

RISKS TO VOTING BY MAIL

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4 TO 6 MILLION LOST VOTES

1.5 to 2 Million Lost Because of Faulty
Equipment and Confusing Ballots

1.5 to 3 Million Lost Because of Registration Mix Ups

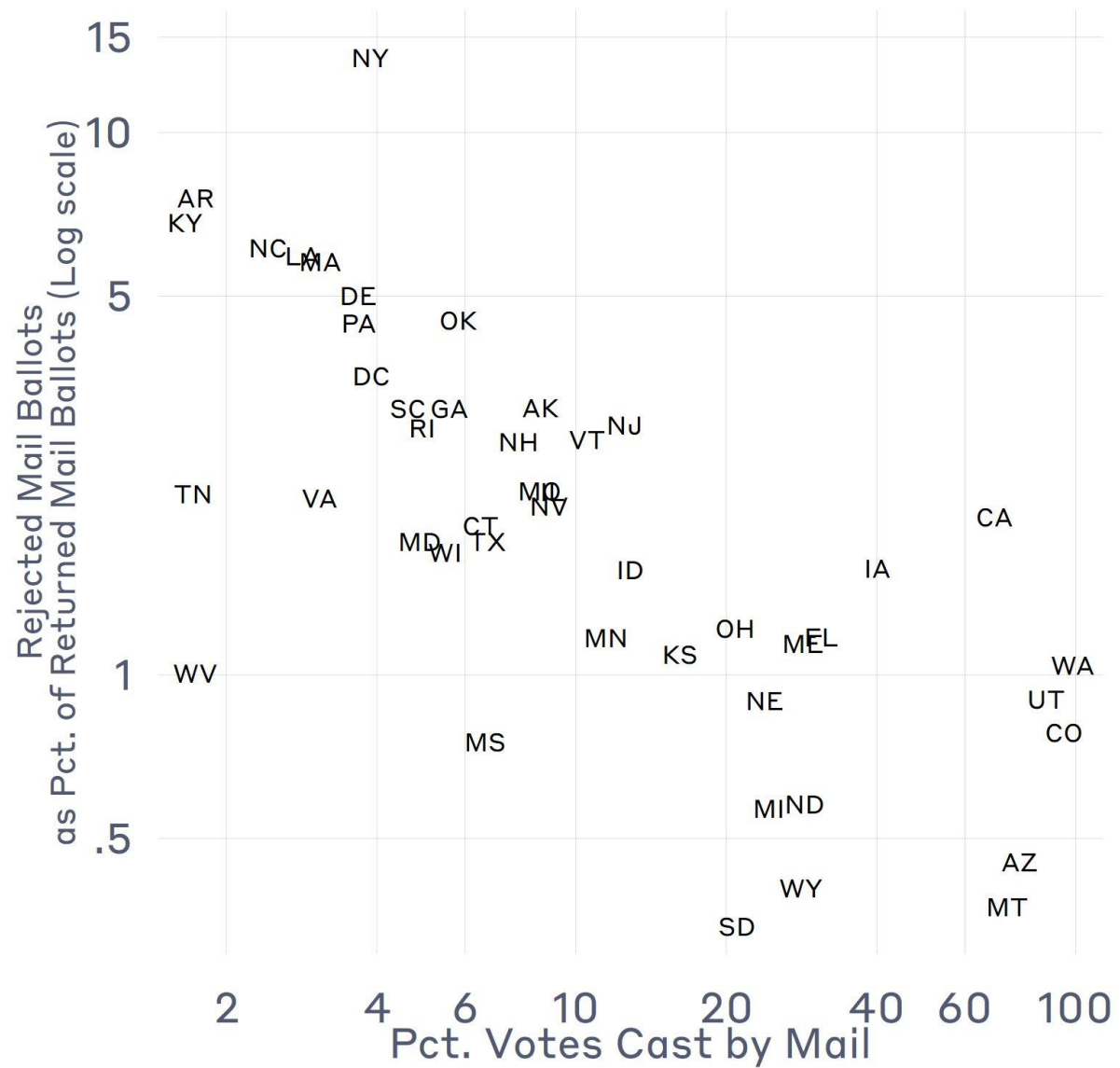
Up to 1 Million Lost Because of Polling Place Operations

