

Most Hand Counting Objections Are Myths

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The Myth: Hand Counting Faces Valid Objections

Elected officials often raise “objections” to hand counting, but without evidence, these are myths. An objection requires “grounds” — facts or research — while a myth is a popular belief that’s false or unsupported. In [Wyoming](#), a clerk claimed questioning elections insulted her integrity, yet offered no evidence to counter citizen concerns, highlighting a common disconnect: objections without basis.

Finding: Most Objections Are Myths, Not Grounded

My experience debunks common hand counting myths with evidence:

- **Myth: Costs Too Much** → Finding: Saves Money.
- **Myth: People Are Less Accurate** → Finding: Incremental Auditing Assures Accuracy.
- **Myth: Takes Too Long** → Finding: Same-Day or Election-Day Results.
- **Myth: Not Enough People** → Finding: Plenty of People, Training is Quick.
- **Myth: Only for Small Counties** → Finding: Works in Any Size County.
- **Myth: People Will Cheat** → Finding: More Transparency & Better Security.

When officials object without grounds, citizens lose trust, as unsupported myths erode confidence in election processes.

Debunk Myths with Evidence-Based Tools

The Myth-Debunking Overview Presentation provides handouts, slides, and more to counter myths with facts. Download at ReturntoHandCounting.com/Training to prepare for informed discussions.

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Most objections to hand counting are myths, not facts. Review my findings and support hand counting for transparent elections. For more, including the full presentation, scan the QR code, visit the hand count [website](#), or email ContactUs@ReturntoHandCounting.com.

