American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research

Invitation

Absentee Ballot Voting

Tuesday, October 19, 2004, 2:00–3:30 p.m.
Wohlstetter Conference Center, Twelfth Floor, AEI
1150 Seventeenth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036

The rise of absentee voting, especially no-excuse absentee voting, has many scholars debating whether or not such voting increases turnout, devalues the electoral process, and is ultimately good for American democracy. Some argue that the concept of going to the polls on Election Day is a time-honored tradition in this country, one that may be at risk as voters are more and more likely to simply mail in their ballots. Others see advances in absentee voting as a way to enhance the democratic experience for those otherwise limited by the logistics of voting in-person. AEI's John C. Fortier, along with Curtis Gans, director of the Committee for the Study of the American Electorate, and Rebecca Vigil-Giron, president of the National Association of Secretaries of State, will discuss the meteoric rise in absentee voting, the effects it has on the electoral process, and whether or not reform of the current system is needed.

1:45 p.m. Registration

2:00 *Panelists*: CURTIS GANS, Committee for the Study of the American Electorate
REBECCA VIGIL-GIRON, National Association of Secretaries of State

Moderator: JOHN C. FORTIER, AEI

3:30 Adjournment

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