

Voting Technologies International in the News – A Partial List of Documented Failures

"A common practice for local election officials is to let election companies run their election – make up their ballot, set up their machines, and even count their tallies. This is a dangerous practice." ~ *Ted Selker, Cal Tech/MIT Voting Technology Project.*¹

Date	Subject	Place/Description
May 2006	VOTEWARE touch screen	<p>Randolph County, Indiana. Problems plague the county's first use of the VTI system. Data was lost in two precincts when two machines are turned off improperly. Votes had to be retrieved by company technicians. And reports of the totals were unusable.²</p> <p>But when Randolph County printed the report from its first completed precinct -- Winchester 1 -- the report was 112 pages long and it took 20 minutes to print. And quite frankly, it didn't make sense to the naked eye. Races weren't listed in the typical order -- with federal and state races above county, township and school board contests -- and most appeared to be repeated several times in the report, with absentee votes mingled in, even though they weren't supposed to be.</p> <p>[County Clerk Claudia] Thornburg said she doesn't understand the technical problems, but that's what VTI will hope to figure out today, and ultimately solve before the November general election.</p> <p>"All I know is it crashed," she said.</p>
May 2006	VOTEWARE touch screen	<p>Indiana. Problems surfaced in the other three counties using the VTI system.³</p> <p>Cass County Clerk Linda Crimmins said she was missing a report from a single precinct. Boone County Clerk Lisa Garoffolo said disks at 13 of the county's 29 polling locations didn't retrieve complete data at the end of the 12-hour election day, but staff had paper printouts from each location as backups. Staff used those papers to calculate totals, Garoffolo said. The Indianapolis Star reported that VTI blamed the election night malfunctions in Boone County on "incomplete training of election workers."</p> <p>In Parke County, a deputy clerk said the county was still waiting on "official numbers" after its first election using the new voting machines.</p> <p>A phone call to VTI's headquarters in Milwaukee went unanswered late Wednesday afternoon.</p>

¹ **Touch to Vote: More Americans to Vote on Electronic, Touch-Screen Systems in November.** ABC News. July 18, 2004. http://www.abcnews.com/sections/WNT/Politics/e-voting_040718-2.html

² **At least officially, Randolph elections results on hold.** TheStarPress.com, May 4, 2006 by Joy Leiker. Story archived at <http://www.thestarpress.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060504/NEWS01/605040325/1002>

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⁴ **Election woes continue in Parke County** Tribune-Star, May 3, 2006 by Sue Loughlin. Story is archived at http://www.tribstar.com/local/local_story_123231320.html