

## **NEVADA POLICY RESEARCH INSTITUTE**

According to [its website](#), “Nevada Policy’s mission is to effectively promote policies that encourage free-market solutions, protect individual liberties, and eliminate unnecessary governmental restrictions on the citizens and businesses of Nevada.” The 501c3 organization was founded by Judy Cresanta in 1991, and is frequently referred to in the press as a “free market” or “libertarian” think tank. The organization has produced myriad reports supporting sharp decreases to public spending and expanding school choice. In recent years, it has opposed “ballot harvesting” efforts and supported impediments to ballot access.

Key findings include:

**Founded in the early 1990s, NPRI is a Las Vegas-based conservative think tank “consistent with the principles of limited government, individual liberty, and free enterprise.”** Press articles have described NPRI through the years as a “conservative,” “free market,” or “Libertarian” think tank. In 2011, the group’s deputy director, Geoffrey Lawrence discussed how NPRI’s philosophy was “consistent with the principles of limited government.” “I guess there’s a consensus we don’t want to see people dying in the street,” he said. The group has called Obamacare “on its face unconstitutional,” opposed full-day kindergarten and supported repealing the minimum wage in Nevada, and spearheaded campaigns to encourage employees to leave their unions. “The government should not be in the business of picking the winners and losers in the economy,” then NPRI president Andy Matthews said in 2014. In 2016, then-Senator Harry Reid attacked NPRI, noting that “the Kochs use this institute to fight efforts to increase my state’s use of clean energy.” According to NPRI’s most recently filed Form 990 with the IRS, the organization had total revenue of nearly \$1.5 million and net assets of over \$827,000.

**In recent years, NPRI has taken public stances on the importance of election integrity.** In April 2022, NPRI published a blog post entitled, “Nevadans oppose recent changes to state voting procedures.” According to the post, “more than three of every four Nevadans support requiring photo IDs for both in-person and mail-in balloting, compared with 10 percent who oppose it. Nearly twice as many individuals, 52 percent to 27 percent, oppose allowing someone other than the person casting a ballot to return it, a process known as ‘ballot harvesting.’ Also, some 53 percent favor requiring that all ballots be counted within a day of the election, versus 34 percent who oppose the idea.” “We believe everyone should have an opportunity to vote, but this change opens the door to allowing bad actors to manipulate elections in our state,” NPRI president John Tsarpalas said. “Election integrity is critical to the well-being of representative government, and once you lose the perception of honest and fair elections, it’s very hard to regain that trust.” In 2024, NPRI noted that “ballot harvesting opens the door to voting fraud.” “Nevada has one of the most freewheeling ballot harvesting laws in the country, allowing unlimited volumes of collection by any ‘person authorized by the voter,’” NPRI wrote. “Nevada would do well to eliminate this tactic in order to better ensure secure voting and to reinforce the perception of election integrity.” [A 2024 report entitled](#) “Efficient, Timely and Reliable: a Framework for Election Law in Nevada” notes that “Nevada has...underemphasized ballot security issues that are vital both in reassuring worried voters and in preventing the emergence of bad practice...the Silver State has long faced distinctive challenges in keeping track of voters and communicating with them...A healthy voting system would provide robust integrity...”

## **Background & Philosophy**

**Organization Type:** 501c3

**Website:** [NPRI.org](http://NPRI.org)

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**YouTube:** [Nevada Policy Research Institute](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvKvKvKvKvKvKvKvKvKvKvK) (131 subscribers as of July 2024)

**Twitter:** [@NevadaPolicyRI](https://twitter.com/NevadaPolicyRI) (5.3K followers as of July 2024)

**2004: NPRI a conservative think tank that espoused “finding private solutions to public problems.”** “Nearly 10,000 beginning Nevada college students a year must take remedial classes because they didn't learn how to study as early as the third or fourth grades, a study concludes. The authors of the study titled ‘Wasting Time and Money ‘ wrote that fewer students would need remedial classes if public school teachers stopped trying to entertain them and placed emphasis on the consequences of failing to meet expected standards. The \$12,000 study was sought and paid for by the Nevada Policy Research Institute, a conservative think tank that espouses ‘finding private solutions to public problems. ‘ Its positions often conflict with those of the Nevada State Education Association, the union that represents most teachers.” [AP, 3/28/04]

