



## The Five Lies of Hand Counting

1. **We can never go back to hand counting** > America has hand counted ballots for over 150 years without any complaints. The election results were always that night and we never had any delays for days, week and months. Over 24 large nations implement same day voting with results that night and no complaints. Just a few countries that do same day hand counting are, Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Japan, Norway, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Ireland, Netherlands and the United Kingdom.
2. **Cannot find people to work the polls**> 70 percent of voters feel mistrust to some degree in our election systems. People would come out in droves if they are asked to hand count given the mistrust they currently have. The cost savings are so great, you could pay twice as much and still spend a fraction of the cost generated by using machines.
3. **It will cost too much**> This is what the narrative is, but it is based on false facts, assumptions, flawed inputs and a bias to lean towards the current system. The citizen voters want the secure path, and the election system wants the lazy, easy, it's what we are used to method, in other words, we don't want to change. Monroe Co Ohio was used to do a feasibility study for hand counting. The election board said it would take 9 days to count and cost \$156,000. Our study shows it could be done in one day and potentially cost up to \$5,000.
4. **It will take too long**> With precinct counting you usually get between 500-700 voters. Counting teams could start 1 hour after the polls open and only need to do 60 ballots an hour, which a 4-person team could easily do. The staff that used to monitor the machine era could then be used to act as a counting team. Early mail in votes could be counted as they come in to avoid the bottleneck at the main polling location.
5. **It's not accurate**> Hand counting has always been considered the gold standard and that is why 86 Ohio counties currently perform a 5% post-election audit. That hand counted audit is then what is used to certify the vote to put the seal of approval on that election, it must be accurate, or they would not require it. In other words, you can't have it both ways!

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