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THE ARNOLDS FUND EFFORTS TO VIOLATE CONSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENT THAT ONLY CITIZENS VOTE

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The Trump Administration has been focused on stopping voter fraud in America. Specifically, President Trump has undertaken a governmentwide initiative to ensure that non-citizens do not vote in U.S. elections. This effort is widely supported by voters and upholds the Constitution and the Fifteenth Amendment.

This year, numerous liberal organizations rallied together to allow non-citizens to vote in American elections. These groups did so by suing to block the implementation of President Trump's Executive Order ensuring only U.S. citizens can vote. One thing that these groups have in common is that they are backed with funding from liberal billionaires like John and Laura Arnold.

As the research shows, the Arnolds gave over $8.5 million to organizations that are waging a legal battle to protect illegal, non-citizen voters and maintain fraudulent voter registrations. It is just another example of Arnold Ventures purporting to be a bipartisan think tank when it is, in reality, a progressive political action network spending millions to fight the policies of President Trump.

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The Constitution clearly and explicitly protects the right of U.S. citizens to vote in American elections. The Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution establishes requirements for voting, which include being "citizens of the United States." This means it is unlawful for non-citizens to vote in any U.S. elections.

Unfortunately, the clear Constitutional citizenship standard is not always upheld by states. Some states have ignored voter eligibility rules and allowed non-citizens to register to vote. When states allow non-citizens to vote, it not only violates the Constitution; it constitutes voter fraud that devalues every other legitimate vote.

President Trump and his administration took steps in early 2026 to protect election integrity by ensuring only eligible voters cast ballots. The President is using every means in his power to uphold voter eligibility laws, including supporting congressional efforts to require states to obtain proof of citizenship before individuals register to vote.

In March of 2026, President Trump continued his effort to stop illegal voting by signing Executive Order (EO) 14399, "Ensuring Citizenship Verification and Integrity in Federal Elections." The EO required the United States Postal Service (USPS) to issue rules preventing non-citizens from voting by mail. Those rules were issued on August 21, 2026.

Almost immediately, groups funded by John and Laura Arnold jumped into action, filing lawsuits to block the USPS voter integrity rules. As described below, groups that have received more than $8.5 million from the Arnolds proudly blocked President Trump's efforts to ensure that non-citizens do not cast votes. The following research demonstrates that John and Laura Arnold are partisan political operatives willing to fund any effort against President Trump, even if that means protecting illegal votes cast by ineligible voters.

1. THE BRENNAN CENTER FOR JUSTICE REPRESENTED THE PLAINTIFFS CHALLENGING PRESIDENT TRUMP'S MAIL-IN BALLOT RULE IN COURT

AT LEAST $1.6 MILLION

The Brennan Center for Justice, based at the New York University School of Law, purports to be "an independent, nonpartisan law and policy organization that works to reform, revitalize, and defend our country's systems of democracy and justice." The Brennan Center has received at least $1.6 million from Arnold Ventures.

- The Brennan Center for Justice not only opposed the United States Postal Service's rulemaking on mail-in ballots, but they actually represented the plaintiffs who challenged the rule in federal District Court. Plaintiffs and counsel issued a statement at the time arguing that "the U.S. Postal Service is trying to disrupt how states administer mail voting by imposing an entirely new rule."

- After the Supreme Court upheld a federal court order blocking the USPS rule, the Brennan Center took a victory lap by proclaiming that "[i]t's a major victory for voters, who can now cast their mail ballots with confidence this fall. It's also another significant defeat for the Trump administration's coordinated attempts to take over the election process and undermine public confidence in our democratic system."

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2. THE AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) ALSO REPRESENTED THE PLAINTIFFS OPPOSING THE MAIL-IN BALLOT RULE

BETWEEN $5-$9.99 MILLION

The ACLU boasts of having "500 staff attorneys, thousands of volunteer attorneys, and offices throughout the nation" and is active in litigation "that will have the greatest impact, cases that have the potential for breaking new ground and establishing new precedents." The group has received between $5 million and $9.99 million from the Arnolds.

