

On Tue, Feb 4, 2020 at 1:12 PM Hall, Kevin [SOS] <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov> wrote:

Mark,

We're not commenting officially on this story any longer. Below is the release we put out yesterday.

(For background, **not** attribution to me or our office, I'll add a few tidbits:

-JW admitted they used old data.

-First they claimed 8 counties. When that was proven wrong, they claimed 5. They're still using old population data.

-I'm positive JW did not take into account that 17-year-olds can register to vote in Iowa. There are approximately 5,000 registered right now. Not including them in registration or population data skews their numbers.

Additionally, we're required by law to keep inactive voters on the rolls for a period of time. These are people that most likely moved out of state. Including them in voter reg. totals greatly skews the numbers, and when you do that, only Lyon Co. appears to have slightly more than the voting age population. Lyon Co. is also the most Republican county in the entire state, and one of the top in the country (81% for Trump in 2016).

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