

Worksheet

How Big of a Problem is Voter Fraud, Really?

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Name: _____ Class period: _____ Date: _____

Note-taking: Watch with purpose

Use this notetaking space to capture key information from the video.

Question	Provisional ballots	Risk-limiting audits	Mandatory recounts
What is it, in plain terms?			
How does it work, or when is it used?			
Why does it matter?			
Example or scenario mentioned in the video			

Fill in key numbers as the video mentions them.

Facts from the video	Number or amount
People who voted in the 2020 presidential election	
Polling precincts used in the 2020 election	
Estimated voter fraud rate found by the Brennan Center	
Year the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) was passed	
People who stormed the US Capitol on January 6, 2021	

Comprehension: Check your understanding

1. What is voter fraud, and what are some examples given in the video?

2. Why is the US election system called “decentralized,” and how does that make large-scale fraud harder to pull off?

3. What is a risk-limiting audit, and what does it check for?

4. What did the Brennan Center’s research find about how often voter fraud actually happens in the US?

5. According to the video, why do many political scientists worry that stricter anti-fraud measures could do more harm than good?
