

DID YOUR VOTE COUNT IN 2004? WILL IT COUNT IN 2008?

A FILM BY
Charla Barker, Matt Kraus & Mariana Quiroga



CO-PRODUCED BY **Rajko Grlic** Laurene Williams **DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY** Mariana Quiroga
ORIGINAL SCORE BY DJ Cal Boz **RE-RECORDING MIXER** John Butler, CAS
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Film Synopsis

With the 2008 U.S. presidential election fast approaching, interest is growing in all things political, but the *real* story of the next election goes beyond the candidates to the very foundations of democracy. *How Ohio Pulled It Off*, a provocative new documentary, offers sobering evidence of election fraud in the United States, and highlights the potential for future abuses.

On election night 2004, across the United States and the world, citizens were glued to their televisions, waiting to discover who would win the greatest power position on the planet. The presidential decision came down to one state among fifty: Ohio. What really happened in Ohio, on that fateful day in November? *How Ohio Pulled It Off* takes to the streets and polling places, uncovering an alarming pattern of disenfranchisement among Ohio's urban minorities.

How Ohio Pulled It Off chronicles the theft of the presidency, and the public outcry that followed. Infuriated by official malfeasance and partisan indifference, citizens took swift action. Multitudes protested in the streets, the voting rights movement was revitalized, and the powers-that-be were forced to pay attention. The story continues today, casting a shadow of uncertainty on the 2008 election and beyond.

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Directors' Biographies

Charla Barker grew up in western Pennsylvania. She attended the University of New Mexico studying Fine Arts and English Literature. After graduating, she worked on *El Senador*, a feature-length documentary directed by Paige Martinez, about the United States Senator Dennis Chavez (D-NM.). This project was shown at several film festivals and broadcast on public television throughout the southwest. Charla has been a freelance editor on a variety of small commercial and independent film projects in addition to working on her own films. She has worked as a television field news photographer for an NBC affiliate station. She also participated in the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Internship program, as a producer and editor in the promotions department at the NBC Agency in Burbank, CA. Charla recently earned a Master of Fine Arts degree in Film at Ohio University.

Matthew Kraus hails from Canton, Ohio. He studied theater at Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts, graduating in 2001, and acted in independent theatrical productions in the Boston area. Matt's documentary short film *Farming for the Future*, a portrait of organic growers in Southeast Ohio, was selected for official competition in several festival programs and garnered Timberland's 2006 Mion Solutions Environmental Film Award. Matt recently completed a Master of Fine Arts Degree at Ohio University School of Film.

Mariana Quiroga was born in Argentina. When she was three years old, her family was forced into exile due to political turmoil, and moved to Venezuela where she grew up and became a citizen. During her undergraduate studies, Mariana made several short documentary and fiction films, which went on to win awards at VIART, a recognized Venezuelan film festival. After graduating Summa cum Laude from the Central University of Venezuela in 2000, Mariana started working for HBO Latin-America, where she developed skills as a TV producer, writer and director. In 2003, Mariana was awarded a Fulbright grant to study a Masters in Film at Ohio University. *How Ohio Pulled it Off* is Mariana's first feature-length film.

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Credits:

Directed by

Charla Barker
Matthew Kraus
Mariana Quiroga

Writing Credits

Charla Barker (written by)
Matthew Kraus (written by)
Mariana Quiroga (written by)

Produced by

Charla Barker ... producer
Rajko Grlic ... co-producer
Matthew Kraus ... producer
Mariana Quiroga ... producer
Laurene Williams ... co-producer

Cinematography by

Ryan Bajornas
Charla Barker
Valdis Celmins
Damiano Cinque
Ryosuke Kawanaka
Mariana Quiroga (director of photography)
Mariana Quiroga

Film Editing by

Charla Barker
Mariana Quiroga

Re-Recording Mixer

John Butler, C.A.S.

Original Score by

DJ Cal Boz

Sound Department

Charla Barker ... additional sound
Jamal Dunn ... additional sound
Matthew Kraus ... Location Sound
Angie Vargos ... additional sound
Brian Wiebe ... additional sound

Graphic Art Direction

Kyle Mohler
Nicolas Traut

Narrated by

Matthew Kraus

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Cast (in alphabetical order):

Cliff Arnebeck	... Interviewee
Ron Baiman	... Interviewee
J. Kenneth Blackwell	... Himself
John Bonifaz	... Interviewee
George W. Bush	... Himself (archival footage)
Clint Curtis	... Interviewee
Sherole Eaton	... Interviewee
Bob Fitrakis	... Interviewee
Steve Freeman	... Interviewee
Jonah Goldman	... Interviewee
Bev Harris	... Interviewee
Reverend Jesse Jackson	... Himself (archival footage)
John Kerry	... Himself
Dennis Kucinich	... Interviewee
Ruth Martin	... Interviewee
Ray Miller	... Interviewee
Greg Moore	... Interviewee
Greg Palast	... Interviewee
Matthew Segal	... Interviewee
Jimmy Stewart	... Interviewee
Ted Strickland	... Himself
Dan Tokaji	... Interviewee
Susan Truitt	... Interviewee
Stephanie Tubbs Jones	... Herself
Michael Vu	... Himself

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