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## PAPER ... NOT VAPOR !!!

Is electronic voting working for America?  
Or, should we rely on paper ballots that voters  
can see and verify . . . ballots that can be counted!

**“Those who cast the votes decide nothing;  
those who count the votes decide everything!”**

*- attributed to Josef Stalin*

In the year since the 2004 Presidential election, many citizens have been investigating and publicizing their concerns about recent elections, especially in Ohio, Florida, New Mexico and other swing states. Despite the hype from private companies, far from being a solution, evidence points to computers (particularly Touch Screen devices) as a significant part of the problem. A recent U.S. Government Accountability Office Report agrees.

"The report makes clear that there is a lack of transparency and accountability in electronic voting systems - from the day that contracts are signed with manufacturers to the counting of electronic votes on Election Day. State and local officials are spending a great deal of money on machines without concrete proof that they are secure and reliable. American voters deserve better."

*- Representative Henry A. Waxman (D-CA)*



THE DOCUMENTARY "Votergate" (35 min) examines what went wrong and what America needs to do to prevent it from happening again in 2006

In this film you will hear computer experts, educators, policy makers and journalists talking about real problems encountered using computers to record and count votes during the 2002 and 2004 elections. These experts, who've investigated the shortcomings of privatized election systems, have come to the conclusion that relying on electronic voting and allowing private companies to count the votes severely threatens American democracy.

IBIP can provide an expert moderator to introduce the film, "VOTERGATE," and lead a discussion for your group.

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