Editorial on the Special Issue on Election Security

Inadequate Election security is a growing threat to democracy. As more technology is used in elections, the digital threats become more apparent. The National Academies recently released a report titled “Securing the Vote: Protecting American Democracy” that describes existing and future threats. This special issue is concerned with addressing those threats.

There are two articles in this abbreviated issue. They include “[On Secure E-Voting over Blockchain](#),” an examination of the pros and cons of using blockchain for secure voting. They include an implementation of a secure e-voting method using the Ethereum blockchain and consider the problems and solutions of using it on a large scale.

The second article is on “[More style, less work: Card-style data decrease risk-limiting audit sample sizes](#).” This is an important article in that it considers the methods used in risk limiting audits. The article considers a new method to reduce the sample size needed for these audits, thus saving money while protecting the legitimacy of the election.

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