

VoterGA Fact Check

Brian Kemp False Voting System Statements in Casey Cagle Debate

At almost exactly the half way mark of the Atlanta Press Club Republican gubernatorial debate between Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle and Sec. of State Brian Kemp on July 12th, Sandra Parrish of WSB Radio asked Brian Kemp if he was concerned that our voting system could be hacked and if he would consider going to paper ballots. Brian Kemp then replied falsely 6 times in the exchange during the next 3 minutes:

1. In regards to the hacking question, Kemp replied: "...It's never happened..."

Georgia's voting system cannot be audited to determine if hacking occurred. There is evidence that the 2002 U.S. Senate race, the 2002 governor's race and the 2017 6th district race were hacked. The [2002 certification](#) shows county GEMS election servers were never listed as being certified. Fulton and Dekalb servers were patched with revised software illegally according to the [sworn deposition](#) of Professor Williams who oversaw the system installation. The results of the two races in question defied all polls and down ballot trending. The 2017 6th District election and runoff produced questionable results that are unprecedented in electronic voting system history as defined by a [VoterGA statistical analysis](#). When the central elections data was found to have been exposed to the internet for years in 2017 and the opportunity arose to identify who may have hacked into it, Brian Kemp allowed the elections server data to be destroyed without a backup. A [VoterGA audit](#) explains the details.

2. "We did a pilot project to move us ... to a verifiable paper audit trail in the city in Conyers"

The ES&S system used in the Conyers election tabulates votes hidden in [bar codes](#) that voters cannot verify.

3. "I led again with creating the SAFE [voting system] commission... we've got a lot of local elections officials, cyber security people".

Wenke Lee of Georgia Tech is the only cyber security expert on the commission. There are no other Information Technology professionals or Election Integrity advocates on the [commission](#).

4. In rebuttal, he then reiterated: "We've' never been hacked..." "

See #1 above

5. I have never released or given out anybody's social security numbers. We had an employee that did that so that is absolutely fake news".

The employee worked for the office of the Secretary of State which Brian Kemp oversees

6. "I am dictated through state law to use the current machines"

Georgia law already authorizes the use of optical scan equipment by any county. Sec. Kemp and his employees continually use this same false reference to [O.C.G.A. 21-2-379.3](#) that required the state to furnish electronic voting machines (DREs) to counties by 2004. It authorizes counties and municipalities to buy their own DREs but does not require them to use DREs. In fact, [O.C.G.A. 21-2-366](#) explicitly allows counties and municipalities to authorize the use of optical scanning equipment by majority vote at any regular or special meeting called for that purpose.

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