**2014: Pahrump Valley Times: NPRI “promotes public policy ideas that are consistent with the principles of limited government, individual liberty, and free enterprise.”** “Nevada Policy Research Institute President Andy Matthews visited Pahrump on Friday to gain a clearer understanding of issues of importance to local taxpayers. The Las Vegas-based organization characterizes itself as a free-market, think tank that promotes public policy ideas that are consistent with the principles of limited government, individual liberty and free enterprise. Matthews told taxpayers that the fundamental divide in politics is not Republican versus Democrat, or right versus left. ‘The divide is between political class,’ he said. ‘Those that think that to be in government means to rule, instead of serve.’” [Pahrump Valley Times, 12/24/14]

**2008: Los Angeles Times described NPRI as “a conservative Nevada think tank...”** “The Los Angeles Times (2/1, Gerstenzang, 881K) describes the Nevada Policy Research Institute as ‘a conservative Nevada think tank’ that ‘describes itself as focusing on 'free-market' solutions to policy challenges of Nevada, the West and the United States.’” [Frontrunner, 2/1/08]

**2010: Las Vegas Review-Journal: NPRI a “free market think tank.”** “You don't pay a sales tax on haircuts, dry-cleaning, child care or landscaping maintenance. But a new proposal would change that, imposing a transaction levy not just on tangible goods, but on services. The plan, which free-market think tank Nevada Policy Research Institute released in June, calls for eliminating the state's payroll tax, which ranges from 0.5 percent to 1.17 percent of payroll depending on revenue, while cutting the state's base sales-tax rate from 6.85 percent to 3.5 percent. That 3.5 percent tax would then apply to intangible services. The service tax wouldn't apply to business-to-business transactions. Local companies asked about the plan this week seemed unsure that the proposal would benefit them.” [Las Vegas Review-Journal, 7/3/10]

**2011: NPRI deputy director said state social services had grown beyond scope of providing “critical or emergency care services...I guess there’s a consensus we don’t want to see people dying in the street...”** “The Nevada Policy Research Institute, a libertarian think tank, is increasingly cited by Republicans, from lawmakers to Sandoval, to support their policies. Geoffrey Lawrence, deputy director of the Nevada Policy Research Institute, said state social services have grown beyond the scope of providing ‘critical or emergency care services.’ Asked about the eyeglasses, he said, ‘I don't think

that item is consistent with the principles of limited government. I guess there's a consensus we don't want to see people dying in the street, and we should provide critical emergency coverage. But I don't see how that fits in.” [Las Vegas Sun, 3/6/11]

**2011: Called Obamacare “on its face unconstitutional.”** “Often lost in the debate over the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) — the sweeping health care ‘reform’ legislation popularly known as ObamaCare — is the negative impact it will have on education, public safety and other public services as health insurance subsidies begin to consume a greater share of state spending. Congressional Democrats claimed, when passing PPACA, that the dramatic expansion of entitlements it entailed would actually lower the federal deficit. They were only able to make this claim, however, because they had intentionally shifted most of the bill's costs forward into the future — beyond the 10-year window of costs examined by the Congressional Budget Office — and also down upon the states. Indeed, a central component of the plan is to enroll an additional 16 million individuals in state Medicaid programs... Indeed, PPACA seeks to reorder the priorities of not just Nevada, but all 50 American states. Under any fair reading of the Ninth and Tenth amendments to the U.S. Constitution, the legislation is, on its face, unconstitutional. Geoffrey Lawrence is deputy director of policy at the Nevada Policy Research Institute. For more information visit <http://npri.org>. This article originally appeared in the August 2011 edition of Nevada Business. “[Elko Daily Free Press, 8/24/11]

**2012: Las Vegas Sun: NPRI a “free market think tank whose research and articles are widely quoted by Nevada media and frequently cited by Republican lawmakers.”** ““He has helped shape the direction of the institute, ‘ said Andy Matthews, president of the Nevada Policy Research Institute, the free market think tank whose research and articles are widely quoted by Nevada media and frequently cited by Republican lawmakers. ‘He has been a particularly active board member.’” [Las Vegas Sun, 4/27/12]

**2012: NPRI published blog post headlined “time to repeal the minimum wage.”** “The Nevada Policy Research Institute wrote a recent blog post headlined ‘Time to repeal the minimum wage: NV's teen unemployment rate is 6th highest in the country.’ The post says, ‘While there are many factors in the teenage unemployment rate, one significant factor is Nevada's high minimum wage...’ A ballot referendum passed by Nevada voters in 2006 requires that uninsured workers here earn \$1 more than the federal minimum wage.” [Reno Gazette-Journal, 7/4/12]

