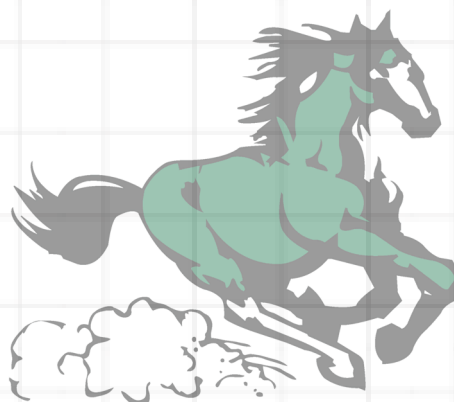


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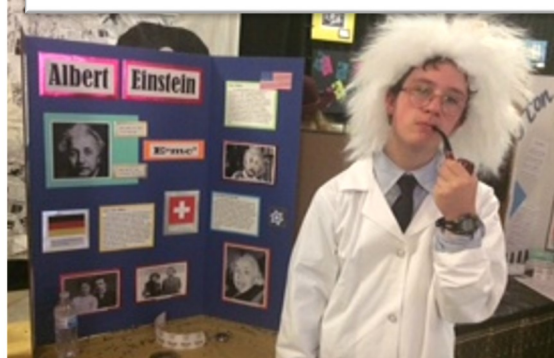
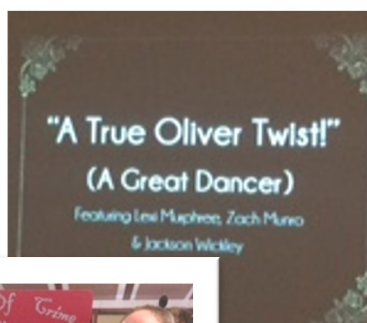
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CommArts Festival 2019:

“1920’s CultureCon” December 4, 2019



From top photo clockwise: Acting icon Joan Crawford is researched by Claire McAllister; Olivia Wallace investigates Mystery writer Agatha Christie; Will Harvin brings Albert Einstein to life!

The CommArts department celebrates their multidisciplinary and multi-grade festival this year by taking it back to the 1920’s, a seminal time in U.S. and World History.

Top to the left: A blast from the past- “A True Oliver Twist” is featured.

Above to the right: Festival organizer Erin Muehlhausen peeks behind CommArts teacher Jay Hudson.

Robert W. Moore Building Dedication

By Adrianna Wright

On December 12, 2019, Mill Springs Academy’s new Lower-Middle School building was named the **Robert W. Moore Hall** through a dedication ceremony. This was to commemorate **Robert Moore**, our bold and beloved former headmaster. Students and Fine Arts performers **Lilliana Coco** and **Calista Craig** sang, and a dedication prayer was shared by Upper School Principal **J.P. Watson**. Additionally, **Mayor Joe Lockwood** came to speak about being friends with Robert Moore. We concluded the day of commemorating Mr. Moore by describing what he was known for including riding his bike and playing his guitar. He will most dearly be remembered for always being very active and supportive of this community, and one that he helped build throughout the past decades. **Senior Avery Terpstra** shares, “Robert saved the lives of his students and gave them a second chance with his Mill Springs mission.”



New Head Of School: Debbie Orr

By
Zach
Hale



millsprings.org



Debbie Orr is the new Head of School of Mill Springs Academy. She grew up in Southbend, Indiana. When she was a kid, she used to pretend that she was a teacher teaching a class. She loves to learn, she loves kids, and she loves the creative side of teaching.

And according to Debbie's own words, she went through the ranks of administration starting as an Assistant Principal, becoming a Principal and of late Founder and Head of School at Notre Dame Academy. Most recently, Notre Dame merged with Sophia Academy and created a school within a school offering specialized instruction similar to the program at Mill Springs Academy.

notredameacademy.org



Debbie was drawn to Mill Springs because she spent the first half of her career as a learning specialist, and second half as a school administrator. Mill Springs gave her the opportunity to do both. What she likes most about Mill Springs is the students, the teachers, and the community.

