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My in-laws moved to Washington about 2 years ago, they are residents of Washington and they registered to vote in Washington. One of them still gets ballots to vote in Oregon. No one uses this ballot as we all think it would be immoral to cheat in voting but the potential is obviously there.

Likewise when undocumented residents started getting drivers licenses we were assured they would not be registered to vote. When it came to light some were being registered to vote we were assured it was only a handful. Once the number that were registered to vote got over a thousand we simply stopped getting informed about the problem.

People voting who are not eligible to do so disenfranchises voting citizens by diluting their influence. The Democratic Party refuses to clean up the voter roles, something that should be a minimal expectation of fair elections. I think mail in voting is a great convenience but the way it is done in Oregon is so abused that election outcomes have questionable credibility. Voting in person and requiring identification is necessary to restore confidence in our elections.