**NPRI president claimed Nevada paid \$4.6 million per green job.** “ANDY MATTHEWS, PRESIDENT, NEVADA POLICY RESEARCH INSTITUTE: Great to be here. FRANCIS: When you hear the new math makes you harkens back to money already been spent you say cost us about 4.6 million per job. How did you get to that math? MATTHEWS: Basically it's the unfortunately the same old story on the so-called green jobs front. We just published a report which is online at [Nevadajournal.com](http://Nevadajournal.com). And what we found is that across the state of Nevada since 2009 we have seen expenditures of \$1.3 billion in federal funding, expenditures that have resulted in an increase of only or creation of only 288 full-time jobs. These are basically renewable energy jobs. And when you do the math, that comes to more than \$4.6 million per job created.” [Money Money, 8/7/12]

**NPRI originally conceived Employee Freedom Week “as a way to reach employees who may be unaware of or misinformed about their workplace rights.”** “Employee Freedom Week was originally conceived by the Nevada Policy Research Institute as a way to reach employees who may be unaware of or misinformed about their workplace rights. As a leading organization dedicated to fighting compulsory unionism, the National Right to Work Foundation has been involved in efforts to raise employee awareness of their rights to refrain since its founding in 1968. The Foundation has distributed video

segments online explaining worker rights, broadcast public service announcements on radio programs across the country, and published numerous opinion pieces in local and national outlets on the importance of informing workers about their rights to refrain from union membership and the payment of full union dues.” [Targeted News Service, 6/25/13]

**NPRI maintained database of public employee compensation searchable by name, job title, and jurisdiction.** “Here's what's happening: For the past seven years, the Nevada Policy Research Institute has operated TransparentNevada.com, a database of public employee compensation searchable by name, job title and jurisdiction. Each year, NPRI requests public employee compensation from government agencies under Nevada's public records law. While most government officials have complied with NPRI's requests, a few agencies have attempted to deny, stall or only provide a portion of the data requested. The data are needed by elected officials, media members and the general public alike, to find out the true costs of government employees' compensation.” [Las Vegas Review-Journal, 3/18/14]

**2014: NPRI spearheaded campaign dedicated to alerting employees about freedoms they had to leave their unions.** “The Nevada Policy Research Institute is spearheading a campaign of 81 organizations in 45 states dedicated to letting employees know about the freedoms they have to leave their unions. The campaign, called National Employee Freedom Week, runs from Aug. 10-16. As part of it, NPRI released a poll showing that 82.9 of Nevadans support the concept of right-to-work. The poll, with a sample size of 500 Nevada residents, asked this question: ‘Should employees have the right to decide, without force or penalty, whether to join or leave a labor union?’ The coalition also released a poll showing 82.9 percent of Americans nationwide support the right-to-work principle. As a right-to-work state, union membership is optional in Nevada, but once an employee joins, many find that the union restricts her or his right to leave — restricting departure to narrow and inconvenient ‘window’ periods. ‘All union employees should be able to make the decision about union membership that best fits them,’ said Victor Joecks, NPRI’s executive vice president and executive director of NEFW. ‘As our polling shows, that’s a concept that the overwhelming majority of Nevadans support.’ [Elko Daily Free Press, 8/12/14]

**2014: NPRI President Andy Matthews: “The government should not be in the business of picking the winners and losers in the economy.”** [Global Broadcast Database, 9/4/14]

**2015: NPRI president Andy Matthews resigned position to run for Congress.** “The president of the conservative Nevada Policy Research Institute has resigned his post to become the fourth Republican seeking the state's 3rd Congressional District seat. Andy Matthews announced Monday that he's joining the race to replace Republican Rep. Joe Heck, who's running for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Democratic Sen. Harry Reid. Other Republicans vying for the congressional seat include state Senate Majority Leader Michael Roberson and former congressional candidates Danny Tarkanian and Annette Teijeiro. ‘Washington, D.C., taxes too much, spends too much and regulates too much,’ Matthews said in his announcement. ‘And politicians today spend too much time trying to run our lives. We need leaders who recognize that fact and are committed to ending the assault on our freedoms.’ Matthews described Roberson, who has the support of Gov. Brian Sandoval and other prominent Republican officeholders, as his chief rival and a liberal. He pointed to the state senator's role this spring in passing a major tax package that was backed by Sandoval and frequently criticized by the Nevada Policy Research Institute. ‘I think there's a very clear and stark contrast,’ Matthews said in an interview with The Associated Press. ‘Initially when he ran for office, he introduced himself to voters as a limited-government conservative. His voting record tells a completely different story.’ Matthews, 36, is originally from Massachusetts and came to Nevada in 2006 to manage conservative Las Vegas City Councilman Bob Beers' unsuccessful campaign for governor. He has never before run for public office,

but he pointed to the organization's efforts to kill the margins-tax ballot initiative, introduce the concept of education savings accounts and educate teachers on how to leave their unions.” [AP, 7/20/15]

