

Reporting Period:
12/2/22 - 12/9/22

Weekly Report: **MDM Narratives**

Executive Summary

1. **Two high risk potential MDM narratives:**
 - a. **Oregon's 2022 midterm elections were fraudulent. (Continuing narrative)**
 - b. **Mail-in ballots are used to commit voter and election fraud in Oregon. (Continuing narrative)**
1. **An Oregon-specific Telegram channel that has previously been a top vector for MDM narratives on Telegram propagated a smaller share of MDM narratives on Telegram over the past two reporting periods.**
2. **Users online claimed that Oregon Ballot Measure 114 passed due to voter and election fraud in the 2022 midterm elections.**

National Trends & Developments

1. **Users online discussed supposed voter and election fraud that occurred during the 2022 midterms:**
 - a. **Users online discussed Arizona gubernatorial candidate Kari Lake's ongoing election fraud claims and lawsuit.**
 - b. **Users online discussed potential voter and election fraud in the 2022 Georgia Senate runoff election.**
2. **Users online discussed the "Twitter files" recently posted on Twitter by journalists. This discourse could lead to increased anti-government and anti-Big Tech sentiment and therefore increased dissemination of related MDM narratives.**
 - a. **Users claimed that the "Twitter files" exposed how the DNC, FBI, and Big Tech (e.g., Twitter, Facebook, and Google) interfered in the 2020 election by suppressing the Hunter Biden laptop story.**
 - b. **Users also claimed that POTUS 45 would have won the 2020 election if the information was not suppressed.**

MDM Narratives (New or w/ Significant Changes)

Narrative	Description	Risk Level	Recommended Countermeasure	Recommended Countermeasure Details
<p>1. Oregon's 2022 midterm elections were fraudulent. (Continuing narrative)</p>	<p>Users on Twitter, Facebook, Telegram, Gettr, Gab, and an article in a Pacific Northwest-specific alternative news outlet claimed that Oregon's 2022 midterms were fraudulent. Users cited previously identified MDM narratives, such as mail-in ballots and ballot harvesting are used to commit voter and election fraud in Oregon, as explanations. The alternative news outlet article claimed that Oregon governor-elect Tina Kotek "hired 400 ballot harvesters that targeted the Gen-Z generation."</p> <p>This narrative could decrease Oregon voters' confidence in the legitimacy of mail-in ballots as an election procedure and the outcomes of elections.</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>Public Messaging</p>	<p>Provide messaging about Oregon historically holding free and fair elections.</p>

MDM Narratives (New or w/ Significant Changes)

Narrative	Description	Risk Level	Recommended Countermeasure	Recommended Countermeasure Details
<p>2. Mail-in ballots are used to commit voter and election fraud in Oregon. (Continuing narrative)</p>	<p>Users on Twitter, Facebook, Telegram, Gettr, Gab, and an article in a Pacific Northwest-specific alternative news outlet claimed that mail-in ballots are used to commit voter and election fraud in Oregon. Users online claimed that Oregon has not had a free and fair election since mail-in ballot voting was enacted. One Twitter user claimed that a return to in-person voting would prevent voter and election fraud in Oregon. This narrative increased to high risk this reporting period (previously medium risk) due to increased dissemination.</p> <p>This narrative could decrease Oregon voters' confidence in the legitimacy of mail-in ballots as an election procedure and the outcomes of elections.</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>Public Messaging</p>	<p>Provide messaging about measures that help prevent voter and election fraud via mail-in ballots.</p>

MDM Narratives (New or w/ Significant Changes)

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<p>3. Oregon election officials need to update voter rolls to prevent voter and election fraud. (Continuing narrative)</p>	<p>Users on Twitter, Facebook, Telegram, Gettr, Gab, and an article in a Pacific Northwest-specific alternative news outlet claimed that Oregon's outdated voter registration rolls enable voter and election fraud. The article in the alternative news outlet claimed that the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC) specifically does not adequately maintain voter rolls. The article also claimed that the number of registered voters in Oregon reached a record high while the state's population declined, indicating that voter fraud occurred.</p> <p>This narrative could decrease Oregon voters' confidence in Oregon's electoral procedures and the outcomes of elections.</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>Public Messaging</p>	<p>Provide messaging about how voter rolls are maintained in Oregon.</p>

MDM Narratives (New or w/ Significant Changes)

