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Republicans Back Down On Plans To Intimidate Voters In Ohio

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Yep, the GOP won its court challenges to go into polling areas and challenge voter by voter when they suspected fraud, creating a climate of intimidation throughout the state of Ohio.

But the eyes of the media were on them and they realized singling out black voter after black voter was gonna look more like Selma, Alabama in the 50s than America today and the GOP backed down and said they were just gonna "observe."

"Mark R. Weaver, the legal counsel for the Ohio Republican Party, said today that party officials had instructed the challengers to lie low at the polls and act more as observers than contestants," reports the New York Times.

"Given the Democrats' clear strategy of trying to turn each challenge into a ruckus," Mr. Weaver said, "we wanted to make to sure to preserve the right to keep our observers in the polling places."

"He added, "If there's litigation later, these will be contemporaneous notes about what happened at these polling places.""



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