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Her favorite show, *Blue Bloods*, reminds her of her Catholic Irish family.

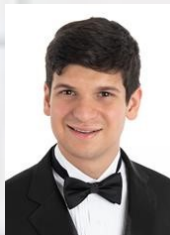
Her family consists of three grown children, two girls and a boy, (**Carrie, Julie, and Matthew**). Debbie also has two son-in-laws (**Randy and Jackson**), and two grandbabies (**Maddie Grace and Marcie**).

Photo courtesy of Debbie Orr



Ms. Orr with her family.

Debbie enjoys her hobbies which are reading, working out, and doing crafts. Every Sunday, she has Sunday dinner with her family. She deeply believes in the mission of Mill Springs Academy and value the words of the founder, **Tweetie Moore**.



By
Daniel
Garguilo

New Teacher: Caila Prestidge

Caila Prestidge is a new Literature teacher, who has joined the Upper School community. She teaches American Literature for Tenth Grade and Health. She graduated from Messiah College and has worked as a waitress and caregiver for the elderly before coming to Mill Springs. She also taught at Milton Hershey High School for underprivileged kids to get an education and college scholarships.

Her favorite thing about Mill Springs is the family feel between the students and staff. Some of her hobbies are reading, bouldering and hiking, and her dream job was always to be a teacher. An interesting fact about her is she is a devoted Christian and believes in the eternal value of everyone and that everyone should walk with integrity. Caila always wanted to visit Kenya as well.

We are glad to welcome Caila into our MSA community!



A few of Caila's favorite things...



Sponge Bob



Chance the Rapper



Kenya



Messiah College

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Say Hello to Our New Students!



Jack Cook

Grade: 10th

Favorite Part of MSA: The Community

Age: 15

Previous School: Walton High School

Hobbies or Interest: Playing video games, especially Minecraft

Favorite Type of Music: Not a big fan of music

Favorite Movie: Home Alone

If You Had One Wish, What Would it Be: World Peace

Bella Bosonetto
(pictured below)

Grade: 9th

Age: 14

Previous School: Dickerson Middle School

Favorite Part of MSA: Academics

Hobbies or Interest: Hang out with friends

Favorite Type of Music: All

Favorite T.V. Show: Criminal Minds

If You Had One Wish, What Would it Be: Place to be Comfortable



Irving Deino
(pictured right)

Grade: 9th

Age: 15

Previous School: Eaton Academy

Favorite Part of MSA: Breaks

Hobbies or Interest: Shopping

Favorite Type of Music: All

Favorite T.V. Show: Real Housewives of Orange County

If You Had One Wish, What Would it Be: Unlimited Money



Compiled by
Avery Terpstra

Adrianna Wright
(pictured right)

Grade: 10th

Age: 18

Previous School: Cumberland Academy

Favorite Part of MSA: Events that happen around campus

Hobbies or Interest: Art and writing

Favorite Type of Music: Pop

Favorite T.V. Show: America's Got Talent

If You Had One Wish, What Would it Be: Be Famous



Joshua Wright
(pictured left)

Grade: 9th

Age: 15

Previous School: Homeschooled

Favorite Part of MSA: How chill people are

Hobbies or Interest: Playing competitive games

Favorite Type of Music: Rap

Favorite Movie: Enders Game

If You Had One Wish, What Would it Be: Live forever, having infinite time

Charlie Slaker
(pictured right)

Grade: 11th

Age: 16

Previous School: Notre Dame Academy

Favorite Part of MSA: The classes

Hobbies or Interest: Sports

Favorite Type of Music: Rap

Favorite Movie: Big Mouth

If You Had One Wish, What Would it Be: Be Rich



WLP 2020: A European Journey Back to World War II

The Europe Trip was a Winter Learning experience for those who want to see the sights of Europe and who are fascinated with World War II; a deadly conflict that resulted in 70-85 million people dead yet has many historians intrigued for its battles, its army, navy, and air force vehicles of the Axis and Allies, and the many lessons that came out of it. The teachers and students that went on the trip are **Elke Silva, Gage Clark, Mat Campbell, Henry Wallace, Michael Mendoza, Josiah Altland, Jack Holt, Avery Terpstra, Camille Michael, Maddie Taylor, Griffin Middleton, Mellik Johnson, Liam Couch, Zack Peppers, and Grace Gersack.**

