



Mystery over huge ballot dumps for Biden in swing states appears to have simple explanation

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Questions over why Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden was able to pick up large chunks of votes as results from the swing states of Michigan and Wisconsin came in appear to have a simple explanation.

“Explanation is that DDHQ has funky data entry — juggling streams of numbers and sometimes entering one candidate at a time,” said the Cato Institute’s Ilya Shapiro on Twitter. “Question answered, thanks.”

President Trump carried a lead in the states late into election night and into the early morning hours Wednesday, only to see that lead quickly evaporate as mail-in ballots from the Democratic strongholds of Milwaukee and Detroit were added to the vote totals. By daylight Wednesday, what had been a healthy lead for Trump turned into a slim lead for Biden in the battleground states.

Trump took to Twitter to question the lopsided results coming in late.

“WHAT IS THIS ALL ABOUT,” the president said on Twitter to a large vote dump for Biden in Michigan.

Trump said that the lead he enjoyed most of the night “magically” disappeared.

“Last night I was leading, often solidly, in many key States, in almost all instances Democrat run & controlled. Then, one by one, they started to magically disappear as surprise ballot dumps were counted. VERY STRANGE, and the “pollsters” got it completely & historically wrong,” Trump said.

Trump said the late ballots coming in were “devastating” in their “power of destruction.”

Rust Belt states such as Michigan, Wisconsin, and Pennsylvania count their mail-in votes last, and mail-in ballots were overwhelmingly expected to go for Democrats. Combined with the votes coming in from Detroit and Milwaukee, Biden was able to overcome a large Trump lead in Election Day and rural voting.

As of early afternoon Wednesday, Biden holds a lead of less than 1 point in both Michigan and Wisconsin. As votes continue to be counted in Pennsylvania, Trump currently holds an 8-point lead.