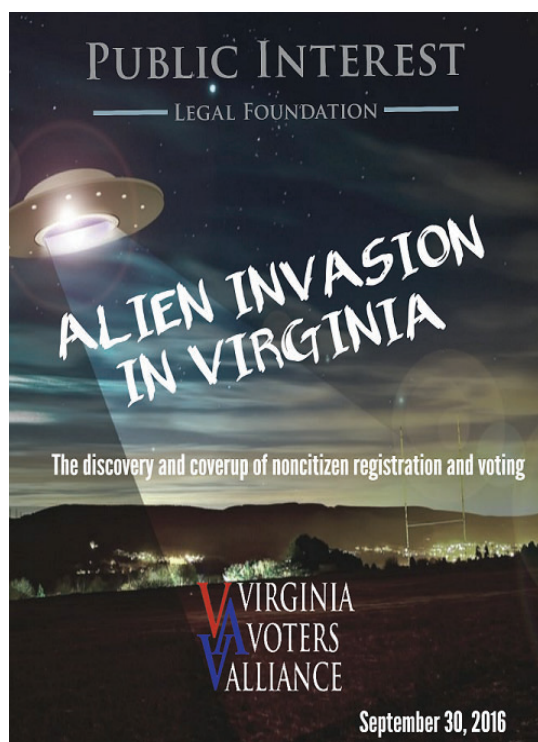


# Introduction

In October 2016, looking at data from only eight Virginia counties, we uncovered proof that large numbers of ineligible aliens are registering to vote and casting ballots. Our investigation<sup>1</sup> revealed that in these eight Virginia localities more than 1,000 non-citizens had recently been removed from the voter rolls. In this small sample, nearly 200 verified ballots were cast prior to official removal. Each one of them is likely a felony.



This report details the statewide problem of registered voters with citizenship problems in Virginia.

Despite obstruction from local and state officials, the Public Interest Legal Foundation (PILF) expanded the non-citizen investigation to the entire Commonwealth. As a result, the number of registrants removed from voter rolls for citizenship problems during the last few election cycles grew to over 5,500. Of these illegal registrants, 1,852 cast nearly 7,500 ballots in elections dating back to 1988.

This report details for policy makers, election officials and the general public the scope of the problem, the particular details for each county and the obstruction by government officials in obtaining this data.

Policy makers have a dual challenge—fixing the underlying problem of non-citizens easily registering to vote as well as the stubborn tendency of some election officials to hide and excuse this circumstance.



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Remember, the 5,500-plus registrants removed for citizenship problems are only those who were caught. They were caught by happenstance, usually by telling the motor vehicle agency they were not a citizen after previously telling the agency they were a citizen. It is not unreasonable to conclude that the full, and unknown, extent of non-citizens registered to vote far exceeds the 5,500-plus who were removed.

This is an especially sound conclusion when you consider that virtually nothing is being done to detect non-citizens on the voter rolls in Virginia. Worse, the Department of Elections and some local election officials did everything they could to hide the information, as we shall see below. Only after the Public Interest Legal Foundation filed multiple lawsuits in federal court, did state officials relent and provide the voter list maintenance records.

All of the raw data and records obtained in our research into alien registration and voting can be obtained at:

<https://publicinterestlegal.org/alien-invasion-virginia/>