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<p>4. Out-of-state individuals and organizations are controlling Oregon's elections via campaign donations. (Continuing narrative)</p>	<p>Users on Twitter and an article in a Pacific Northwest-specific alternative news outlet implied that out-of-state individuals, labor unions, and/or companies (e.g., George Soros, Service Employees International Union (SEIU), and Futures Exchange (FTX)) are controlling Oregon's elections via campaign contributions. One user cited Oregon governor-elect Tina Kotek recently hiring Andrea Copper, former Political Director for SEIU, as her Chief of Staff as evidence. This narrative increased to medium risk this reporting period (previously low risk) due to increased dissemination.</p> <p>This narrative could decrease Oregon voters' confidence in the outcomes of elections.</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Monitor</p>	<p>Do not address - continue to monitor.</p>

MDM Narratives (New or w/ Significant Changes)

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<p>5. Voter and election fraud has been happening in Oregon for decades. (Continuing narrative)</p>	<p>Users on Twitter and Gettr claimed that there has been voter and election fraud in Oregon since mail-in ballot voting was enacted. Users claimed that the prevalence of Democrats and lack of Republican winners is evidence of voter and election fraud. This narrative increased to medium risk this reporting period (previously low risk) due to increased dissemination.</p> <p>This narrative could decrease Oregon voters' confidence in the legitimacy of mail-in ballots as an election procedure and the outcomes of elections.</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Public Messaging</p>	<p>Provide messaging about Oregon historically holding free and fair elections.</p>

Appendix A: Screenshots

Narrative 1: Oregon's 2022 midterm elections were fraudulent. (Continuing narrative)

Dec 9
Oregon is run by communists

lawsuits are held separately, however, county clerks knew nothing about needing to separate ballots. In one county, litigation is being used as an excuse for not releasing counts that also gives opportunity to add ballots. Further, it is an option of the county clerk if a secrecy envelope is included.

Oregon is one of 31 states that allows some kind of ballot harvesting. Most states have restrictions for family members, but there are several like Oregon that have no restriction except they must be turned in within two days, and an election official may not collect ballots. In this 2022 election, Tina Kotek hired 400 ballot harvesters that targeted the Gen-Z generation. Some would say that Oregon is grooming generation of 30 and under that are activists, but not thinkers.

There is no limit to how imaginative politics can be. For some, Oregon seems to draw on the worst ideas and has been very good at selling them to voters. We can look to other states for their inspiration. Oregon has tried to expand voters to include 16-year-olds and prisoners. Now, a new idea, the Public Interest Legal

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Dec 4

Biden is corrupt and he was elected.

Biden endorsed @Tina4Oregon and she was elected.

Oregon is SCEWED.

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Replying to [redacted]

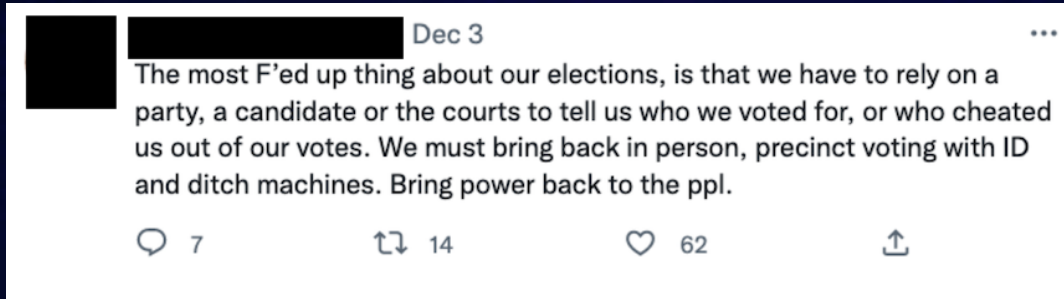
I agree with your tweet except for the part where you said Tina was elected. I'll never believe that she was.

5:14 PM · Dec 5, 2022

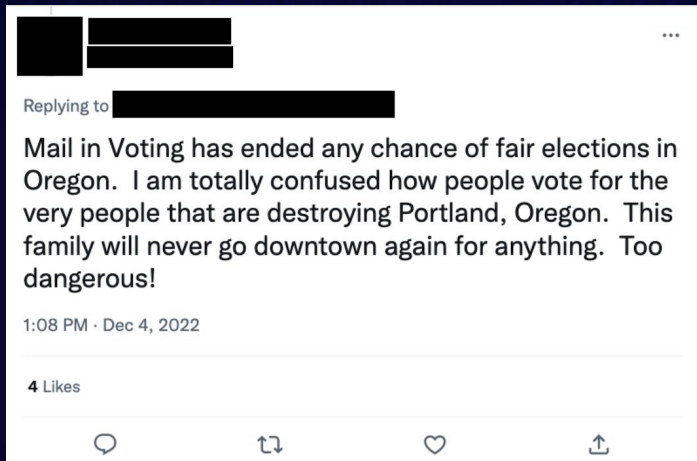
3 Retweets 18 Likes

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Narrative 2 : Mail-in ballots are used to commit voter and election fraud in Oregon. (Continuing narrative)