- ACLU and ACLU of Massachusetts attorneys worked alongside the Brennan Center for Justice and other groups in representing the plaintiffs suing to block President Trump's executive order. Plaintiffs and counsel argued that "[t]his executive order is an illegal and dangerous attempt by the Trump administration to eliminate accessible voting options and subvert our democracy by seizing control of election administration from the states and Congress. … Attempts to end voting by mail are part of the Trump administration's larger strategy to undermine elections and subvert the will of the people."

- The ACLU portrayed the Supreme Court's order as "a major win for voting rights, election integrity, and democracy" and criticized the USPS rule, arguing that it "would have significantly restricted mail voting and disenfranchised voters who rely on mail ballots."

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3. THE CENTER FOR AMERICAN PROGRESS ACCUSED THE PRESIDENT OF ATTEMPTING "TO WEAPONIZE THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE"

AT LEAST $1.5 MILLION

The Center for American Progress is a liberal organization masquerading as an "independent nonpartisan policy institute." Over the years, CAP has received at least $1.5 million in funding from the Arnolds.

- CAP senior fellow Michael Sozan castigated President Trump in an op-ed denouncing the USPS rule, saying that claims of voter fraud were not only false, but "[t]hey supply a pretext to weaponize the federal government — including the USPS — against perceived political opponents, long-serving state election officials and any others who stand in the administration's way."

- CAP characterized the Supreme Court leaving the preliminary injunction against the USPS rule in place as a "pro-voter decision" and argued that the rule "could have disenfranchised millions of eligible American voters." CAP harshly criticized President Trump for what the group asserted were tactics "to try to undermine the midterm elections. … One of the most dangerous tactics has been the administration's attempt to weaponize the U.S. Postal Service and limit voting by mail, potentially disenfranchising millions of Americans."

4. THE PROGRESSIVE STATE LEADERS COMMITTEE SPEARHEADED A COALITION TO OPPOSE ELECTION INTEGRITY EFFORTS

NEARLY $240,000

The Progressive State Leaders Committee (PSLC) is the public policy arm of the Democratic Attorneys General Association and proclaims that it "advocates for progressive policies that promote justice, fairness, and equity … with a focus on how state attorneys general and other decision-makers can promote innovative and progressive policies grounded in the rule of law." In the first year of President Trump's second term, the Arnolds' 501(c)(4), Action Now, Inc., gave nearly $240,000 to the PSLC.

- The PSLC spearheaded "enhanced cooperation" efforts between 24 Democratic attorneys general, about a dozen Democratic secretaries of state, and civic groups to resist President Trump's election integrity efforts, "using weekly Zoom calls and in-person tabletop exercises to strategize about countering any federal intervention in the elections."

- The PSLC touted its efforts in challenging the USPS rule, saying that "California Attorney General Rob Bonta, Massachusetts Attorney General Andrea Joy Campbell, Nevada Attorney General Aaron Ford, and Washington Attorney General Nick Brown co-led a coalition of 24 attorneys general and the governor of Pennsylvania to block a rule issued by the United States Postal Service (USPS) that unlawfully attempts to interfere with states' constitutional authority to administer elections."

