

This is my argument against vote by mail.

In a Stanford study, voting by mail only increased participation by 2%. In 2016 there were a total of 4% rejected for various reasons, and never counted. The Heritage Foundation reported that in 2020, there were 500,000 ballots rejected for various reason, and never counted (nationally) which leads one to believe that these voters were rejected from participating in the process.

In addition, there are a lot of uninformed voters that vote merely for the ballot's title rather than content. For example, The Inflation Reduction Act-sounds great, but had nothing to do with reducing inflation. When people are voting by mail, they sometimes do not inform themselves but have others tell them how to vote. If these people vote in person, they may actually have the motivation to go out to the polling place and be informed. There is a reason that the voting booth is there, to allow people to vote without coercion or ridicule, maintaining privacy and integrity.

There are multiple ballots sent out to people which are listed on inaccurate voter rolls. These ballots can be filled out by anyone, or allow people to cast more than one ballot. Example would be when someone moves from one state to another, and leaves a forwarding address may receive a ballot from each state. This actually happened in 2024 to someone I know. If they were dishonest, they could have voted two times. Or another case where a deceased spouse received a ballot and the surviving spouse could have voted twice.

The signature on the voter roll database could have changed over time, yet the ballot either isn't counted or they do not check the signature. I am 63 years old, and the last time I submitted a signature is when I registered-when I was 18 years old. I doubt my signature is the same as it once was when I was a young boy.

In some states, as in Oregon, they have the motor-voter registration, where all you need to do is obtain a drivers license and you are registered to vote, without even checking to see if that person is qualified to vote (citizen, age, etc). This leads to a real problem of voting integrity, that may lead to people not legally allowed to vote to cast a ballot.

Mail is not always the best way to get your ballot back to the Secretary of State for processing, as mail get stolen, lost, or can be taken and altered.

If you have a winning lottery ticket of 50 million dollars, would you trust that it be mailed to the lottery office and wait to receive your check in the mail? Or would you take it in person? Our right to cast a vote in a secure and safe ballot process is a right in our country, and should be more important than just "mailing it in".

I believe that Absentee voting is a must, such as a medically infirm person, military, vacationing people, the elderly, people with inability to get to the voting site etc. These should be handled like in the past, when you actually call ahead and get the Absentee ballot sent to you.

I would like to point out, that voter trust is low, in part due to reports of multiple ballots showing up later, or votes that haven't been counted for days or weeks suddenly appearing etc.

Overall, these reasons I have listed, lead to reducing people's trust in the voting process. The rejection of ballots, outdated ballot rolls, multiple ballots sent out via mail, and perhaps mis-delivered or people receiving multiple ballots from different states, unqualified voters registered, all lead me to believe that voting by mail should be stopped and we should go back to in-person to the voting locations and cast our vote. The ballots then should be securely transported to the local courthouse for counting. The results will be same or next day.