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LaRose's announcement of his "Public Integrity Division," as the current Secretary of State admits that his office provides "cybersecurity and physical security" but only "to a degree." That's odd considering all OHIO VOTER IPs (.gov) are owned, monitored and data mined by DHS 24/7 since 2019 when he moved everything over to .gov and was christened DHS Advisor. Maybe someone should ask if he is speaking on behalf of the state or federal government because it seems he wears both hats. PID is reminiscent of the Department of Justice PID division. Is he now a policeman too? Can he invoke judicial powers? I thought that 88 prosecutors and sheriffs did the policing. What's this division for? Can they arrest people? How does this work? There are CONFIDENTIAL and NON-CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS between federal and state law enforcement already discussing these things regarding elections.

As an incumbent, is it ethical for him to use his office to campaign? This press release and his "campaign" donation emails sound like he's worried about losing, and he's posturing. A couple of weeks ago, I met with some constituents that identify as Republicans, where he demonstrated behind the scenes a lack of motivation and interest to "clean up voter rolls." According to an AUDIO recording of Frank LaRose, he responds to their pleas to clean up voter rolls with the following "I'm not getting into that. Give it to me if you find a crime, and I will prosecute." In addition, he begged President Donald J Trump for an endorsement, yet he claims he should get over his loss. Wasn't he the one diluting votes with redistricting? He's pretty flippy floppy; this is why the people will be voting Maras on November 8, 2022 because I do not flip flop and stand firm in my convictions.

This new shade of lipstick will not pretty up his office's track record regarding election integrity. Remember, the EAC came clean admitting that there were no official certifications for election machines in 2018, 2019, and 2020, yet LaRose conducted elections with non-certified machines and was "elected" with non-certified devices.

As Ohio's first Independent Secretary of State, my election integrity efforts will not rely on a new costly division because everyone employed in our office already has some delegated part in ensuring each Ohioan has a single secure vote that is properly counted – nothing more and nothing less. This campaign action as an incumbent is insulting the intelligence of his constituents with this latest stunt of blatant Orwellian doublespeak that he either believes Ohioans are too stupid to see right through, or he knows but doesn't care. Either way, his true colors cannot be more clear.

You cannot have aligned interests with those who want to influence our elections improperly, for example, the World Economic Forum, Open Societies, and cyberoligarchs like Facebook, or be beholden to intrusive and potentially insecure federal standards and remain Ohio First. When I am Secretary of State there will be no need for federal agents and cybersecurity because you cannot hack paper – yet LaRose sends off pdf ballots for people to print (???). I will be introducing currency grade **anti counterfeit technology paper ballots** that cannot be replicated. Any employee at a gas station can check a \$20 bill's authenticity with a pen, but we don't have that proven technology in our paper ballots that represent **OUR VOTE–OUR VOICE**. I will unveil this technology soon at a press conference with tangible samples (TBD).

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