

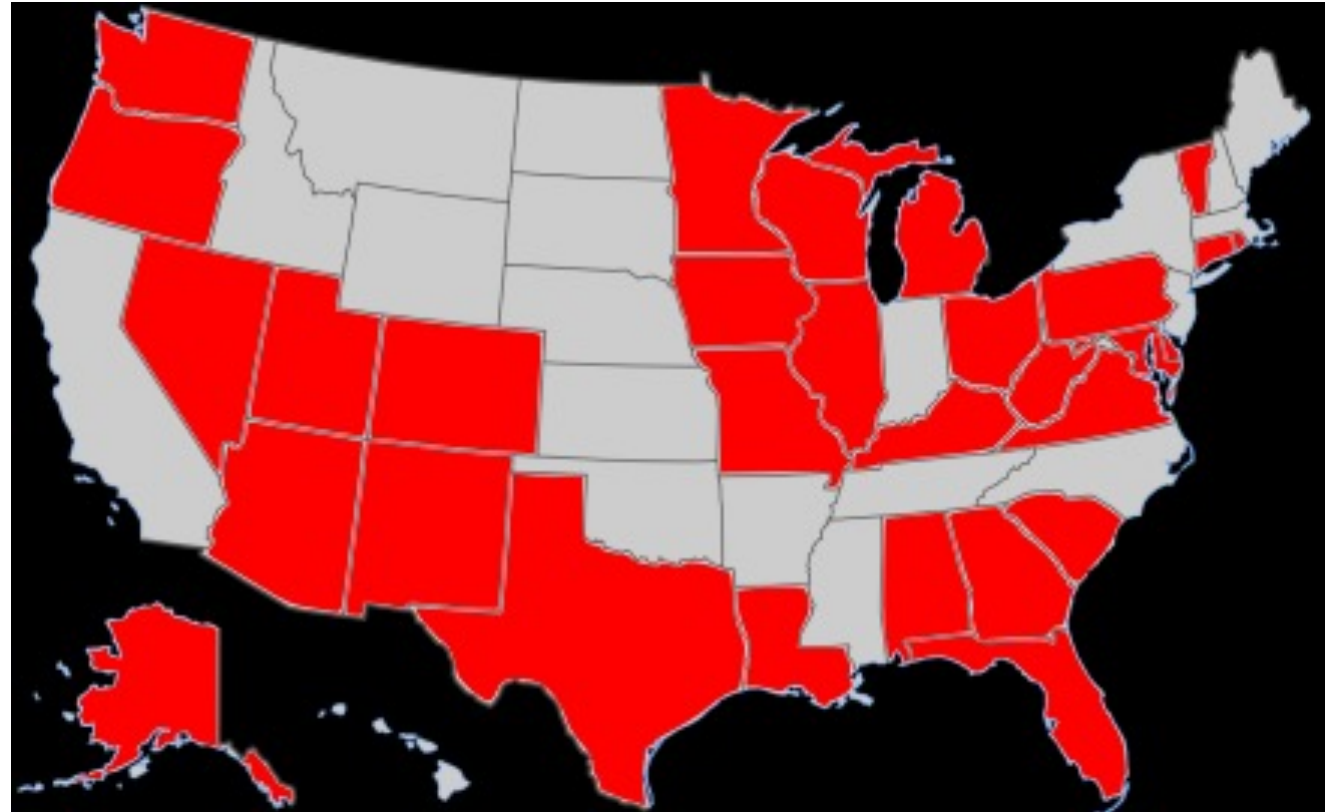
# History of ERIC

Who's Who in the PEW

# ERIC – Click on link below ....

## Sounds great doesn't it, then read on

- Electronic Registration Information Center
- [ericstates.org](http://ericstates.org)
- The Electric Registration Information Center is non-profit, organization in the United States that is operated and financed by state elections agencies and chief elections officials.