The basis of the trip was to learn about what happened in places like London or Munich during and before the War like how the Nazis came to power in Germany and what happened to London during the Blitz; a bombing raid on London by the Luftwaffe that lasted from 1940 to 1941. The journey went to London, Paris, Normandy, Cologne, Munich, and Dachau and it lasted from January 3 to January 12. The whole reason of the trip, as it was mentioned earlier, was to learn of the most important events in WWII and how they changed and impacted our history.

Some of our most impactful moments according to History teacher Mrs. Elke were the structures at Normandy beaches and the concentration camp of Dachau. The Germans built these structures; bomb bunkers, batteries, coastal guns, and other defense weapons as part of the Atlantic Wall, a coastal defensive and fortification system designed to keep the Allies out of Europe if an invasion were to occur. The Atlantic Wall began in 1942 when Hitler ordered that the fortifications along the Western Coast of Europe would be constructed. Soon almost a million French workers were drafted to build it, when the wall was completed; it was frequently mentioned in Nazi propaganda bragging about the size and strength of it, although they could've just been exaggerating about it. On June 6, 1944, however, the Atlantic Wall was penetrated when the Allies stormed the beaches of Normandy and eventually running the Germans out of the bunkers of the Wall.



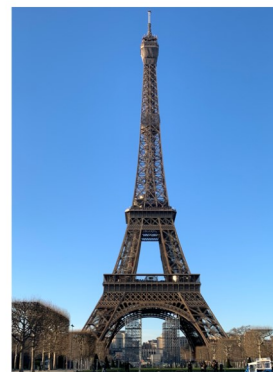
By Josiah Altland



The students at Atlanta International Terminal before they take off for their flight.



The students and their teacher Elke Silva riding on a coach waving at the camera while going through the streets of London.



A picture of the Eiffel Tower taken by Avery Terpstra.

Photos Courtesy of Yearbook

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The students with their guide Lewis Irving at the remains of one of the concrete bunkers was used as part of the Atlantic Wall defense complex system during D-Day.



The students, their teacher, and their tour guide being presented a aerial map view of the concentration camp Dachau.

renweb.com



"I really enjoyed the trip, it expanded my knowledge of Europe, WWII, and the Holocaust, and just seeing the sights in real life gives me a understand of World War II history and not just from the textbook." Mat Campbell

The concentration camp of Dachau is a sight that will make you sad, cry, angry, or a combination of negative emotions. Dachau was the first concentration camp to be opened in 1933, shortly after the Nazis took power in Germany. It was suppose to a prison labor camp that held political prisoners, but eventually it also included foreigners from countries Germany had conquered, Jews, Homosexuals, Slavs, Roma people or Gypsies, People with disabilities, Jehovah's Witnesses, Roman Catholics, Protestants, and those who disagreed with the Nazis and Hitler. Many of these people were treated with brutality, forced to work in horrible conditions, and were stripped of their personality traits, i.e. shaving their heads bald.

However by 1944 and 1945, as other camps from Poland and in the Low Countries were liberated by the Allies, there was huge increase of prisoners transferred from said other camps to Dachau, but these prisoners burned at the crematoriums so that there would be no witnesses as to what happened, but another problem arose with the Nazis; what if the Allies could see the smoke? So they decided to just leave the dead bodies to just rot on the ground and/or on the rail wagons by the camp station. Eventually, the Americans found the camp and were met with horror, disgust, and anger; so much so that disobeyed orders and brought the citizens of Dachau to the sight of this camp. Ever since the 1960s, it has been turned into a memorial to remember the people that died in the conditions of the first concentration camp.

