

monitor America's troubled elections
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Authoritarian nations, semi-legitimated dictatorships and dying democracies are
regularly subjected to international observers whom they grudgingly allow into their countries to
monitor elections. The United States sends teams of former government officials and
private-sector volunteers around the world to certify and sometimes condemn election
practices and results. They bear witness to vote tampering, citizen intimidation, ballot stuffing,
polling place irregularities and outright stolen elections. They also often get to watch inspiring
people power and real democracy at work.

It's now America's turn.

This year, the global democratic community needs to gear up and step in to oversee,
monitor and judge the fairness of November's U. S. presidential election. Germany, Sweden,
Japan, India, Australia, Canada, Costa Rica, Chile, Ethiopia, Tunisia, Israel, and other nations
all need to up their game. They should immediately train and send new volunteers to conduct
sweeping election monitoring across America, mostly in tough battleground states.

The Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) already has a
500-person delegation slated to monitor America's process. It should crank up those numbers
significantly, especially since OSCE recently raised concerns around November's most
challenging election.

America's 2020 presidential election process is in question
at home, too. Even before the first vote has been cast, both parties are challenging the
outcome.

President Trump regularly raises the specter of mail-in fraud and illegal
votes. Hillary Clinton has warned Joe Biden not to concede on Election Night, when exit polls,
overzealous polls or online reporting might declare a premature or pre-emptive Trump victory.

Clearly, the stage is set for one of the nastiest post-election moments in U. S.
history. Even especially during a pandemic. Now is the time for all good nations to come to
the aid of our country.

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