# The Genesis Of PEW move to Left

- By the early 1970s, the founders of the seven Pew trusts died, and the foundations began to drift away from the founders' vision.
- 1986 when Thomas W. Langfitt became the trusts' president.
  - He fired 95 percent of the trusts' staff and hired **Rebecca W. Rimel** as executive director in 1986.
  - By 1991, Roger M. Williams reported in *Foundation News* that the trusts had “eliminated almost all their right-wing grantmaking.
  - in 1981 the Pew Trusts gave \$2.4 million to conservative organizations. By 1993 all grants to the right had been eliminated.
  - by 1986 liberal groups were getting three times as much money as conservative ones, and by 1994 liberals were getting 40 times as much money from Pew as conservatives. [\[11\]](#)

# Now in the 90's

- Democrats have been moving rapidly towards a centralized interstate voter registration database.
- In the 90's there were over 3,000 separate county databases.
- The 2002 HAVA act, pushed by Democrats, required each state create ONE database.
- The conservatives moved to having only 50 databases of voters.
  - Granted, some counties were allowed to keep their old systems. But they must share all data with their states authorized system.
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# Then came ERIC

- Democrats and leftists have fought ferociously to prevent the cleanup of State voter registration rolls.
- Recognizing a potential niche, [left-wing activists created ERIC to clean voter rolls their way](#), using their rules.
- So in 2012 the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC) was formed as a membership organization primarily for blue States.
- They share ALL voter and MVD data with ERIC, close to 300 million records now.
- The deployment of ERIC, plus the 19 holdout states, leave us with 20 databases covering the entirety of America's elections.

# Who's Who at PEW

- The [Pew Center on the States](#) was a research program of the left leaning [Pew Charitable Trusts](#).
- It was in place from 2007 until 2012, headed by Susan Urahn,
  - Urahn is [now CEO](#) over all of Pew's \$6 billion in assets.
- [David Becker](#) worked in the DOJ Civil Rights Voting Section from 1998 until 2005.
  - He then worked for [People For the American Way](#) until 2007,
  - a hard left organization focused on shutting down conservatism.
- In 2008, Becker became the Director of Election Initiatives at [Pew](#).
  - Becker & Pew built the media sensation around voter registration, the legal framework of ERIC,
- Jeff Jonas from IBM built the software technology. (more on him later)
- Kim Wyman, a “Big Lie” RINO was an advocate of ERIC even before she became SOS in 2012.
- She was then selected by [Soros funded Aspen Institute](#) in 2013 to their Rodel Fellowship, their liberal leadership training program.
- Since 2012, Wyman and Hamlin have run Washington's 100% mail in ballot elections,
- In October 2021 [Biden offered Wyman](#) the position of Senior Election Security lead at CISA,
- Shane Hamlin was the original Chairman of ERIC, and is now the Executive Director, still serving as the Co-Director of Elections for Washington

# So who's in control of ERIC

- IBM's Jeff Jonas and Jeff Butcher who both designed ERIC's technology went on to co-found Senzing in 2016.
  - This is the data matching AI that runs ERIC.
  - In a 2018 [NYT interview](#), Jonas says "ERIC has a 2 person staff, one tends to the constantly growing database".
    - Senzing manages the evolution of the AIR, but has no headquarters. Their 20 full time employees work from wherever they please.
    - In 2018 Jonas [went "full nomad"](#) and became an extreme minimalist, selling his belongings and living out of a duffel. Jonas donates to Democrats: Harry Reid, Dick Durbin, Obama for America, and Bernie Sanders to name a few.
- Ericka Haas is the System Engineer at ERIC, for 9 years now.
  - She previously worked in the Oregon Secretary of State's office with Lindback.
- In [February 2018](#), DHS created the Elections Infrastructure Sector Coordinating Council (SCC).
  - Haas [shares a seat on this council](#) with staff from Dominion, ES&S, Smartmatic, and Unisyn Voting.
  - [SCC represents 30 companies](#) responsible for providing key components to our elections, including public policy.
  - The SCC group [rubs noses with GCC council](#), which includes CISA, EAC, NASS, NASED.
- This insider bootlicking and glad handing is the result of former DHS Director Jeh Johnson declaring our elections "critical infrastructure".
- [David Becker](#), the lead driver of ERIC, is truly a scoundrel. In 2016 he [founded CEIR](#).
  - He distributed \$69.5 mil in Zuckerberg money in 2020, aligned with CTCL.
  - While at the DOJ, Becker was reported to OPR (ethics).
    - head of [DOJ Civil Rights Division stated](#), "It's the most unethical thing I've ever seen. He's a hard core leftist who couldn't stand conservatives.
    - Emails revealed nasty, disparaging remarks about Republicans...unethical and unprofessional".
    - In 2020 Becker's [CEIR gave \\$20mil](#) to Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson's personal non profit (MCELA). She then directed \$11.8mil to two Democrat PR firms.
    - [TGP reported](#) how Becker founded the (EOLDN) to help election officials with lawyers who would fend off legitimate claims of election fraud.

