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Vote by mail has a history of being rejected and returned in the following year, rejected again, and then finally in 1998 it passed.

While it may or may not be wholly secure - the perception by the voters on all sides - is that government voting cannot be trusted. In 2016 there was the outcry that the Republicans cheated. The voting machines were changed and updated. In 2020, there was an outcry that the Democrats cheated. And in 2024, after all of the perfect 'fixes' to the voting machines making them perfect here we are again, stating that the Republicans cheated.

THAT SAID, "everything is perception." We cannot actually measure reality in the event either position is true. We can only measure our human conception of which reality the 'black hole' of mail in voting goes.

This goes for everything from theology to physics, in the workplace and at home. It does the same in voting

Mail in votes are convenient, in fact, easy. But they also pose a question of perception: were they actually collected? Were they thrown out? Were they duplicates?

That is the big question: What is the perception of the voter?

Oh, yes. Everyone has seen the mailboxes being dumped, set on fire, and each party is again, to blame.

So the proposal for voting with transparency is seen at a ballot box. Not every soul can get there. Ballot boxes should be widely available for everyone to be inclusive. But to use the shroud of mail in voting only increases the likelihood of voter suspicion and disapproval of our legislative bodies.

Godel's incompleteness theorem states that there will always be truths that cannot be proven, no matter how far out you "work the math."

We do not need absolute Flawless Perfect Platonic Ideals of Certainty to have a reasonable level of certainty. But voter ID at a ballot box increases the statistical significance of voter confidence and approval ratings of the government.

By rejecting it out of hand allows again for the constancy of The Big Bad Government. This is avoidable by reinstituting voting with ID at the ballot box.