**2016: Harry Reid: “The Kochs use this institute to fight efforts to increase my state’s use of clean energy.”** “The following information was released by the office Nevada Senator Harry Reid...Consider the example of one of their front groups, the Nevada Policy Research Institute. The Kochs use this institute to fight efforts to increase my state's use of clean energy. Even though, to date, \$6 billion has been invested in clean energy projects in Nevada, creating tens of thousands of jobs and hundreds of millions in tax revenue. This is in spite of the Kochs bankrolling more coal and oil. I can remember when I came out against coal-fired plants in Nevada. I didn't know where all the opposition was coming from. I know now. It's the Koch brothers. The Kochs don't appreciate Nevada's renewable energy acceleration, so they fund the Nevada Policy Research Institute to bash clean energy solutions. ‘ They are heavily involved in the Nevada State legislature. This Koch front group recently hired an academic to write a report saying that renewable energy was raising Nevada's energy costs. How about that one?’ [States News Service, 7/11/16]

**2016: NPRI study found if union membership was voluntary nationwide, state and local governments would have saved between \$127 and \$164 billion in 2014 alone.** “According to a recent study by the Heritage Foundation and the Nevada Policy Research Institute, if union membership was simply made voluntary nationwide, state and local governments would have saved between \$127 and \$164 billion in 2014 alone. Just as all workers should have the right to judge for themselves the value of a union, they should also have the right to decline membership. And that right should be easily exercised. Such a policy would benefit employees, employers and the taxpayers.” [Las Vegas Review-Journal, 8/15/16]

**2020: Clark County Judge dismissed NPRI lawsuit challenging the ability of several sitting state lawmakers to serve in the Legislature while holding public jobs.** “A Clark County judge has dismissed a lawsuit from a conservative think tank that challenged the ability of several sitting state lawmakers to serve in the Legislature while holding public jobs. In a minute order Wednesday, District Judge Jim Crockett said that the Nevada Policy Research Institute ‘clearly lacks standing’ to bring the challenges against the lawmakers. NPRI filed the lawsuit in July alleging that nine public employees including Democratic leaders Assembly Speaker Jason Frierson and Senate Majority Leader Nicole Cannizzaro cannot hold both elected positions and public jobs under the separation of powers clause of the state constitution. Robert Fellner, NPRI’s vice president and policy director, said Wednesday evening that they intend to appeal Crockett’s decision.” [Las Vegas Review Journal, 11/19/20]

**2022 Form 990: NPRI had total revenue of nearly \$1.5 million and net assets of over \$827K.**

According to NPRI’s most recently filed Form 990 with the IRS, the organization had total revenue of \$1,438,930—up from \$1,134,896 the year prior. It spent \$661,036 on “salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits.” It disclosed total expenses of \$1,351,614—up from \$916,906 the previous year. It had revenue less expenses of \$87,316, and net assets of \$827,600. [NPRI 2022 Form 990]

## Education

**Opposed full-day kindergarten.** “Nevada's public education system rightly demands that students do their homework, think critically and resist following the crowd in response to peer pressure. Yet sadly, they do not practice what they preach — and it is the students and the public who pay the price. The students pay in the form of a sub-standard education, while the public foots the bill for increasingly expensive programs that produce little benefit. Exhibit A is the current debate over full-day

kindergarten, which has demonstrated the shallowness of proponents' arguments, based more on emotional solidarity and desire for public money than solid research. A May 3 session of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee revealed a sharp contrast in the degrees of seriousness present on either side of the debate. While full-day kindergarten proponents submitted an authorless booklet that draws on a paltry 14 studies to support their case, Joe Enge, education policy analyst at the Nevada Policy Research Institute, countered with the Institute's recently published bibliography of nearly 300 studies and papers that have examined the effects of full-day kindergarten programs... Andy Matthews is communications director at the Nevada Policy Research Institute.” [Elko Daily Free Press, 5/15/07]

