

MYTH	FACT
Ballot return envelopes are color-coded by party and Coos County is throwing out all of the pink ones!	Coos County's return identification envelopes all have a pink strip on the top, not just one party. Each county has a unique color associated with their return envelopes. This is done to help the Post Office quickly identify ballots for timely delivery.
If I receive a voters' pamphlet, I'm registered to vote.	One voters' pamphlet is mailed to each household. You do not have to be registered to vote to receive a voters' pamphlet.
The election office stopped a candidate from appearing in the voters' pamphlet.	Voters' pamphlets are optional. Not every candidate may choose to be in the voters' pamphlet. There are fees and deadlines that must be met to be included. One year the Republican presidential candidate chose not to appear in Oregon's voter pamphlet in the May Primary and in the November General.
Barcodes at the top of my ballot are used to track me and/or see how I voted.	Barcodes are used for accuracy during the ballot insertion process only. Most counties use a mail house to assemble the bulk of their ballot mailings. This insertion is done primarily with machines, and barcodes are a part of how their process works. They are not associated with any specific party or voter.
My vote is counted in Salem.	Ballots are counted at your local county election office. Each county uploads their local election results to the Oregon Secretary of State's office.
You have to re-register and update your party affiliation before every election.	<p>Electors do not have to re-register or update their party. An elector would only need to update if one of the following have occurred:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have moved; • changed where they receive mail; • changed their name; • changed their signature; or • want to change their political party
Election results are final at 8:00pm election night.	Election results are not final until the election has been certified. Voters who failed to sign their ballot, or whose signatures were challenged have 21 days after the election to resolve this issue so that their ballot can still be counted. Counties certify their elections no later than 27 days after the election.
Election law can be changed at the local level.	Election law requires a legislative change by legislators or by the initiative petition process at the state level. If Coos County were to approve an order, measure or ordinance violating election law it would be litigated in court.
Tabulation machines are connected to the internet.	Tabulation machines are in a secured room that is on a stand-alone system, not connected to the internet or any other network.
The hole in my return envelope is so election officials can find out how I voted.	The hole in the return identification envelopes is used as a quick tool to ensure that each ballot has been removed from its return envelope at the opening table.
My political party was changed without my permission!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political parties are only changed by voter request. This can be done by completing a physical voter registration card, submitting an update through the Oregon Secretary of State's My Vote website, by registering at the DMV or, if you were entered into the automatic voter registration process through the DMV, by returning the explanatory letter sent by the Oregon Secretary of State's Office, choosing a political party. • If you would like to check how you are currently registered, you can go onto the My Vote website, so long as you are at least 18 years old and not a confidential voter. • You can update your political party anytime, except for the 21 days leading up to a primary election and through that election's certification.