# Becker Background

- An experienced Democrat election lawyer,
  - left the Justice Department to create the ERIC architecture.
  - Becker, who still has a seat on the ERIC board, went on to create the Center for Election Innovation and Research (CEIR) in 2016.
  - He distributed \$69.5 million in grants from Zuckerberg for the 2020 election using similar methods as CTCL.
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- ERIC has not published an annual report since 2017, almost 5 years ago.



# Center for Election Innovation and Research (CEIR)

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- Center for Election Innovation and Research (CEIR) is an electoral policy advocacy group which provides grants and conducts research to increase voting security and increase voter turnout. The organization was created in the wake of the 2016 election in response to foreign interference and alleged low voter turnout; in 2020, it took specific action to counter the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the general elections. [\[1\]](#)
- In August 2020, Facebook founder and billionaire [Mark Zuckerberg](#) and his wife, [Priscilla Chan](#), announced they were donating \$50 million to CEIR, a sum 50 times larger than the organization's 2017 revenues. The actual amount of the grant was later confirmed to be much larger, totaling \$69.5 million according the Zuckerberg Chan Initiative's website. [\[2\]](#)

Website:	<a href="http://electioninnovation.org/">electioninnovation.org/</a>
Location:	Washington, DC
Tax ID:	81-3815137
Tax-Exempt Status:	501(c)(3)
Budget (2017):	Revenue: \$277,800 Expenses: \$77,461 Assets: \$278,400
Executive Director:	David Becker
Type:	Electoral reform nonprofit
Formation:	2016

# Backup Slides

# PEW

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- Washington state Co-Director of Elections Shane Hamlin and Kim Wyman,
  - Hamlin was Thurston County (WA) auditor,. In 2012 Wyman became Secretary of State for Washington.
- The original funding of ERIC came from an “anonymous donor” and Pew Center On The States,
  - PEW received grants from the Transparency & Integrity Fund of George Soros Open Society.
  - Funding documents can be found in these [Soros Wayback Archives](#), under USA tab.
- But the leftist founders realized ERIC would not survive partisan politics.
- So the project transitioned to be fully funded by its member states.

# Other players

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# Soros OSI US Programs Budget 2011 – 2012

(OSI) Soros Open Society  
Leaked Documents

2011-2012 OSI U.S. Programs Budget: Transparency and Integrity Fund

## Goals

Assure broad and equal access to the ballot

## Lead Grantees

- Brennan Center
- Pew Center on the States
- Advancement Project

## 2010 Accomplishments and Program-Development Activities

- High-level Committee to Modernize Voter Registration launched to make modernization centerpiece of reform dialogue.
- Public education about military voter registration spurred passage of federal legislation and set stage for broader reform.
- Some states eliminated registration forms at DMV offices; allowed online registration; and allowed Election Day registration.
- Hosted expert discussion of Supreme Court's *Citizens United* decision allowing corporations to be significantly more involved in political campaigns; convened funders on responses to decision.