how Marly Hornik describes the first steps of her journey, which began during Covid lockdowns and could become the largest and most effective campaign in the country to expose and halt election fraud.

She is now CEO of United Sovereign Americans (U.S.A.), a nationwide effort of volunteers who have compiled evidence that their individual states' voter records are so flawed they do not meet accuracy standards required by law. Anticipating the upcoming November election, Hornik told *The New American* that U.S.A. plans this spring to file emergency litigation in several states "against the administration of a federal election using a system that's incapable of providing a trustworthy result."

It's been a whirlwind. Just five years ago, election fraud was hardly top-of-mind for this homeschooling mom and homesteader in the Hudson Valley of New York. Then 2020 hit, and she witnessed what she calls an "attack on the world." Dissatisfied with simply sitting back and watching, she reached out to like-minded activists on social media.

Her comments caught the attention of a group spearheading an election-inquiry initiative in her state. It was strictly grassroots, and "in a deep blue state like New York, we figured there wouldn't really be much to find," she remembers.

They were wrong. After reviewing records from the New York state voter-roll database (NYSVoter), they immediately noticed problems. For instance, the total number of votes counted and certified in 2020 was "a quarter of a million votes more than the number of qualified voters," she said. "We found millions of registration records that didn't seem to comport with clear laws."

At first believing the discrepancies to be anomalies, Hornik says, "it took a while before we realized we were looking at millions of potential violations of the law within NYSVoter, which is part of our critical national security infrastructure and is required by federal law to be accurate."

So they formalized their organization, dubbing themselves New York Citizens Audit (NYCA). Hornik says the group is entirely nonpartisan. "We want a fair and accurate vote, no matter whether we end up red or blue."



Rebecca Terrell interviews Marly Hornik



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NYCA

In May of 2022, NYCA petitioned the state attorney general for a redress of grievances to decertify the 2020 general election in New York state. Signed by more than 5,000 residents and detailing 30 potential violations of state and federal election laws, the petition noted examples such as:

a discrepancy of over a quarter of a million votes in the reporting totals published by the Secretary of State, Board of Elections, and precincts.... 1.9M registrations in the state voter rolls that are missing from the corresponding county voter rolls. Over 300,000 false duplicate registrations for single voters, many of which were utilized nefariously to double vote, an outright felony.

In New York City alone they discovered 254,000 unique registrations that had cast a vote in the 2020 general election, but those same votes were missing in state records.

Considering the disparities, NYCA also sent its petition to the secretary of state and the state Board of Elections commissioners, as well as the heads of both the Republican and Democratic Parties and officials in 29 counties. They received no response aside from being blacklisted by even conservative groups.

In only one case did NYCA receive a positive response. A volunteer arranged a meeting with the New York State Police Special Investigations Unit. After a three-hour discussion, officers agreed that the evidence appeared both criminal and urgent. But because in 2017 then-President Barack Obama designated election systems as critical national security infrastructure, the state did not have authority to open an inquiry. They had to turn the information over to the FBI.

GROUP	DESCRIPTION	REGISTRATIONS	2022 GENERAL ELECTION VOTES
Eligible	Records appear valid so voters are presumed eligible to vote. Results can be certified.	11,720,706	6,197,888
Uncertain	Records contain illogical and/or invalid information, so it is uncertain whether voters are eligible to vote. Investigation is required before results can be certified.	5,515	3,152
Ineligible	Records appear to violate black letter election laws, so voters are presumed ineligible to vote. Investigation is required before results can be certified.	2,960,583	728,207
Deadwood*		6,688,509	0
TOTAL		21,375,402	6,926,348
Total Database Records / Total Votes Counted per official published tallies		21,375,402	6,926,348
DIFFERENCE		0	35,312**

Registration Error Rate 14%
Vote Error Rate 12%
Margin of Victory in NY Congressional District 17 (143,550/141,730 votes) 0.6%
Legal Standard of Allowable Error for Federal Elections*** 0.0008%

“That was June of 2022,” Hornik states. Nothing was done prior to the November 2022 election, which was certified using the same system.

Frustrated with the official non-response, NYCA brought another petition in 2023 for a full audit of the 2022 general election. In addition to the officials they approached in 2021, they are currently bringing their evidence to town councils across the state.



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Further reviews have revealed “5.1 million apparent violations of black letter law regarding unique registration in NYSVoter,” Hornik explains. (“Black letter law” means well-established and indisputable legal rules.) “There are 745,000 votes cast in 2022 that don’t qualify as eligible. Yet according to federal standards of accuracy for certification of federal elections, the State Board of Elections was allowed to certify only if they had no more than 48 ballots in error statewide.”