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Narrative 3: Oregon election officials need to update voter rolls to prevent voter and election fraud. (Continuing narrative)

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"Secretary Fagan recently announced voter registrations reaching an all-time high of 3 million. The decline in population doesn't coordinate with the increase of voter registrations as those moving out-of-state remain as registered voters unless they take individual action to have their name removed. Until the voter rolls are cleaned, there isn't a chance for honest elections." #orpol #Oregon #VoteByMail #CheatByMail



ERIC is Cause for Election Concerns
Population declines while voter rolls increase
northwestobserver.com

Posted on 12:11 PM · Dec 5th, 2022

2 Likes 1 Repost

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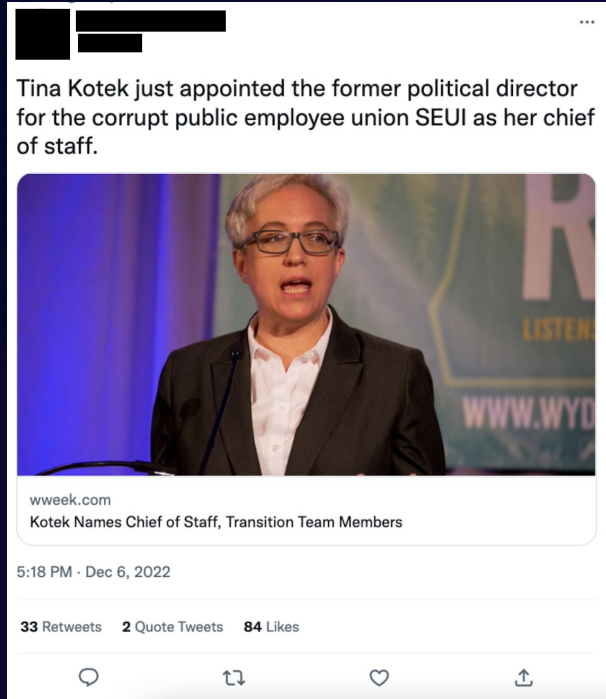
You have 13 counties suing you because we had more votes than registered voters. Why do I get ballots at my house from previous residents??? Mail in voting isn't accurate and it's not working. Nobody in Oregon trusts it.

Like Reply 1w

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Narrative 4: Out-of-state individuals and organizations are controlling Oregon's elections via campaign donations. (Continuing narrative)



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Appendix B: Existing MDM Narratives

Existing MDM Narratives

Narrative	Risk	Reporting Period(s) Observed	Continuing (Yes/No)
Twitter is manipulating the 2022 elections by suppressing support for an Oregon candidate for governor.	High	9/9-9/16	No
Future elections can't be trusted due to the fraudulent 2020 elections.	Medium	7/15-8/12; 8/12-8/19; 8/19-8/26; 8/26-9/2; 9/2-9/9; 9/9-9/16; 9/16-9/23; 9/23-9/30; 9/30-10/7; 10/7-10/14; 10/14-10/21; 10/21-10/28; 10/28-11/4; 11/4-11/11; 11/11-11/18; 11/18-11/25; 11/25-12/2; 12/2-12/9	Yes
Oregon Ballot Measure 114 passed via voter and election fraud.	Medium	11/25-12/2; 12/2-12/9	Yes

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Narrative	Risk	Reporting Period(s) Observed	Continuing (Yes/No)
The US Department of Justice (DOJ) is allowing voter and election fraud.	Medium	9/9-9/16	No
Peoples' votes for POTUS 45 in the 2020 election were not counted.	Medium	8/12-8/19	No
Oregon election officials are not transparent about the election process.	Low	8/12-8/19; 8/19-8/26; 8/26-9/2; 9/2-9/9; 9/9-9/16; 9/16-9/23; 9/23-9/30; 9/30-10/7; 10/7-10/14; 10/14-10/21; 10/28-11/4; 11/4-11/11; 11/11-11/18; 11/25-12/2; 12-2-12/9	Yes

Existing MDM Narratives

Narrative	Risk	Reporting Period(s) Observed	Continuing (Yes/No)
The Oregon gubernatorial race was called before all votes were counted.	Low	11/4-11/11; 11/11-11/18; 11/18-11/25	No
Oregonians' votes were not counted during the 2022 midterm elections.	Low	11/4-11/11; 11/11-11/18; 11/18-11/25; 11/25-12/2; 12/2-12/9	Yes
Delays in counting ballots indicate election fraud.	Low	11/4-11/11; 11/11-11/18; 11/18-11/25; 11/25-12/2; 12/2-12/9	Yes