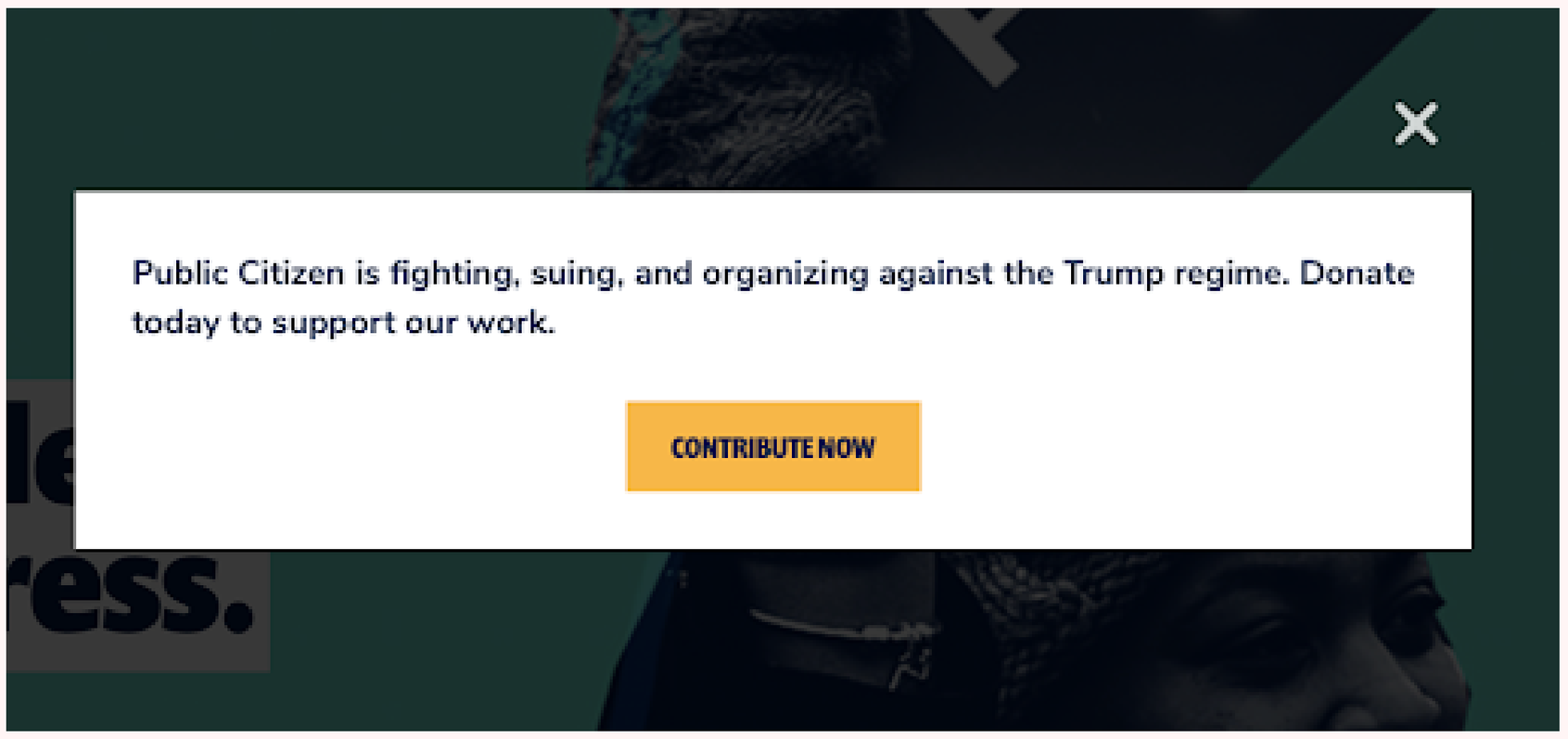
- In response to the Supreme Court's order, the PSLC asserted that the USPS rule "would have disrupted the states' vote by mail programs and put voters' rights at risk ahead of the November midterm elections." Nevada Attorney General Aaron Ford further claimed that "President Trump has made it clear that he will never stop attempting to interfere with the rights of the states to conduct their elections" and that "the president spreads lies about our democracy and our elections."

5. PUBLIC CITIZEN REPRESENTED THE NAACP IN CHALLENGING THE USPS MAIL-IN BALLOT RULE

RECEIVED $220,000

Public Citizen describes itself as a "nonprofit consumer advocacy organization that champions the public interest in the halls of power." The group received $220,000 from the Arnolds' Action Now, Inc. in 2025.

- Visitors to Public Citizen's website are immediately confronted with a message declaring that "Public Citizen is fighting, suing, and organizing against the Trump regime."



(Public Citizen, Accessed 11/6/26)

- Public Citizen Litigation Group represented the NAACP in filing a motion "to enforce a 2021 settlement agreement in which USPS committed to prioritizing the timely delivery of election mail, including mail-in ballots, without exception." A federal judge issued an order blocking the United States Postal Service's new proposed mail-in ballot rule in response to Public Citizen's motion. Allison Zieve, director of Public Citizen Litigation Group, contended that "USPS's plan was unwise, unlawful, and a threat to the millions of voters who rely on mailed ballots to participate in our democracy."

- After the Supreme Court weighed in, Public Citizen co-president Lisa Gilbert proclaimed that "[t]he decision tonight is a win for democracy. The court's decision will protect millions of voters from being disenfranchised by the Trump administration's attempt to use the mail system to upend this election."