## Spending

**2008: NPRI released report chronicling most egregious cases of wasteful spending by Nevada governments.** “Citizens Against Government Waste issued the following news release: Today, in Las Vegas, the Nevada Policy Research Institute (NPRI) released a new report that chronicles some of the most egregious cases of wasteful spending by Nevada's state, county and local governments. The report, titled the Nevada Piglet Book 2008 (.pdf), was authored by Louis Dezseran, an NPRI researcher, and Steven Miller, the Institute's vice president for policy. The national taxpayer watchdog organization Citizens Against Government Waste (CAGW) partnered with NPRI on the production of the report, which can be downloaded at <http://www.npri.org/> and [www.cagw.org](http://www.cagw.org). ‘In this time of economic challenge, Nevadans deserve to know whether government is managing our public financing responsibly,’ said Andy Matthews, NPRI's vice president for communications. ‘This report's findings make it clear that in many cases, our elected officials have neglected their duty to steward our tax dollars in a responsible way.’ Examples of questionable financial practices exposed in the report include: the underreporting of revenues; excessive overtime pay to public employees; lavish retirement benefits; educational programs that have cost far more than originally budgeted; the circumvention of contract-bidding rules; exorbitant amounts spent by governments to lobby other levels of government; and costly expenditures on items such as cat carriers and leashes, sand-filled stress balls, fuzzy frogs, 100-pound pigs and ‘A Notable Evening of Romance.’” [Targeted News Service, 9/18/08]

**2009: NPRI released report indicting state government for unsustainable spending on unnecessary programs and departments.** “Just a week earlier, the conservative Nevada Policy Research Institute released its report that indicted state government for unsustainable spending on unnecessary programs and departments. The group recommends substantial cuts, such as eliminating the Department of Business and Industry. ‘The problem with Nevada is not a revenue problem at all. It's a spending problem,’ NPRI's spokesman Andy Matthews said.” [Reno Gazette-Journal, 1/13/09]

**2009: Released “Freedom Budget,” alternative to state budget.** “Fortunately for the stress-averse crowd in Carson City, the Nevada Policy Research Institute has done the hard work for them. NPRI has released an alternative state budget of \$5.1 billion that would fall within current revenue projections. ‘Nevada's Freedom Budget 2009-2011: The Road to Recovery,’ available at [www.npri.org](http://www.npri.org), would fund the state's most important functions and would avoid the need for burdensome tax increases or federal stimulus funds and the costly mandates the latter would impose. The Freedom Budget eliminates funding for ineffective programs and applies the savings toward higher-priority expenditures. It would restore, for example, \$85 million for the care of the mentally ill, indigents and the severely disabled. Further, it would restore \$80 million to K-12 education for the purchase of learning materials and \$176 million to the state's regional colleges - entirely avoiding operating reductions. The Freedom Budget is a reasonable and responsible blueprint for state spending that would spur economic recovery in the present and protect the long-term growth of Nevada for the future. No longer can policymakers pretend that



increasingly onerous taxation is the only solution. Geoffrey Lawrence is a fiscal policy analyst at the Nevada Policy Research Institute.” [Reno Gazette-Journal, 5/26/09]

**2009-2010: NPRI research found prevailing wage requirements costed Nevada taxpayers nearly \$1 billion.** “A recent analysis by the Nevada Policy Research Institute estimated that prevailing wage requirements cost Nevada taxpayers nearly \$1 billion extra over 2009 and 2010. That’s why prevailing wage reform needs to be at the top of the agenda for the Nevada Legislature in 2013. Geoffrey Lawrence is deputy policy director at the Nevada Policy Research Institute. For more, visit <http://npri.org>. This article first appeared in the November 2012 edition of Nevada Business.” [Elko Daily Free Press, 11/15/12]

**2016: NPRI published Solutions guidebook, which encouraged performance-based budgeting.** “Elected officials could drastically improve the fiscal health of local governments — without raising taxes — by implementing just two of the 50-plus recommendations from the Nevada Policy Research Institute’s forthcoming Solutions 2017 guidebook. First, local governments should follow the lead set by the state and adopt performance-based budgeting, which prioritizes expenditures based on broad policy goals established by lawmakers, increasing efficiency and accountability. Agency directors must demonstrate — in measurable ways — how their programs provide value to taxpayers, rather than just uncritically adopting the previous year’s budget as a baseline for the future. The most effective form of performance-based budgeting includes a competitive bidding process, such as the kind used by the state of Washington, where both private and public agencies bid to provide public services.” [Las Vegas Review-Journal, 3/27/16]