Overall, many students say the trip was a lot of fun, they enjoyed the food and culture, and the sights that captured them. Personally, I wish to back to Europe again, just so I can explore more what lies within every corner of the continent.

"Brexit Means Brexit"

By
Mat
Campbell



In 2016, the United Kingdom voted for a policy called Brexit, which is the UK governmental policy in which the UK would leave the European Union, a multi-European alliance established in 1993. In early 2016, former **British Prime Minister David Cameron** announced that there would be a Brexit vote. He, along with many others, believed that no one would vote to support Brexit policy, but they were all wrong. Leading up to election, no one really knew what leaving the EU would mean and none of the voters knew what the process of leaving the European Union would entail. But then Brexit, known as Article 50 in the United Kingdom, was set in motion, unsupported by David Cameron.

Even though he came up with it, Cameron decided to step down as PM. In June 2017, the UK General Election took place and **Theresa May** took PM leadership and the Conservative Party Members of Parliament (or MPs) took over the Parliament. Unfortunately, May was ineffective at being PM from day one. She did not even support Brexit and that she made little covering up that she hated her job. As Prime Minister for a little over two years, she was attempting the Sisyphean task to get the European Union and the British PM's to agree with her. She presented multiple Brexit proposals to Parliament and they got rejected every time. Her final proposal was so unpopular in Parliament that MP's laughed at her.

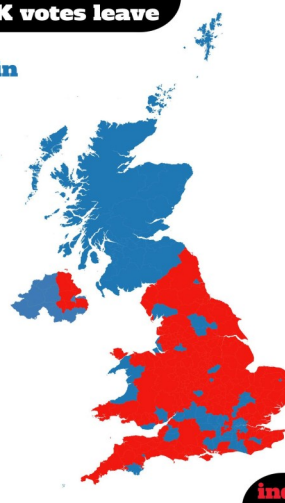
In summer 2019, she announced that she was resigning from the PM position because she couldn't handle the job anymore. They had an election and here comes **Boris Johnson**. Many feel he is not knowledgeable about the position. When he announced that his plan for Brexit to be done by October 31. That came and went and the Brexit deadline got extended to January 31st. When Boris Johnson laid out his plan in parliament, he got yelled at by angry MPs. After that, a lot of MPs from Boris Johnson's Conservative

Party switched to Plaid Cymru, the Welsh Independence Party and many other small parties. Some MPs went rouge and are no longer attached to a party. Recently the Sinn Fein, an Irish political party that wants a unified Ireland, is worried about a policy called the Backstop. This allows goods and people to travel from Northern Ireland which is part of the UK to the Republic of Ireland, an independent nation. If Brexit were to happen, free trade and travel would not be allowed across the border and the economy of Ireland would be shattered.

In the UK election in December, the conservative party took over the Parliament. And the UK exited the EU on January 31. Scotland will most likely become an independent nation to stay with the EU and Northern Ireland will most likely rejoin the republic of Ireland. The future looks bleak for the UK, we will just have to wait and see what really happens.

The UK votes leave

Leave
Remain



The vote was nearly equally divided between stay and leave the EU.

Photo courtesy of Ch 4



Theresa May

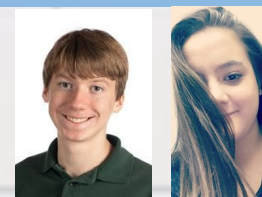


Boris Johnson

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How SoundCloud Changed Music

By Josiah Altland and Avery Terpstra



SoundCloud Logo

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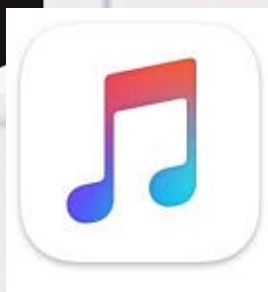
SoundCloud rapper Lil Pump

Photo courtesy of billboard.com/



Spotify Logo

courtesy of google.com/



Apple Music Logo

Courtesy of: google.com/

Music has been around for as long as we can remember, and over the years people have found many different ways to listen to music, creating a diversity of the different types of music we listen to. However in recent years, the quality of music seems to have gone downhill as the culture surrounding music has changed. Why is that the case? For one, streaming services have become increasingly popular, compared to the tradition of using the radio. For example, Spotify, Apple Music, and SoundCloud.

