Blockchain Voting

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There are many voting solutions already

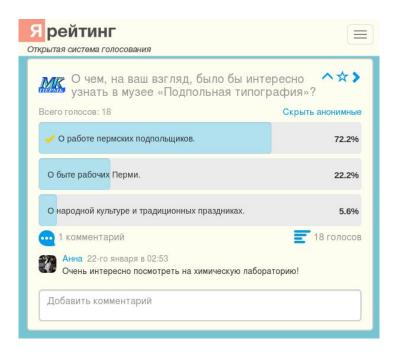
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Centralized solutions are prone to manipulations



Central database is fine for polls



But collective decision making requires trust



Registration

Online authentication to obtain voting power





Ballot

Virtual ballot issued by a central authority gives a right to vote



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Voting

No physical presence is required

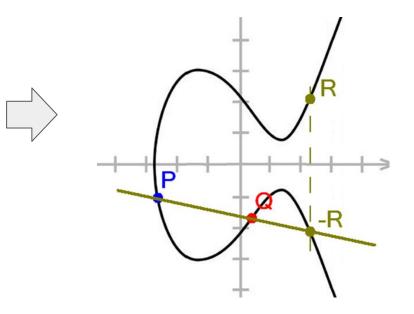




Privacy

Cryptography (math) ensures anonymity





Privacy vs Transparency

There are cryptographic methods which make it possible to achieve anonymity and verifiability at the same time.

- Blind signatures
- Ring signatures
- Zero-knowledge proofs

Ballot box

Global transparency and immutability







Tallying

Independently verifiable results



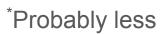


Costs

~ 10.3B RUB (\$330M) spent on Russian Presidential Elections in 2012

- ~ 110M people voted
- ~ 94 RUB (\$3) per vote





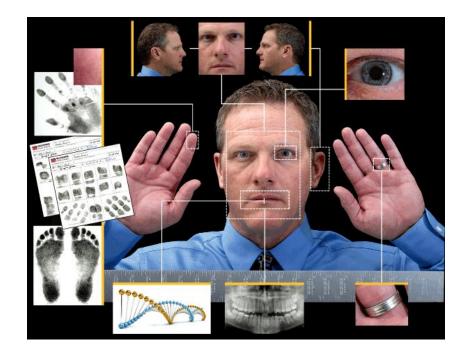


Problems

- Organizational
- Security
- Technical

Voter identification

• Identification centers will link digital identities to real people



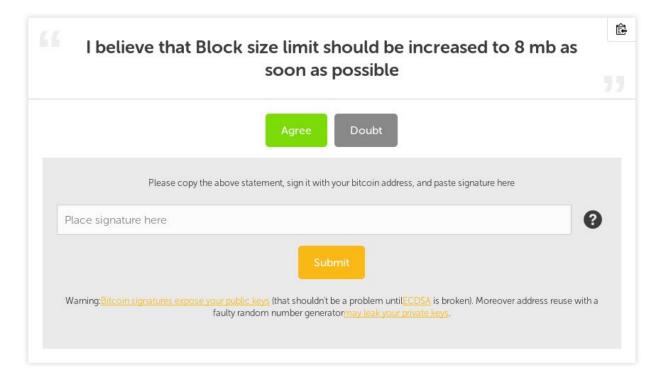
Sometimes anonymous key-pair is enough

PoS (Proof-of-Stake) / shareholder voting

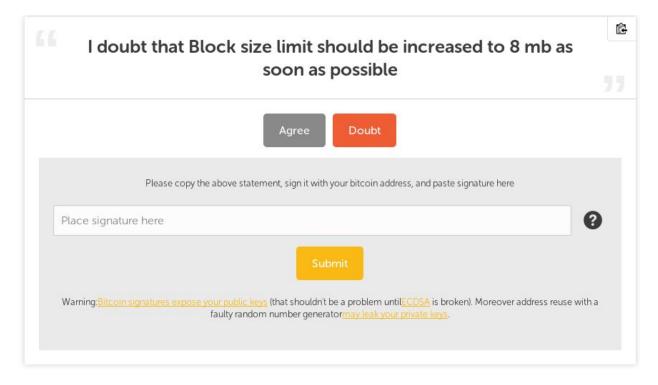
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Scalability

- Naive on-chain voting is too expensive to be practical using general purpose blockchain
- E. g. it would take ~200 days and enormous expenses on transaction fees to conduct Russian presidential elections on Bitcoin blockchain
 - 260 bytes per transaction * 110M voters / 144 mb per day

Related Projects

- Follow My Vote
 - an open-source platform for blockchain voting
 - <u>http://followmyvote.com</u>
- Open Vote Network
 - Ethereum contract which utilizes non-interactive zero-knowledge proofs for voting
 - https://github.com/stonecoldpat/anonymousvoting
- Polys
 - a potentially open-source platform for blockchain voting powered by Kaspersky Lab
 - https://polys.me/
- HyperLedger Indy (by Sovrin Foundation)
 - decentralized identity and tools for permissioned-validation blockchains
 - http://www.windley.com/archives/2017/05/hyperledger_welcomes_project_indy.shtml

Conclusions

- Small scale anonymous yet verifiable blockchain voting is already a reality
- Global elections via public general-purpose blockchain are too expensive due to high costs and scalability issues
- An established platform for global votings on the blockchain is probably a matter of time since there are already tools and approaches which make it possible

Thank you!



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