## Voting Rights & Ballot Access

**2022: NPRI: “More than three of every four Nevadans support requiring photo IDs for both in-person and mail-in balloting...”** “Nevadans believe recent changes to state law regarding elections aren’t in the best interest of the state, according to a poll released by the Nevada Policy Research Institute. More than three of every four Nevadans support requiring photo IDs for both in-person and mail-in balloting, compared with 10 percent who oppose it. Nearly twice as many individuals, 52 percent to 27 percent, oppose allowing someone other than the person casting a ballot to return it, a process known as ‘ballot harvesting.’ Also, some 53 percent favor requiring that all ballots be counted within a day of the election, versus 34 percent who oppose the idea. The first two were among changes codified into law last year in Nevada with the passage of Assembly Bill 121. AB 121 ensures most residents can cast a ballot without having to provide identification and permits individuals to collect and turn in mail ballots on behalf of other voters. The law also guarantees all active, registered voters will receive an unsolicited ballot in the mail.” [NPRI.org, [4/5/22](#)]

- **NPRI President: “Election integrity is critical to the well-being of representative government, and once you lose the perception of honest and fair elections, it’s very hard to regain that trust.”** “‘We believe everyone should have an opportunity to vote, but this change opens to the door to allowing bad actors to manipulate elections in our state,’ Nevada Policy President John Tsarpalas said. ‘Election integrity is critical to the well-being of representative government, and once you lose the perception of honest and fair elections, it’s very hard to regain that trust. ‘Nevadans have a right to believe that every election will be safe and secure, and that every vote cast, including theirs, will be counted,’ Tsarpalas added. Poll of Nevada residents was conducted by OH Predictive Insights between February 24 and March 7, 2022, with a MoE of  $\pm 4.0\%$ .” [NPRI.org, [4/5/22](#)]

**2024: NPRI: “Ballot harvesting opens the door to voting fraud.”** “Among the most egregious changes to Nevada’s voting laws in recent years was the legalization of ballot harvesting. Under the cover of the 2020 Covid lockdown, dramatic changes were made to how Nevada operates elections – supposedly on a temporary basis but made permanent the following year. These included allowing a third party to collect and submit completed mail-in or absentee ballots – known as ballot harvesting – a felony previously.” [NPRI.org, [4/12/24](#)]

- **“Nevada has one of the most freewheeling ballot harvesting laws in the country, allowing unlimited volumes of collection by any ‘person authorized by the voter.’”** “Nevada has one of the most freewheeling ballot harvesting laws in the country, allowing unlimited volumes of collection by any ‘person authorized by the voter,’ Nevada Policy wrote in its recently released paper on election integrity, titled Efficient, Timely and Reliable: A Framework for Election Law in Nevada. ‘The Washington Post notes that even California, which legalized the practice in 2016 and soon saw it become highly controversial, ‘has since made it illegal to get paid per ballot collected and for employers to ask employees to bring their ballots into their workplace,’ according to author Walter Olson. Ballot harvesting is popular among political groups seeking to boost voter turnout for their candidates. Advocates claim it promotes accessibility, while opponents worry it makes it easier for the unscrupulous to commit election fraud.” [NPRI.org, [4/12/24](#)]
- **“Nevada would do well to eliminate this tactic in order to better ensure secure voting and to reinforce the perception of election integrity.”** “Free and fair elections are the cornerstone of representative democracy. It’s essential that there be no appearance of impropriety, but ballot harvesting makes it easier for the unscrupulous to game the system. Nevada would do well to eliminate this tactic in order to better ensure secure voting and to reinforce the perception of election integrity.” [NPRI.org, [4/12/24](#)]

**2024: Election Integrity Paper: “Nevada has...underemphasized ballot security issues that are vital in both reassuring worried voters and in preventing the emergence of bad practice.”** “Nevada has meanwhile underemphasized ballot security issues that are vital both in reassuring worried voters and in preventing the emergence of bad practice. Its legislature erred in legalizing so-called ballot harvesting and should reverse that misstep. It should make a priority of the security of ballot drop boxes, which can provide a preferred option as compared with mail if voters are given good reason to trust them. Nevada has also made some correct decisions on security, including expanding audits and maintaining membership in the interstate clearinghouse ERIC. But it must do more.” [NPRI.org, [2/24/24](#)]