Subject: Re: How Bush will steal the 2004 Election...
Posted by SuperFlyingEngi on Mon, 02 Aug 2004 14:54:58 GMT

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SuperFlyingEngiAnd, Diebold [One of the companies that makes these machines] has posted the source code for the machines on an unprotected FTP site.

That is because then everyone can check the source code for errors, bugs or downright fraud. Whilst if the source wasn't released to the public you never know what errors may be in it and the company would be less inclined to fix things because they may think noone has noticed anyway. I just wanted to point out that they put it online on purpose.

No, the source code can be checked by some government authorities working in the voting machine department. If you put the source code for the otherwise secret voting machines on an unprotected FTP server, then people can download the code and hack into voting machines, and play whatever tricks they want, like one candidate getting 1,337 vote, and another getting 8 billion. These electronic voting machines are a terrible idea. There should always be a paper trail for the vote, so we can recount if necessary. But all the Republicans in Congress are blocking bills for a paper trail and saying, "Why do we need a paper trail? Just trust us and these machines that have been proven time and time again to not work."

Like you, I also cannot be bothered to read the previous 3 pages and everyone making mountain-sized posts.