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This is an attempt by the Republican MAGA Party to restrict voting. Voter fraud claims in Oregon, particularly related to mail-in voting, have been widely discussed but generally debunked. Oregon has been conducting elections via mail since 2000, and numerous studies and investigations have shown that fraud in this system is extremely rare.

Some points to consider:

1. Investigation Results: Oregon's elections are often examined by independent watchdogs, and investigations into alleged voter fraud consistently show little to no evidence of systemic fraud. The Oregon Secretary of State's office also monitors the system and has not found significant instances of fraud.
2. Mail-in Ballot Safeguards: Oregon's mail-in voting system has multiple safeguards to prevent fraud, such as:
 - Voter registration is verified and regularly updated.
 - Ballots are typically signed by voters, and signatures are compared with registration records.
 - Absentee ballots must be returned in a signed envelope, which helps authenticate them.
3. 2020 Presidential Election: The 2020 election saw a significant uptick in mail-in voting nationwide, but no widespread fraud was found in Oregon or across the country. The U.S. Department of Justice and other authorities found no evidence of widespread fraud that would alter the results.

While isolated incidents of voting errors or fraud can occur in any system, Oregon's vote-by-mail system is generally regarded as secure and efficient. Studies and audits consistently find that fraud is rare and that Oregon's system is an effective model for mail-in voting.