Could these ineligible votes be mere mistakes? NYCA’s director of research, Dr. Andrew Paquette, had the data triple peer-reviewed and published the group’s findings in the *Journal of Information Warfare*. He reported that algorithms appear to be hidden within and are corrupting NYSVoter. On NYCA’s website, [AuditNY.com](#), Hornik sums up the findings:

We have uncovered ... the clear presence of algorithmic patterns we reverse engineered from within the state’s own official records.... There is no known innocent purpose or explanation for why these algorithms exist. I am told by cyber-intelligence experts that they indicate a “Total Loss of Control” data breach recognized by our federal government. The law says it renders the affected NYSVoter database completely untrustworthy.

The “Total Loss of Control” designation is defined in standards of the U.S. Computer Emergency Readiness Team (US-CERT) and indicates that not only is a system destroyed, but recovery is not possible. However, Hornik says, even though the presence of algorithms is “a huge finding, it’s not the kind of thing that could possibly get adjudicated before the 2024 election, so I don’t focus on it.”

What can be adjudicated are the millions of apparently invalid registrations and massive vote discrepancies that NYCA has found. “The impact of errors in 2022 shows that no one knows what the true election outcome was,” Hornik explains. “At the time of certification of the 2022 election, the registration database had a minimum error rate of 14 percent, and the voting error rate was 12 percent.”

These numbers are particularly astonishing when compared to the margin of victory in various New York congressional districts (e.g., District 17 had a 0.6 percent margin) and to the legal standard of allowable error for federal elections of 0.0008 percent, per Federal Election Commission specifications.

Hornik also points out the impact of these data on the national census. According to the U.S. Census Bureau’s website, that agency has collected data on the number and characteristics of voters after every national election since 1964. The counts affect federal funding, representation in Congress, and Electoral College votes. “Is New York State defrauding the United States by inflating its voter rolls?” posits Hornik.

TROs

What is the solution? “TROs,” is Hornik’s simple reply. TRO is an acronym for temporary restraining order, an injunction to prevent the administration and certification of an election using a faulty system such as the one that NYCA believes it has uncovered.

The rationale is that, even though the federal government has no authority to dictate the time and place or manner of federal elections, civil rights laws protect database integrity. Hornik invokes three laws: the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (VRA), the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (NVRA), and the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA).



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“NVRA says that if you believe your right of suffrage has either been denied or abridged in any way, or if you believe it is *about to be* denied or abridged in any way, you should file a TRO,” Hornik explains. “Don’t let them close the deal until your concerns have been adjudicated.” NVRA also dictates that registration and voting data must be accurate, and the other laws provide further civil rights protections.

Hornik says this emergency litigation process is not something that will take years. “We’re not asking for a rehash of previous elections,” Hornik relates. “We’re calling the voting system into question because it can’t produce accurate results or meet the standard of the law. So either they bring it up to standard, or we use hand-counted paper ballots.”

U.S.A.

“What if we lose in New York?” In the summer of 2022, that was a nagging question on the minds of Hornik and some 2,000 volunteers who make up NYCA. Their answer came after Hornik presented the group’s findings at “The Pit,” a conference sponsored by True the Vote in August of that year. Afterward, “many states reached out to duplicate our efforts.”

“We knew NYCA wasn’t enough; we needed a national organization. So we formed United Sovereign Americans,” Hornik states. Currently, 27 states are involved, each finding egregious error rates in voting systems, registration records, and vote counts, none of which meet lawful accuracy requirements. Hornik gives the example of Illinois, where “more than 2 million people registered to vote *after* they cast votes.”

Eleven of these states are ready to file suit, which Hornik expects to happen in late March or early April. They involve nine federal circuits, and should U.S.A. receive opposing rulings in two different circuits, “it could force the litigation to the Supreme Court in advance of the 2024 election.”

States in which U.S.A. lawsuits succeed will have to rectify their problems, even to the point of throwing out current data and building from the ground up.

If, in what Hornik calls a “worst case scenario,” no suits make it to SCOTUS, and the powers that be administer the election, “at least we have established standing.” That means they can lawfully challenge certification of the election and/or hold accountable the individuals who certify despite the legal challenges.

Hornik would like to see representatives from every state get involved. She invites those interested to visit U.S.A.’s website, [Unite4Freedom.com](#), and emphasizes that the audit process is “fairly easy, especially when you have a team.” She also needs the help of attorneys; though many have already expressed confidence in the urgency and airtightness of the cases, the litigation process is time-consuming and costly.

Hornik asks for prayers, too, acknowledging that success depends on the help of the Creator who grants the rights that government is supposed to defend, not defile.

“I believe we’ll succeed, but we need everyone involved,” Hornik states. “No one else is doing this. We’re going to lose our country if we don’t move quickly.”



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