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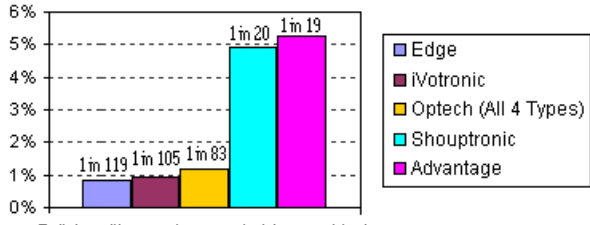
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November 2000	1242 paperless electronic voting machine	<p>New Castle County, Delaware. New Castle County had a 3.6% undervote rate for the presidential race in 2000. This means that as many as 3.6% of the votes for president were uncounted. This information was recently brought to the attention of Delaware Commissioner of Elections Frank Calio. ¹</p> <p>"I find it difficult to understand the huge undervote in New Castle," Calio said. "That research was eye-opening. We've never had any reports of anything going wrong with our machines. We need to find out what the problem is. We're not going to whitewash this."</p>
November 2004	Shouptronic	<p>San Juan County, New Mexico. 1,843 election-day phantom votes were reported in Precinct 51. With only 318 people casting election day ballots on the Danaher Shouptronic electronic voting machines in the Precinct 51, Fran J. Hanhardt, Republican incumbent running for County Clerk, received 2,079 votes, while Democratic challenger Glojean B. Todacheene received 82.</p> <p>However, Ms. Hanhardt didn't need the 1,843 phantom votes to win. She won by a strong margin of 16,484 votes.</p> <p>Since New Mexico Secretary of State Rebecca Vigil-Giron says phantom votes are not possible,² you may want to check her certified canvass report for yourself.</p> <p>Look on page 2 of the San Juan Canvass Report³ to find the County Clerk totals in Precinct 51 on election day. Then look at the far right side of page 3 for the number of voters who signed in at the polls.</p>

¹ **Votes at risk in some states.** Scripps Howard News Service. July 9, 2004. By Thomas Hargrove and Michael Collins.
<http://www.cincypost.com/2004/07/09/vote070904.html>

² **Vote Recount Fight 'Is Not Over'.** Albuquerque Journal. December 24, 2004. By Andy Lenderman, Journal Politics Writer.
<http://www.abqjournal.com/elex/278376elex12-24-04.htm>

³ http://www.sos.state.nm.us/PDF/San_Juan.pdf

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November 2004	Shouptronic	<p>New Mexico. Presidential undervote rates (ballots without a vote for president) were four times greater for ballots cast on Shouptronics than those cast on three other types of systems used on Election Day. One in every 20 ballots cast on Shouptronics did not register a vote for president.⁴</p> <div data-bbox="625 337 1241 695" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Presidential Undervote Rate by Machine Type</p>  <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <caption>Presidential Undervote Rate by Machine Type</caption> <thead> <tr> <th>Machine Type</th> <th>Undervote Rate</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Edge</td> <td>1 in 119</td> </tr> <tr> <td>iVotronic</td> <td>1 in 105</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Optech (All 4 Types)</td> <td>1 in 83</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Shouptronic</td> <td>1 in 20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Advantage</td> <td>1 in 19</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> </div>	Machine Type	Undervote Rate	Edge	1 in 119	iVotronic	1 in 105	Optech (All 4 Types)	1 in 83	Shouptronic	1 in 20	Advantage	1 in 19
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November 2004	1242	<p>Franklin County, Ohio. Phantom votes appear in the presidential totals. Bush received 4,258 votes and Kerry received 260 in a precinct with only 638 voters.⁵</p> <p>Matthew Damschroder [director of the Franklin County Board of Elections] said he received some calls Thursday from people who saw the error when reading the list of poll results on the election board's Web site. He said the error would have been discovered when the official canvass for the election is performed later this month.</p> <p>Damschroder said after Precinct 1B closed, a cartridge from one of three voting machines at the polling place generated a faulty number at a computerized reading station.</p> <p>The reader also recorded zero votes in a county commissioner race.</p> <p>Damschroder said the cartridge was retested Thursday and there were no problems. He couldn't explain why the computer reader malfunctioned.</p>												

⁴ **Summary Report on New Mexico State Election Data.** December 12, 2004. by Ellen Theisen and Warren Stewart.
<http://www.votersunite.org/info/NewMexico2004ElectionDataReport-v2.pdf>

⁵ **Computer error at voting machine gives Bush 3,893 extra votes.** Akron Beacon Journal. November 5, 2004. Associated Press.
<http://www.ohio.com/mld/beaconjournal/news/state/10103910.htm?1c>

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May 2005	1242 paperless electronic voting machine	<p>Berks County, Pennsylvania. Votes were lost on the Danaher 1242 Shouptronic paperless voting machines. Since the number of lost votes could affect the outcome of three races, the 199 people whose votes were lost may be asked to revote.</p> <p>Election staff apparently used a training cartridge instead of an actual election cartridge to record the votes, Winters said. A training cartridge is not designed to retain information once the computer system is shut down, he said.</p> <p>Officials said the lost votes could affect at least two races for Reading City Council and school Board seats.⁶</p> <p>WFMZ News covered the story: ⁷</p> <p>Reporter: When the Director of Election Services, Kurt Bellman was fired, representatives from Danaher companies were brought in quickly. But they say they still had to re-design an election that usually takes a month in just 4 days. In the haste, 40 cartridges were programmed incorrectly and placed in machines, but counts still could have been taken out of all of them, but...</p> <p>Christine M. Sadler Interim Elections Director: If for some reason, the machines are closed down, and re-opened, that eliminates the paper tape and the paper trail.</p> <p>Reporter: And that's what happened on two machines, which means everyone who voted in ward 15, precincts 6 and 7 must re-vote. At least 3 close races will be affected, including district 5's city council seat.</p>

⁶ **Berks County may ask people to vote again in two precincts.** CentreDaily.com. May 18, 2005. Associated Press.

<http://www.centredaily.com/mld/centredaily/news/politics/11680418.htm>. Archive at <http://www.votersunite.org/article.asp?id=5408>

⁷ **Election Problems In Berks County.** WFMZ News.com. May 18, 2005. Reporter Rob Vaughn. <http://wfmz.com/cgi-bin/tt.cgi?action=viewstory&storyid=3784>

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June 2005	1242	<p>Hidalgo County, Texas. J.R. Calin Guzman, lost the mayor's race by six votes last month is challenging the election result, claiming that more than 100 votes weren't counted. He's asking for the ballots to be recounted and, if needed, the voiding of Mayor Ramiro Silva's win and a new election.⁸</p> <p>Silva received 370 votes and Guzman had 364 votes during the May 7 election.</p> <p>"I'm not a stubborn man who lost by six votes," Guzman said Thursday afternoon. "I actually think I won. I'm doing it for my supporters, and I think they deserve it."</p> <p>Guzman said in the lawsuit that more than 100 votes were not counted correctly. He said [among other things] one of two voting machines was not working properly. He said the machine in question was used by 212 people, but only 116 people recorded votes for the mayor's race on the day of the election.</p>

⁸ **Guzman legally contests Edcouch mayor's election.** The Monitor. June 17,2005. By Daniel Perry.
<http://www.themonitor.com/SiteProcessor.cfm?Template=/GlobalTemplates/Details.cfm&StoryID=7739&Section=Valley>