PERFORMANCE	CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATION
Pass Fail	**Discriminatory And Illegal Purging Of Voters** *Before the 2000 election the State of Florida issued the now infam* *thousands of voters across the State (65% of whom were black) as "fe* *The DOJ, under Attorney General Ashcroft has taken no action whatsoever to require Florida to reinstate these illegally purged voters.*
☐ Pass ☑ Fail ☐ ☑	**Discriminatory Impact of Provisional Balloting System** *The Department of Justice, under Attorney General John Ashcroft, approved Florida's use of a provisional ballot process which throws out completed ballots from eligible voters if the ballot happens not to be cast in the correct precinct. The Florida Legislature put forth no valid reason for this draconian rule, which tosses out valid votes by otherwise eligible voters. The Legislature also provided no requirement that Florida elections officials must notify the voter that her vote would not count. In contrast, civil rights groups presented compelling evidence that the rule, approved at the eleventh hour by the Legislature, would disproportionately harm minority voters because studies have repeatedly shown that they change their residence more often than non-minorities and thus, more often require provisional ballots. The Attorney General's decision to approve the deficient provisional ballot process is particularly disturbing because it disregarded the concerns raised by the Department's own voting rights attorneys.*
Pass Fail	**Posting of So-Called "Voter Responsibilities"** *The Department of Justice, under Attorney General John Ashcroft, approved the Florida Legislature's mandatory posting of a series of "Voter Responsibilities" at each polling place in the State. Civil Rights organizations complained that the mandatory posting of the list of "Voter Responsibilities" could deter and intimidate otherwise eligible voters by creating new barriers to the right to vote. The Attorney General also ignored complaints from civil rights organizations who noted that the mandatory posting could have an especially harsh effect on racial and language minority voters who have historically experienced discrimination in voting.*
☐ ☑	BASED ON THIS RECORD, THE MIAMI-DADE ELECTIONS REFORM COALITION EXPRESSES ITS **"VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE"** IN THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CAPACITY OR WILLINGNESS TO FAIRLY MONITOR ELECTIONS IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY OR IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

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