



AZ Audit Hearing - Those BIG numbers

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Follow up to July 15th AZ Audit Hearing. Those BIG numbers. Spoiler Alert – they do not prove fraud.

Have you read the sensational headlines from the AZ Audit hearing last Thursday (July 15th)? The contrast between the gravitas of Senator Fann, Judicial Chair Warren Petersen, the three Audit Leaders, Ken Bennett, Doug Logan, Tom Cotton, and the ‘Audit Headline Stories’ is stark.

The Senate Hearing

The Hearing was a serious inquiry into what has been completed and what is needed to finish the audit. It was not a final report and no final results were given. The hysterical headlines are throwing around numbers 74k, 12k, 18k and FAKE News hysterical calls, from both sides, for people to be arrested and ‘de-certify’ and ‘recall electors’.

You really have to stop a minute and consider the motivation. Who does it help? Who does it hurt? Some are raising money. Some are intoxicated by headline fame.

Some people are trying to make the Audit look incompetent.

No final results were given. The Audit team presented the processes used and status of the Forensic Audit - an investigation – and defined what is necessary to complete the audit. Zero accusations levied.

About Those BIG Numbers

So, let’s dig into some of the numbers making headlines.

It is important to note Logan based his analysis on publicly available reports.

It is also important to note the reports Logan used are those provided to political parties and campaigns. This is information we use to run GOTV efforts and so we look at that data differently than you do the election results reports. When analyzing data, you have to consider the unit.

Big difference between the calories in 10 ounces versus 10 pounds.

1. 74,283 ballots came in with no record of the ballots being mailed out.

Big difference between ‘mail in’ ballot and ‘early’ ballot.

Really Short Answer. Yes, that can happen in AZ.

Short Answer

The data from the final reports show this is the number of people who voted in the 'Voting Centers'. You walk into a voting center, show your ID, they print a ballot and hand it to you and you vote. **You just submitted an 'Early Vote' that was *never mailed to you*.**

Long Answer

Logan used the early voting (EV) forms for his analysis. EV = Early Voting and includes PEVL voters, requesting a mail-in ballot (like I did this year), and walk-ins to Voting Centers.

The deadline to request a 'mail' ballot is Oct 23rd and so the 'sent out' report (EV32) stops. People continue to vote for two more weeks. The 'return' ballots report (EV33), which includes votes cast in the 'Voting Centers,' continues to generate. So, the 'return' report (EV33) is higher than the 'request' report (EV32).

In 2020, 74,241 ballots were cast 'early' or after Oct 26th.

Campaigns use these reports to call you because you are on the 'send' list (EV32), so we know you have a ballot, and once you are on the 'return' list (EV33) we take you off our call lists.

- 2. 11,326 people who voted were added to the voting rolls after the election.** Logan found names not on the Nov 7th voter rolls that appeared on the Dec 4th voter rolls.

Short Answer

Maricopa County has explained this as provisional ballots.

If you show up to vote you will be given a provisional ballot. You then have five days to verify you are a 'legal vote', or eligible to vote in Arizona and the category is changed to 'active'. They would not be on the voter role Logan referenced on Nov 7th but they would be on Dec 4th.

Long Answer

18,310 provisional ballots were cast in the 2020 election. 7,605 were rejected due to the individual not being registered to vote. This means 11,705 provisional voters did verify eligibility to vote. Out of the 1.5 million this is .008 %.

The full voter file contains ACTIVE, INACTIVE, SUSPENSE (as well as other) categories. 'Suspense' means the voter has not provided a qualified ID. The publicly available file, used by Logan, only contains active and inactive. Maricopa allows five days to verify eligibility and the Voter rolls are updated after the election.

From Maricopa County: "It is possible for a voter to not be on the voter rolls, vote a provisional ballot, receive credit for voting, that ballot not actually be counted because they voted provisionally, and then later show up on the voter rolls."

Wrap Up – Are they 'Legal votes'?

Big difference between counting 'legal votes' and counting 'every ballot'.

The explanation of the 74,283 does explain how more ballots can 'return' than envelopes sent 'out'. The real question is, how many Voting Center ballots, in the last two weeks, are 'legal votes'?

The explanation of the 11,326 does explain the process of why this is possible on paper. The real question is, are the 11,326 'legal votes.'

Doug Logan never gave a final result. He clearly articulated, multiple times, that he had questions about AZ election laws and processes. The Senate gave him \$150k and wanted to know what he has been doing and what he needs to complete the audit. He told them.

The real question is, are they 'legal votes.'