

What Voter Fraud? - Mexican Citizen Sentenced to 8 Years in Prison after Illegally Voting in Texas

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Rosa Ortega, a Mexican citizen, has been convicted of voter fraud and sentenced to 8 years in prison in Texas after inadvertently admitting to election officials that she had been voting in Dallas County for years.

Apparently the voting fraud was discovered by chance after Ortega tried to register to vote in Tarrant County but was rejected after she admitted that she was not actually a citizen of the United States. While she should have probably just accepted the rejection, Ortega pushed back by arguing that she had already been voting in Dallas County, an argument that drew the attention of investigators.

Ortega's voting privileges were approved in Dallas after she falsified her application by claiming to be a citizen. Of course, liberal lawyers, have done a masterful job convincing courts around the country that verifying things like a person's identity and citizenship status prior to allowing them to vote is unconstitutional. Per <u>CBS</u>:

Prosecutors say the reason officials at the elections department in Dallas didn't stop the voter fraud from happening is because **Rosa Ortega claimed** she was a citizen on her application.

Now the Tarrant County D.A.'s office is calling for those claims to be verified before handing out registration cards.

Prosecutors said whether this case prompts elections officials to verify citizenship is an issue for the legislature.

As you may recall, we wrote about a similar incident back in September in which the <u>Cascade Mall shooter</u>, a Turkish citizen, who killed 5 people in the state of Washington was found to have also been illegally voting for years. And, just like the case above, Washington's Secretary of State noted that there was no way to prevent the voter fraud because "we don't have a provision in state law that allows either county elections officials or the Secretary of State's office to verify someone's citizenship."

We don't have a provision in state law that allows either county elections officials or the Secretary of State's office to verify someone's citizenship. So, we're in this place where we want to make sure we're maintaining people's confidence in the elections and the integrity of the process, but also that we're giving this individual, like we would any voter, his due process. We're moving forward, and that investigation is really coming out of the investigation from the shootings.

The penalties are very serious. That's why we want to make sure we're very

measured, and this is why we want to make sure we're very calm and purposeful in how we move forward. The stakes are very high on both sides. You want to keep the confidence level high, but you also want to protect the voting rights of everyone.

Our hands are kind of tied, but make no mistake, we want to make sure that everybody has confidence that people casting ballots are eligible. This is certainly going to be a topic at next legislation.

Of course, Ortega's lawyer tried to argue that a learning disability made it impossible for her to comprehend the complex laws that allow only U.S. citizens to vote in U.S. elections...Sure, because why wouldn't Mexican citizens be allowed to vote in the U.S.?

Her attorney said she has a learning disability and was confused about the difference between being a citizen and a legal resident, so she thought she was allowed to vote.

"The jury didn't believe that story. They believed that the defendant knew exactly what she was doing, and they responded accordingly," Prosecutor Jonathan White said.

"Once she gets out of prison and she's deported, does she bring her four minor children to Mexico? As a mother I think that would be a difficult choice for her," Birdsall said.

We're currently awaiting confirmation from Democrats and MSNBC that there is **still no concrete evidence of voter fraud** and that Trump's vow to conduct a "major investigation" into the topic is still just a political sham.

I will be asking for a major investigation into VOTER FRAUD, including those registered to vote in two states, those who are illegal and....

— Donald J. Trump (@realDonaldTrump) <u>25 January 2017</u>

even, those registered to vote who are dead (and many for a long time). Depending on results, we will strengthen up voting procedures!

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