

# ***Press Release: National Election Data Archive***

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## **Method for Flagging Vote Miscount Released**

### ***Specific Type of Statistical Analysis Can Indicate Vote Count Errors in Past and Future Elections***

After over a year of research, the National Election Data Archive (NEDA) has developed a new sophisticated statistical method for indicating whether reported vote counts in any particular election race between two candidates have, or have not, been counted correctly. The method is being made publicly available on the Internet "*Vote Miscount or Exit Poll Error? New Mathematical Function for Analyzing Exit Poll Discrepancy*", is publicly available at <http://electionarchive.org/ucvAnalysis/US/Exit-Poll-Analysis.pdf> and will enable independent analysts to objectively evaluate the validity of any past or future election results.

Given the continuing controversy over the large exit poll/vote count discrepancies in the 2004 presidential election, the number of computer "glitches" primarily favoring one candidate over the other, and allegations that electronic vote tampering may have been responsible, a scientific method for analyzing exit poll data appears essential for restoring faith in U.S. democracy.

The method presented is compared with several prior analyses of the 2004 exit poll/vote count discrepancy by pollsters Edison-Mitofsky, NEDA, the Election Sciences Institute, and others. Errors in those earlier reports, which led to problematic conclusions, are noted and contrasted with the more correct analysis method presented in this latest report.

### ***Method to be Used on 2004 Ohio Presidential Election Data***

NEDA will shortly be releasing a report using this analysis method for Ohio's 2004 presidential election. It will provide striking support for corrupted Ohio vote counts of sufficient magnitude to reverse the outcome of the election.

*The National Election Data Archive (NEDA) is a nonprofit organization of statisticians and mathematicians devoted to the accuracy of U.S. vote counts. NEDA is currently seeking support to build a national public election data archive to make detailed precinct-level vote-type election data available for immediate post-election independent analysis of voting patterns.*

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