Out of all of these, SoundCloud has become the biggest outlet for wannabe rappers and musicians. However, SoundCloud has a bad reputation for having “rappers” that don’t actually know what they’re doing. This service has also changed the expectation of what rap and music in general should sound like. Nowadays, music consist of only cussing, talking about drugs, intimacy, and violence. Instead of real singing, the artists just yell at the top of their lungs. For example, **Lil Pump** has a song called “Gucci Gang.” In that song, all he does is yell the words Gucci and gang. There is no real meaning behind this song for the listener to relate to. Just like “Gucci Gang,” most songs have no real message behind the shouting and cussing. Music has gone from a way to relate to someone to a bunch of nonsense.

MSA Soccer Wrap-Up 2019

By Daniel Garguilo

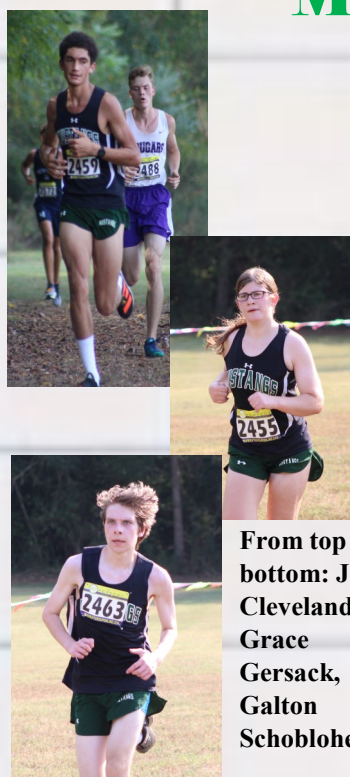
This MSA soccer team posted an overall record this year in another successful soccer season. The team earned second place in the overall ACC championship and second place in the ACC tournament with a score of 7-3-1. On the team this year were **Andrew Buchberger, Garrett Burroway, Matthew Clifton, Ella Jensen, Colby Johnson, Taylor Mallady, Kyle Moffitt, Bren Nemesh, Connor O'Keefe, Scotty Owen, Ben Parker, Alec Robinson, Michael Slifer, Isa Stokes, Ethan Stroup, and Maclean Tadlock**, with **Phil Hanson and Michael Smith** as the coaches.

Coach Phil Hanson said with pride for his team "this team is a gift from god and day in and day out they improved exponentially." Coach Phil also said he would like to give thanks to Coach Mike Smith, the players, parents and MSA administration for a great season. As for awards won Brenden Nemesh earned the Inaugural Robert Moore award Kyle Moffitt and Taylor Mallady earned the coach's award and Matthew Clifton was the recipient of the Freshman of the Year. All and all it has been a very successful year for the soccer team (pictured at practice to the right).



MSA Cross Country Wrap-Up 2019

By Mat Campbell



From top to bottom: Jody Cleveland, Grace Gersack, Galton Schobloher

This year The Mill Springs Cross Country team participated in six meets. Our coaches are Judy Norris and Angela White. We endured meets in scorching weather but we were able to finish strong. We competed against at least thirty schools and we came in third place at our AAC Championship. Unfortunately only Jody Cleveland qualified but we all made personal records. Jody Cleveland did qualify for state and he made a personal record there.

