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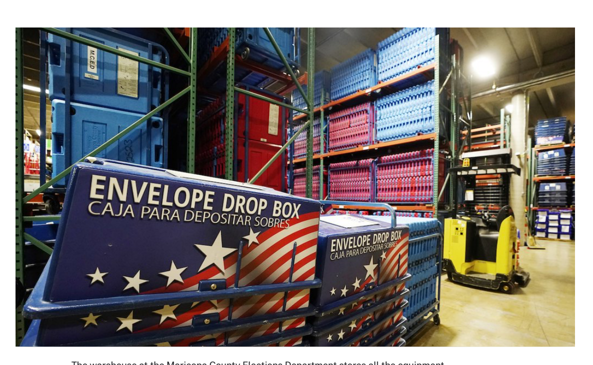

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Trump falsely claims Nevada and Arizona election officials 'want more time to cheat'

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IF YOUR TIME IS SHORT

- Election results take time to count based on the number of mail-in ballots that need processing, the margins of the contests and the state's laws for counting the votes.
- In Nevada, mail in ballots can be received until Nov. 12 as long as they are postmarked before Election Day.
- Arizona's most populous county had a record number of mail ballots dropped off on Election Day. All of these have to be processed; that takes time.

See the sources for this fact-check

Former President Donald Trump claimed without providing evidence that there's fraud going on in Nevada and Arizona because election officials are still counting ballots.

"Clark County, Nevada, has a corrupt voting system (be careful Adam!), as do many places in our soon to be Third World Country," Trump said Nov. 10 on his social media platform Truth Social. Trump was referring to Nevada's Republican candidate for Senate, Adam Laxalt.

Trump also said: "Arizona even said 'by the end of the week!' - They want more time to cheat! Kari Lake MUST win!"

Lake is the Republican candidate for governor in Arizona. At the time of Trump's post, Laxalt was ahead of Democratic incumbent Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto, and Lake was trailing Democratic candidate Katie Hobbs. Trump endorsed both Lake and Laxalt.

Trump's claim ignores that election results take time to count. The duration of vote counts will depend on a variety of issues, including the number of mail-in ballots, the closeness of the results and the laws about mail ballot processing. Just because some results are not yet known doesn't mean there is cheating going on, as Trump suggested.

Nevada elections officials following steps outlined by law

Officials in Clark County, Nevada's most populous county, called Trump's claims "outrageous" and "misinformed."

"We could not speed up the process even if we wanted to," the county said in a statement on Twitter.

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Our response to former President Donald Trump's recent comments about the elections process in Clark County, Nevada.

We have heard his outrageous claims, but he is obviously still misinformed about the law and our election processes that ensure the integrity of elections in Clark County.
First, we could not speed up the process even if we wanted to. Nevada state law requires us to accept and process all mail ballots received before 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, if they are postmarked on or before Election Day.
Nevada law requires we check each signature on every mail ballot envelope, and if one does not match what is in our records, we are required by law to give that voter until 5 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 14, to cure their signature.
In addition, there are provisional ballots to process, and we will not be able to complete that task until we receive reports from the Nevada Secretary of State's Office on Wednesday, Nov. 16. This process ensures that individuals do not vote twice in Nevada.
All of our election systems are certified by the state and federal governments for use in the State of Nevada, and there are several state required audits done before, during, and after each election, which further ensure the reliability and integrity of the election.

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The tweet said that under Nevada law, all mail-in ballots postmarked on or before Election Day and received before 5 p.m. Nov. 12 can be accepted and processed. Election officials must check every signature on mail ballots to ensure they match records. If they don't, voters have until 5 p.m. on Nov. 14 to correct these ballots.

The state also must process provisional ballots — votes cast by people who register to vote at the polling place, whose names cannot be found on a voter registration list, or who have some other registration-related issue. According to Clark County, this process, which is meant to ensure that people don't vote twice, cannot be completed until the Nevada secretary of state's office provides reports Nov. 16.

Comments like Trump's get "certain people very fired up and they're convinced that we are doing things that are inappropriate or against the law. And that's just not the case," Joe Gloria, Clark County's registrar of voters said at a midday press conference Nov. 10.

FEATURED FACT-CHECK

Instagram posts
stated on October 25, 2022 in an Instagram post

The documentary "2,000 Mules proves" Democrats "cheated on the 2020 elections."

FALSE

By Jon Greenberg • October 28, 2022

The margins in Nevada's races, especially for the Senate, are extremely close, so media outlets cannot project winners until enough votes are reported. Projections from media outlets are not official results, either, those come later from election authorities.

Maricopa County had record number of early ballots dropped off on Election Day

In Arizona and Nevada, workers may begin opening mail ballots and checking signatures before Election Day, but that's not so in every state.

Maricopa County had a record 290,000 early ballots dropped off on Election Day. Like other mail ballots, these ballots also must be processed, and signatures must be checked. Reviewing large volumes of ballots requires time.

If election officials identify an issue with a voter's signature, voters have until 5 p.m. local time Nov. 16 to correct the problem.

"There's a lot of work involved in this. We're going as fast as we can but accuracy matters," Maricopa County Board of Supervisors Chair Bill Gates, a Republican, said Nov. 10 on CNN.

Gates has said that although media outlets have projected winners in certain states, that's because the margins between candidates in those states were large enough, not because vote counts were complete.

Our ruling

Trump said that election results in Clark County, Nevada and Arizona are not yet known because those places "want more time to cheat."

Election results take time to count. The number of mail-in ballots that need processing, the margins of the contests and the state's laws for counting the votes all influence when results are reported.

That vote counting might take longer is not proof of fraud or cheating.

In Nevada, mail-in ballots can be received until Nov. 12 as long as they are postmarked before Election Day. Arizona's most populous county had a record number of mail ballots dropped off on Election Day. All of these ballots need processing, and that takes time.

Trump's claim lacks evidence and ignores established legal procedures for vote counting. His claim is wrong and ridiculous. We rate it Pants on Fire!

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"Maricopa County intentionally reduced the polling places."
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"Biden and Democrats have dismantled border security."
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