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I am vehemently opposed to changing Oregon's election process from mail-in to in-person voting. I started voting in Oregon but when we moved to California we voted in-person. What was apparent was that only people who had the flexibility in their job or were retired could vote, because your polling place was in your neighborhood so if you commuted for work you would not be able to easily vote on your lunch hour or after work. It was also HEAVILY reliant on volunteers who opened and kept the polling places up and running. Our currently climate might make staffing polling locations quite difficult.

Growing up I watched my parents sit at the kitchen table with their ballots and booklets and robustly discuss each candidate and measure before voting. It was a hugely patriotic and impactful act. It is an image I have carried with me my whole life. My husband and I are actually opposite political parties but we too have continued to debate and research our votes as we complete our ballots and believe it is an incredibly responsible/healthy way to vote.

Having been a registered voter in several different states I have always held Oregon's voting system as the GOLD STAR for voting.