"We all made Personal Records and we all did very well" Jody Cleveland"

"I am proud of all of you and you did so well this season." Angela White

Team Roster

Mat Campbell
Jody Cleveland
Grace Gersack
Sam Henslee
Warner Jones
Galton Schobloher
Sutton Smith
Zach Smith
Kayden Stanley

By Avery Terpstra

Lady Mustangs Volleyball 2019



The volleyball team had an amazing season this year. They won many games and even made it to the championship game. On the Volleyball team this year, there were two coaches, **Lisa Imsand** and **Karen Kaiser**. We also had twelve girls on the team, Captains **Megan Suarez** and **Mia Nemesh**. The team also included **Kathrine Adair**, **Nadia Allen-Krincek**, **Ashley Dugger**, **Luisa Gorgoll**, **Mallory Mulhern**, **Neely Piper**, **Caroline Skinner**, **Emily Suarez**, **Laura Turnbull**, and **Lily Vineyard**. **Mia Nemesh** was the MVP off the AAC Championship match, and in that match, we won against Cottage!! **Mia Nemesh**, **Megan Suarez**, and **Caroline Skinner** all agreed saying, "It was a great season."

Seated in front Lily Vineyard. Second row from left to right: Kathrine Adair, Emily Suarez, Ashley Dugger, Laura Turnbull, Megan Suarez, Coach Karen Kaiser. Third row: Mallory Mulhern, Coach Lisa Imsand, Nadia Allen-Krincek, Mia Nemesh, Luisa Gorgoll and Neely Piper.



MSA Bowling Fall Wrap-Up 2019

By Zach Hale



Coaches:

Michael Adams, **Vaidehi Rallapalli**

Roster of Players:

Bella Rousseaux, **Elliott Dougherty**, **Jack Buckley**, **Jaden Prince**, **Jeffrey Naszcyniec**, **Josiah Altland**, **Katie McCullers**, **Randall Robinson**, **Sammy Lesser**, **Scotty Owen**, **Zach Hale**

This year's bowling season was a good one! The practices and the matches took place at Brunswick Bowling Alley as well as Star and Strikes.

The season started in August and ended in December.

Coach Adams shares, "I believes we have learned a lot this season and improved greatly as a team."

The team participated in 5 matches and place third in four of them, and first in the meet against The Cottage School.

Bolivia's Destructive Crisis

By Matthew Cohen



Bolivia has transformed from a role model country to a place of despair. The South American country has been hit with news of corruption and indigenous prosecution over the course of a few months. Before the headlines that signaled a dark age, Bolivia had stable governments and foreign relations. Furthermore, Bolivia was one of the South American countries to have an indigenous president in power during the start of the century. Bolivia was the last country to have a progressive leader. However, towards the end of 2019, Bolivia's former president **Evo Morales** left office. The reasons and consequences for leaving office would shake Bolivia to its core and change the course of Bolivia's history.

Courtesy of Encyclopedia Britannica



A map of Bolivia

Courtesy of Business Insider

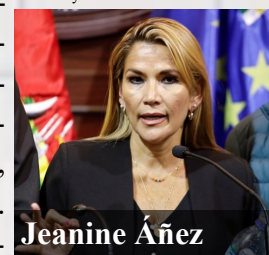


Evo Morales

Bolivia's descent into disarray started when former president Evo Morales ran for a fourth term, despite a constitutional limit to three terms. Morales won the election; however, protests began with reports of fraudulent votes. Morales stepped down from presidential power after the military and police began supporting the protests. Days afterwards, the Mexican government allowed Morales sanctuary in Mexico City. Unfortunately, Morales did not leave behind a presidential successor. A power vacuum formed in the Bolivian government, and protests continued throughout the country.

It was not long before a self-proclaimed leader rose to power. **Jeanine Áñez**, Bolivian Senate vice president, skipped the constitutional steps necessary to become a legitimate interim president. In addition to the illegitimate presidency, Áñez had heavy Catholic imagery during the presidential ceremony, despite Bolivia being a secular state according to the Bolivian constitution. Áñez is the political and religious opposite of Morales, and she is far from negotiating with the former president's government allies and policies. Thus, the first weeks of her power had signs of a dark age: opposing political party members being witch-hunted, prosecution of Cubans and other minorities, Bolivia cutting off relations with former allies, violent protests ending with citizen deaths, and foreign governments condemning the political state of Bolivia.