Unknown Losses Because of Absentee Ballot Problems

Source: Caltech/MIT Voting Technology Project, *Voting: What Is/What Could Be* (2001)

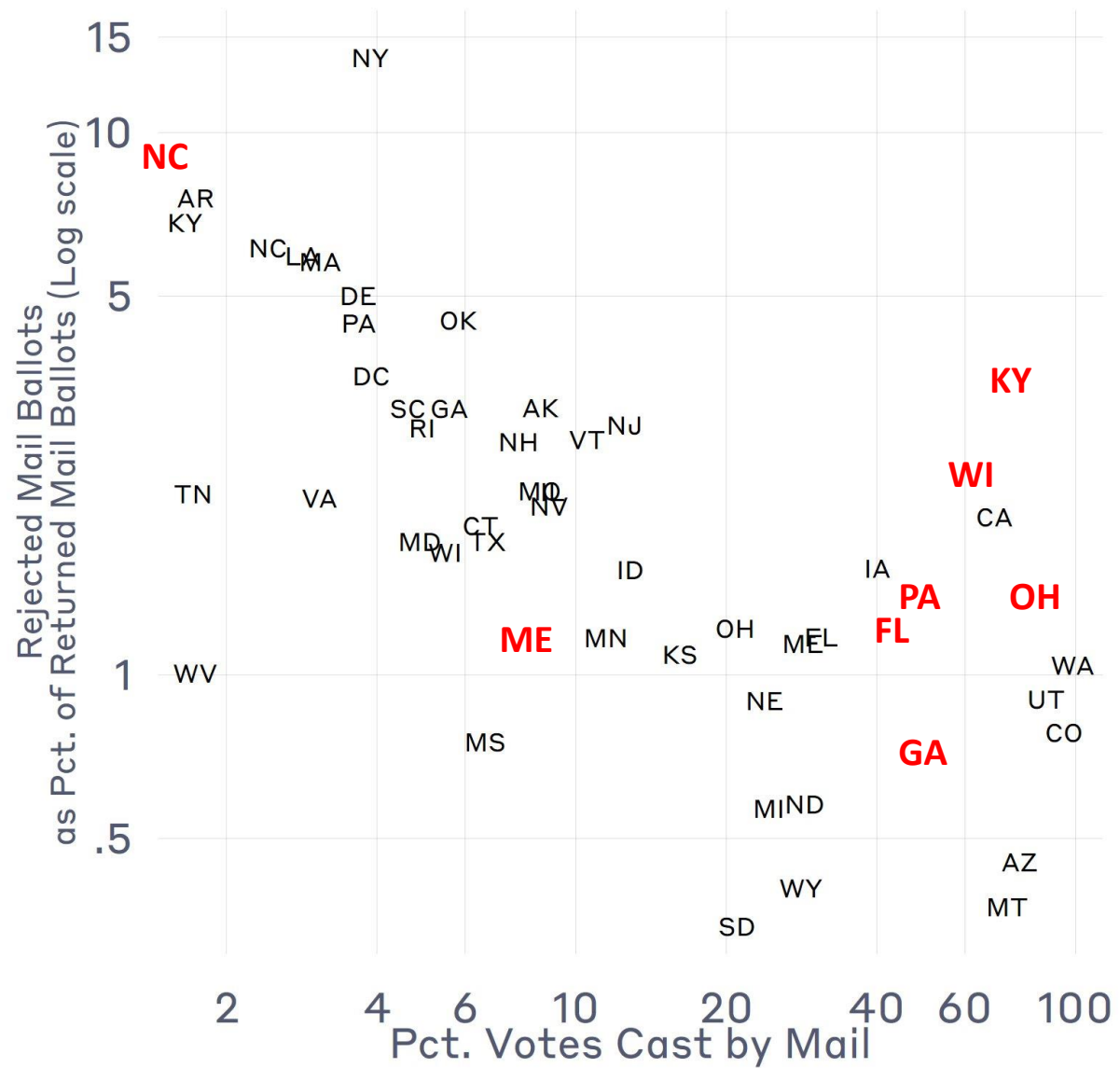
Table 7. Summary of lost-votes estimates

