



## What Did Trump Do Wrong in 2020?

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I wrote about Trump's missteps in the 2020 election. I have been asked to expand on this.

The MAGA 2020 crowd claims the election was stolen. While there is truth to this, what did the Trump campaign do to hurt their election chances?

I frequently stated that the election was stolen in April 2020, when the Democrats changed the rules for voting in November.

While the Democrats totally embraced vote by mail and ballot harvesting, Trump told his supporters they had to vote in person. I was part of a small team in Palm Beach County analyzing the August 2020 Democrat primary results. We saw a few test precincts where primaries that would normally receive 20% voter turnout, had a 97% vote by mail request and a 68% return rate.

We tried to sound the alarm, that this changed all the numbers and calculations for a Trump victory nationally, but no one in the Trump campaign would listen.

In addition, no matter how many times Republicans were advised to vote by mail by state and local GOP organizations, the MAGA 2020 crowd would post lies about their votes not being counted. They posted that if they requested a mail-in-ballot, they would not be allowed to vote on Election Day.

I managed the Election Day Get-Out-The-Vote effort in the county, and spoke to a large number of Republicans that were quarantined with COVID and who did not request mail-in ballots because of this misinformation. If they had a ballot, we had a team to pick them up, but one after another they said they were told not to request a mail-in ballot.

75,000 Palm Beach Republicans responded to an interactive text message in October telling us how they planned to vote. Mail? Early voting? Election Day?

Analyzing the results, Republicans who said they were planning on voting by mail did vote regardless of method at a 16% higher rate than those that said they were voting in person.

**16% would have flipped the Popular Vote.**

Trump encouraged the rallies, the flotillas and car honking events. I consistently wrote that this was going to hurt us. We laughed at Biden's no-show rallies with 25 feet between attendees, but I kept pointing out that Biden was out fundraising Trump 2:1. This was major and we ignored it.

**But rallies are good. They show Trump's support?**

We had professional rally goers. People on their 10<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, rally or more. Besides inflating Trump support, it kept regular voters from attending rallies because very often the venue reached capacity by 2 PM for a 7 PM start time.

Don't believe me? Google: "Blacks for Trump," look at the images, and you will see the same 3-5 Blacks in white T-shirts behind Trump at almost every rally.

**The Flotillas?** This started as a great event, but every Saturday and Sunday Trump supporters donned bathing suits and bikinis and spent the day on the water. They had a great time.

Unfortunately it did not turn into votes as no data was collected on the attendees, and over time the images of Trump supporters on yachts and expensive boats was used by the Democrats to show that Trump supporters were ultra-rich and totally divorced from the working person.

Then the car rallies. They became huge events, but not one ended at an early voting location allowing and encouraging the most important act....**ACTUALLY VOTING!!!!**

The Pennsylvania and Wisconsin Supreme Courts ruled that the way the 2020 election was conducted was illegal.

Unfortunately, Trump did not file suit before the election to challenge the rules, and after the election, it was too late.

It's possible that if these 2 states flipped and one more state was needed, SCOTUS, might have heard the case. But they were not going to take a hodgepodge of cases to try to create a victory for Trump.

Trump could have ordered the FBI to surveil problematic voting locations such as Atlanta elections office and Philadelphia precincts where there was not one vote cast for Republicans.

**For whatever reason this did not happen.**

Finally, he could have shuttered the White House press room, and stayed shut until they camped on Joe Biden's doorstep and interviewed Biden. But Trump decided to fill the vacuum that Biden created by talking to the press more.

**Changing Gears:** Trump needs to be very careful. He cannot win the general election without winning Florida. DeSantis is exceptionally popular in Florida and Trump saying that Andrew Cuomo the Governor of New York was better at handling COVID than Ron DeSantis will infuriate a ton of Florida voters. It only takes a few voters defecting from Trump to lose Florida. In 2020 Trump took 51.2% of the vote in Florida. He does not have a large margin of error.

Do you think when Biden fell down at the Air Force Academy graduation, every Democrat went to a back room and said there is no way Biden can make it through the campaign? There is no way Biden will win?

They keep polling Trump versus Biden, but the odds of Biden being on the ballot keep dropping. The only question is what method will they use to take him off?

**Simple Question:** If Trump won 2020, who would he be supporting in 2024?

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