

Election unrest in the U.S. as Trump and Biden supporters stage protests

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Protests continue across the United States, demanding that every vote is counted.

Philadelphia, November 5 (RHC)-- Supporters of U.S. President Donald Trump and his Democratic challenger, Joe Biden, have again staged protest rallies in Philadelphia and other cities across the United States over the integrity of the presidential election.

The protests were held on Thursday as ballot counting dragged on in a number of states that will decide the winner of the nail-biter election, Reuters reported. Both groups appeared outside a vote-counting center in Philadelphia, the capital of Pennsylvania, as the result of the election hung in the balance and tensions ran high.

The Trump and Biden campaigns see the state's 20 electoral votes as essential to clinch victory. Trump is leading Biden. Trump supporters held Trump-Mike Pence flags and signs saying: "Vote stops on Election Day" and "Sorry, polls are closed."

Across the street Biden supporters chanted Count Every Vote. They believed that a complete tally would show the former Democratic vice president had beaten the Republican incumbent president. "We can't allow the ballot counters to be intimidated," said Bob Posuney, a 70-year-old Biden-supporting retired social worker with a "Count Every Vote" T-shirt.

In Harrisburg, a number of protesters gathered on the steps of the Pennsylvania State Capitol Building on Thursday afternoon as part of a "Stop the Steal" rally organized by Trump supporters. Some carried Trump signs and others American flags.

The demonstrations were triggered in part by Trump's comments following the Election Day. He demanded that vote counting stop and made claims about voter fraud.

Trump's campaign lost court rulings in the battleground states of Georgia and Michigan on Thursday, but it vowed to challenge voting irregularities in Nevada, according to Reuters. In the Georgia case, the campaign alleged that dozens of late-arriving ballots were mixed with on-time ballots. In Michigan, it had sought to stop votes from being counted.

Judge James Bass, a superior court judge in Georgia, stated that there was "no evidence" that the ballots in question were invalid. In the Michigan case, Judge Cynthia Stephens said: "I have no basis to find that there is a substantial likelihood of success on the merits."

Former Nevada Attorney General Adam Laxalt and other Trump campaign surrogates alleged that mass voting irregularities took place in Nevada. "We believe that there are dead voters that have been counted. We are also confident that there are thousands of people whose votes have been counted that have moved out of Clark County during the pandemic," Laxalt said.

He said a lawsuit would be filed in federal court to ask the judge to "stop the counting of improper votes."

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