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11/30/2016--On Sunday, I wrote about the paranoia of Jill Stein and her supporters, including the Clinton campaign, sort of, in requesting a recount of some States because of fears that the voting totals were hacked. As Newt Gingrich, whom I don't usually quote, put it on Fox News, "You're seeing the sort of nutty wing of the Democratic Party begin to take over." How, I wonder, did Gingrich then respond to the tweet of President-elect Trump on Sunday: "In addition to winning the Electoral College in a landslide, I won the popular vote if you deduct the millions of people who voted illegally." I have not seen anyone dispute that Trump did write this. I would have hoped that it goes without saying that there were not millions of illegal votes cast in this election. Donald lost the popular vote fair and square, just like he won the Electoral College fair and square. You could even add that he could have won the popular vote if he had set out to do so but that it was irrelevant in our electoral system. I doubt that, but no one knows for sure. What do we learn from this episode? First, and it cannot be said often enough, Truth is genuinely in danger in America. People on the left and on the right will say and do anything if it feels right to them. The secular left that loves to claim that only religious people dispute science, or the facts, or evidence, or the new one--the date--better reformulate and reeducate. Denial of Truth is everywhere. Second, there is such a thing as a bad democratic conscience. Trump has it. Trump knows that the candidate with the most votes has a moral claim on the Office of President. This knowledge eats at him. That is why he made this silly statement. Eventually, after I am dead, this reality will lead America to direct election of the President. But, before that happens, the Republican Party is going to work very hard at denying the moral claim of democracy. That, along with abolishing or limiting healthcare for millions of people and other terrible policies of the new Administration, will be one more bad thing for this country.