Location of lost votes	Mail ballot regime			
	Excuse required	No-excuse absentee	Permanent list	VBM
Ballot request not received by election office	0.4%	0.4%	0.1%	0.0%
Ballot request unfulfilled by election office	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%
Transmitted ballot not received by voter	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%
Returned ballot not received by election office	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%
Ballot rejected by election office	1.8%	1.3%	0.8%	0.9%
Ballot fails to register a vote	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%
Total	4.9%	4.4%	3.5%	3.5%



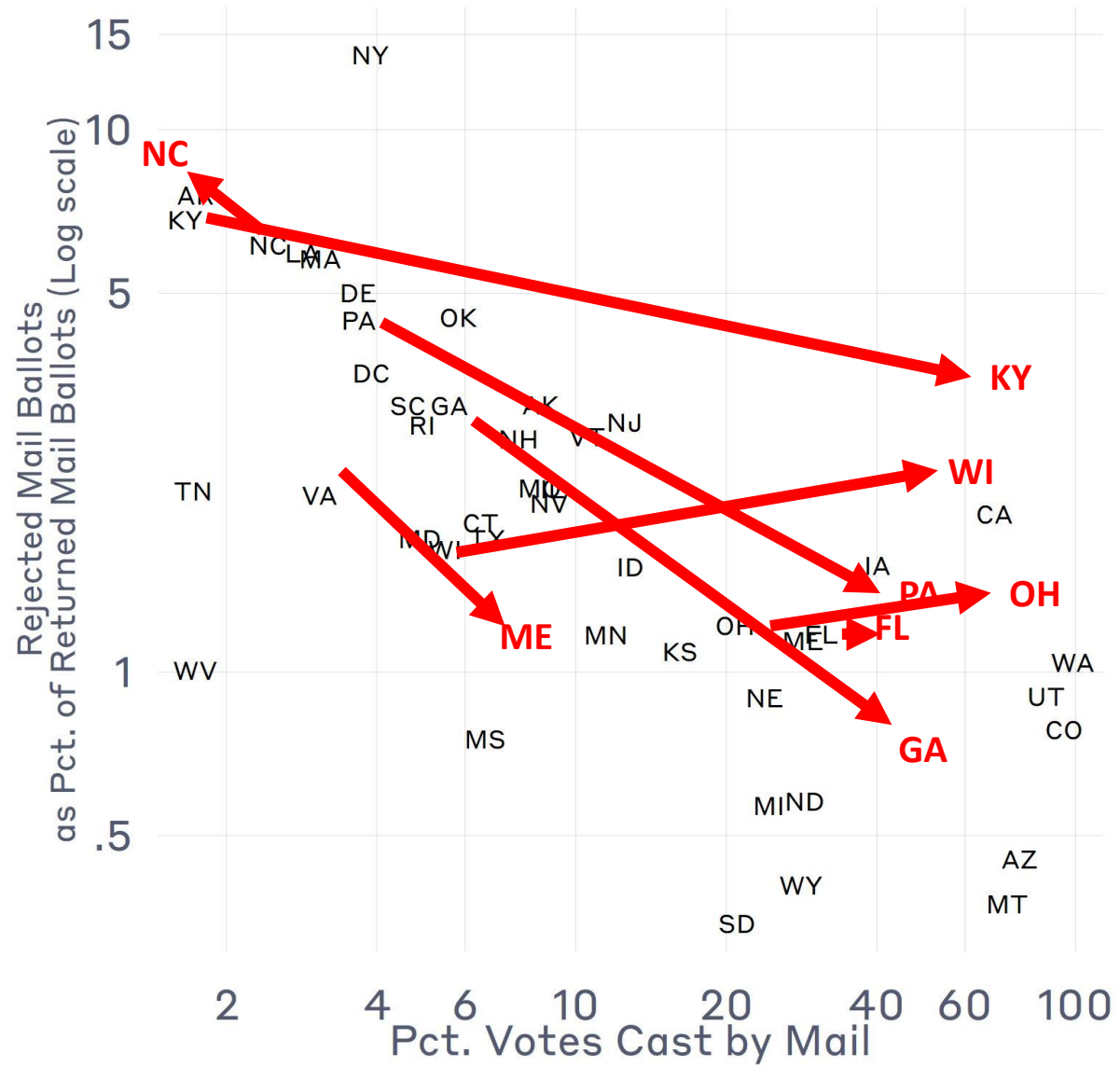
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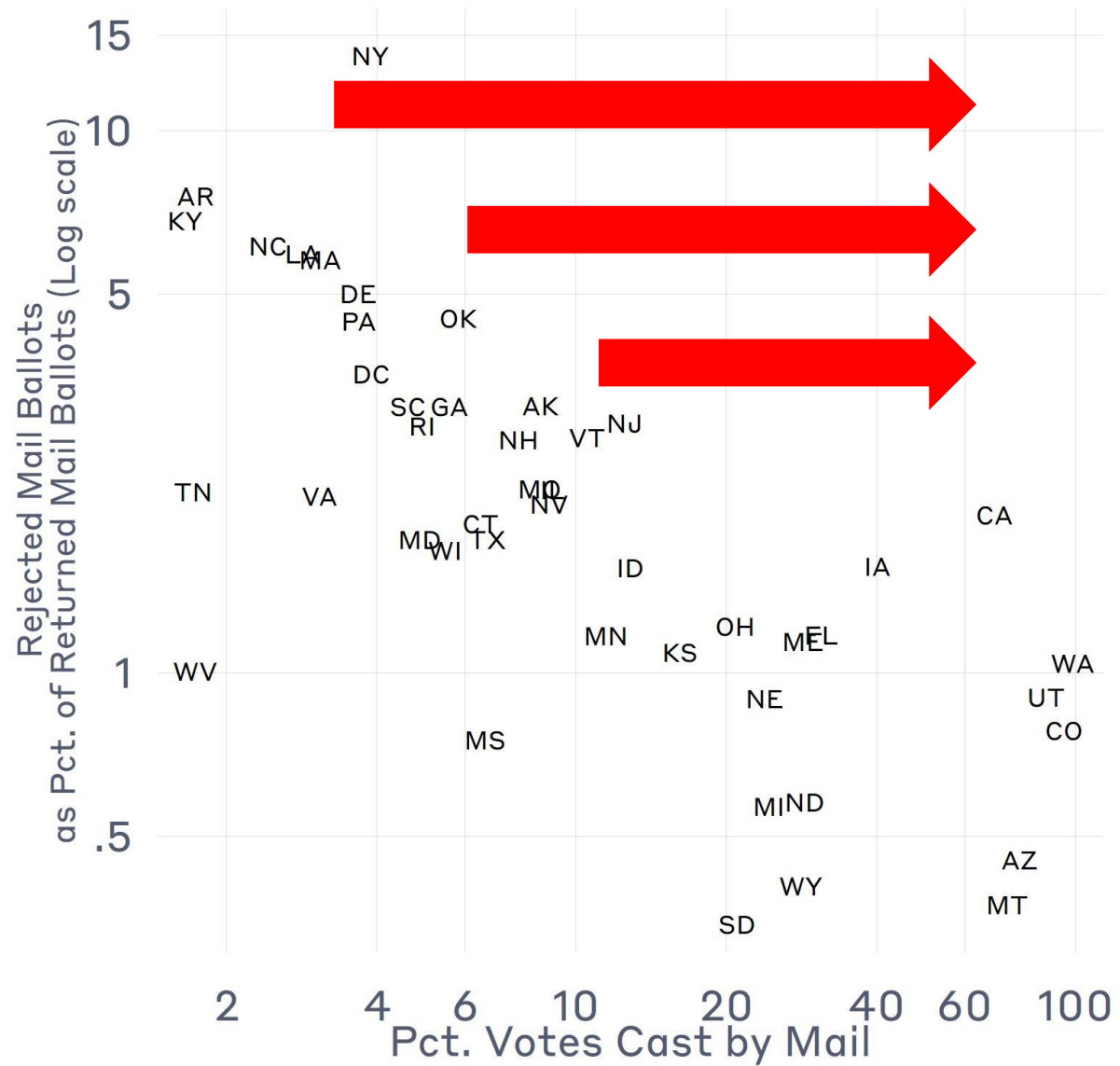
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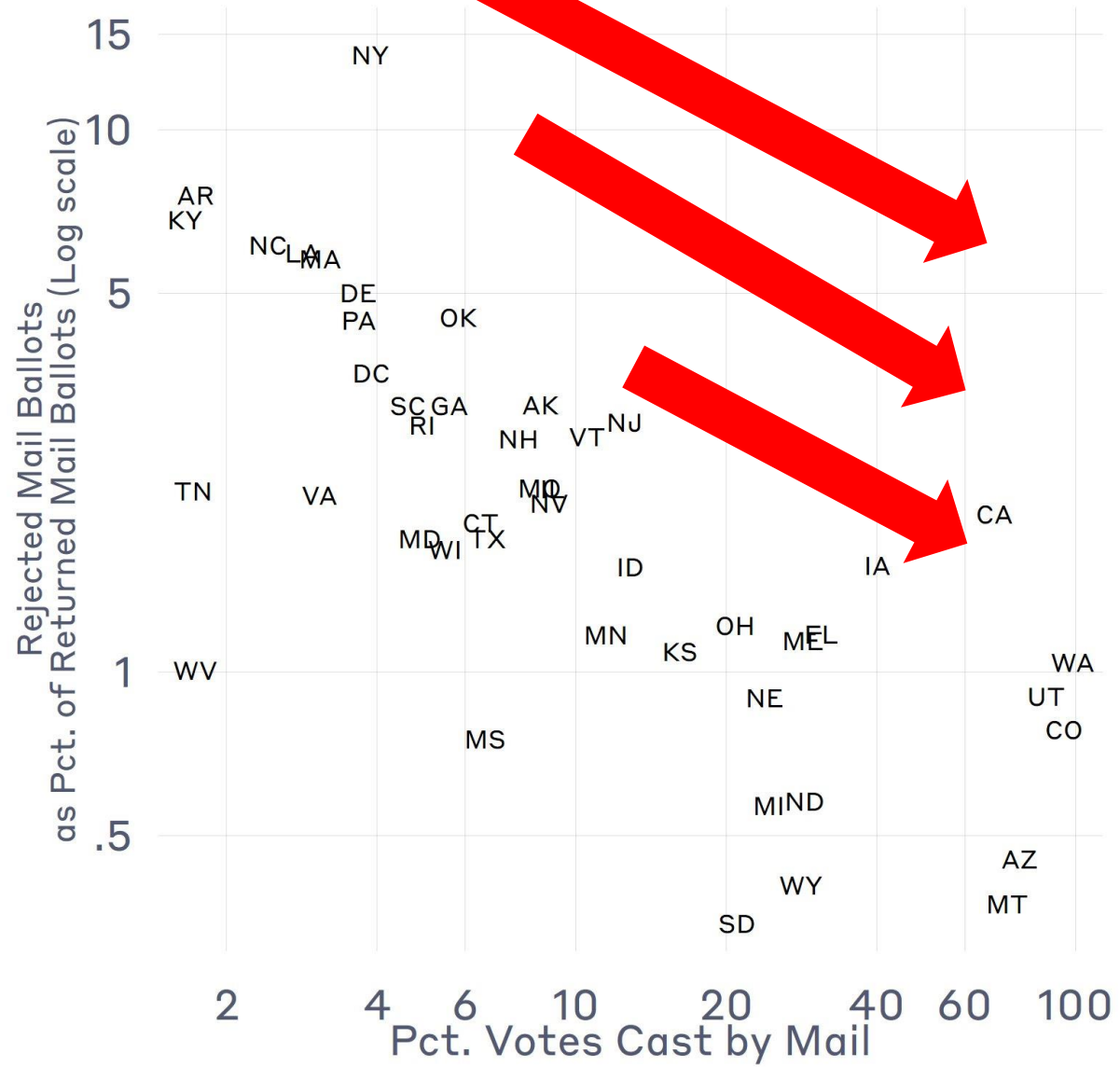
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