Courtesy of NBC News



Jeanine Áñez

Courtesy of The Desert Sun



State police with citizen protestors

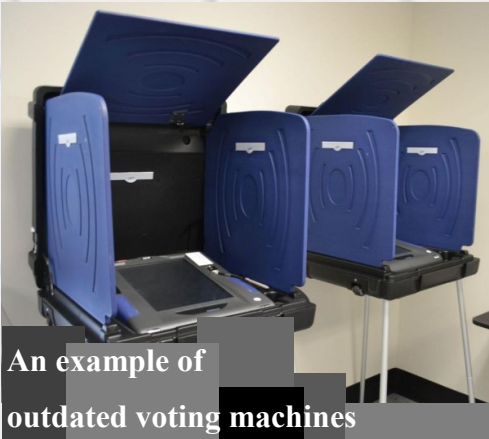
The months of political turmoil caused Bolivia to spiral into a state of disrepair. The protests are against Áñez's party for their police killing protestors that were supporting Morales. Furthermore, Áñez or her party members have made no reference to the protestors' deaths and instead calls for Israel's assistance against the protests, labeling them as acts of terrorism. In addition to the governmental corruption, Bolivia is suffering from a reported food and fuel shortage. The less-fortunate of Bolivia are hit the hardest, as the country has among the highest poverty rates in South America. The greatest hope for Bolivia is the re-election which has been announced to take place on May 3. However, fears of more election interference arose when the United States Agency for International Development, an independent agency responsible for foreign aid, arrived in Bolivia in January. Bolivia is now at another turning point, and the future of the once-stable country depends on the remaining faith of Bolivia's citizens and politicians.

The Ongoing Neglect With Voting Machines

By Matthew Cohen



Courtesy of Post and Courier



An example of outdated voting machines

Colored pencils are more regulated than today's voting machines. The Brennan Center for Justice, based in the New York University School of Law, released a report stating that voting machine companies have little federal oversight. Furthermore, these private companies have no legal or financial pressure to update their products. For years, voting machines have been outdated and vulnerable to digital interference, according to the report. Despite the passage of time, little support from the companies and the government has been allocated to voting machines.

Speaking of the government side of things, Congress was reported to not prioritize voting machine security, similar to the companies. **Lawrence Norden**, co-author of the report, says "This is another security vulnerability that Congress hasn't addressed," which means that there is something preventing Congress from acting on this issue. The roadblock to fixing voting machines is not any laws that must be changed or removed, rather it is the lack of laws that protect voting machines. Chances are, the politicians that were voted into Congress most likely used the same voting machine system to get them into office than the voting machines of now. This creates the problem of politicians owing their victories to dated voting machines, and no incentive to pass laws helping voting machines.

What does all of this mean in the upcoming 2020 Presidential Election? Congress would treat the election as any other election in terms of voting machine regulation because Congress has ignored voting machine regulation for years. In addition, the 2020 Election is too soon for any effective laws to be passed. The past has not been as hopeful as the present. Congress has not given any funds or staff to the appropriate voting agencies, such as the United States Election Assistance Commission, in recent years. Congress has underfunded state money toward voting machines as well. This is a critical problem because states are responsible for allocating funds for voting machines.

Courtesy of ThoughtCo



The United States Capitol Building

The easy proof of this lack of regulation lies with media coverage. A simple search of voting machine regulation offers an active string of articles that are consistent with the Brennan Center's report. Public attention is present in the issue of voting machines, yet there is little public action. While there is wide coverage on the vulnerability of voting machines, there is little coverage on voting machine interference in elections. Thus, the public has been left in the dark about how to legally and effectively prevent another vote interference.

Courtesy of the Brennan Center



The Logo for the Brennan Center for Justice

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