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Narrative	Risk	Reporting Period(s) Observed	Continuing (Yes/No)
People should not trust voting machines because they enable election fraud.	Low	8/12-8/19; 8/19-8/26; 8/26-9/2; 9/2-9/9; 9/9-9/16; 9/16-9/23; 9/23-9/30; 9/30-10/7; 10/7-10/14; 10/14-10/21; 10/21-10/28; 10/28-11/4; 11/4-11/11; 11/11-11/18; 11/18-11/25; 11/25-12/2; 12/2-12/9	Yes
The US Postmaster General should be replaced for mail-in ballots to be secure.	Low	8/26-9/2; 9/16-9/23; 9/23-9/30; 9/30-10/7; 10/7-10/14; 10/14-10/21; 10/21-10/28; 10/28-11/4; 11/4-11/11; 11/25-12/2	No
Voting in Oregon is not anonymous.	Low	11/4-11/11; 11/11-11/18	No

Existing MDM Narratives

Narrative	Risk	Reporting Period(s) Observed	Continuing (Yes/No)
Oregon's mail-in ballots are not anonymous because they contain QR codes/unique identifiers.	Low	9/16-9/23; 10/28-11/4; 11/4-11	No
Illegal immigrants are voting.	Low	7/15-8/12; 8/12-8/19; 8/19-8/26; 8/26-9/2; 9/2-9/9; 9/9-9/16; 9/16-9/23; 9/23-9/30; 9/30-10/7; 10/7-10/14; 10/14-10/21; 10/28-11/4; 11/4-11/11; 11/11-11/18	No
Oregon should eliminate mail-in ballots and hold in-person voting that requires voter ID.	Low	8/12-8/19; 8/19-8/26; 8/26-9/2; 9/2-9/9; 9/9-9/16; 9/16-9/23; 9/23-9/30; 9/30-10/7; 10/7-10/14; 10/14-10/21; 10/28-11/4; 11/4-11/11; 11/11-11/18; 11/18-11/25; 11/25-12/2; 12/2-12/9	Yes

Existing MDM Narratives

Narrative	Risk	Reporting Period(s) Observed	Continuing (Yes/No)
People should not trust mail-in ballots because signature verification is ineffective.	Low	8/12-8/19; 8/19-8/26; 8/26-9/2; 9/2-9/9; 9/9-9/16; 9/16-9/23; 9/23-9/30; 9/30-10/7; 10/7-10/14; 10/14-10/21; 10/21-10/28; 10/28-11/4; 11/4-11/11; 11/11-11/18; 12/2-12/9	Yes
People are using mail-in ballots received by deceased people in Oregon to commit voter fraud.	Low	8/12-8/19; 8/19-8/26; 8/26-9/2; 9/2-9/9; 9/9-9/16; 9/16-9/23; 9/23-9/30; 9/30-10/7; 10/7-10/14; 10/14-10/21; 10/21-10/28; 10/28-11/4; 11/4-11/11	No
Ineligible voters can vote due to the Oregon Motor Voter Act of 2016.	Low	9/30-10/7; 10/28-11/4; 11/4-11/11; 12/2-12/9	Yes

Existing MDM Narratives

Narrative	Risk	Reporting Period(s) Observed	Continuing (Yes/No)
Oregon should conduct a full election audit due to prevent widespread election fraud.	Low	7/15-8/12; 8/12-8/19; 8/19-8/26; 8/26-9/2; 9/2-9/9; 9/9-9/16; 9/23-9/30; 9/30-10/7; 10/7-10/14; 10/14-10/21	No
The Oregon Secretary of State's website does not show the official election results.	Low	11/25-12/2	No
Election officials will use the clear window on mail-in ballot envelopes to commit election fraud.	Low	10/21-10/28; 10/28-11/4; 11/4-11/11	No

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HB 3291 will open the midterm election to more voter and election fraud.	Low	8/26-9/2; 9/16-9/23	No
Allowing formerly incarcerated individuals to vote enables voter and election fraud.	Low	9/2-9/9; 9/9-9/16; 9/30-10/7; 10/7-10/14; 10/28-11/4	No
Oregon election officials committed election fraud by altering voters' registration.	Low	8/12-8/19; 9/30-10/7; 10/7-10/14; 10/14-10/21; 10/21-10/28; 10/28-11/4; 11/4-11/11	No

Existing MDM Narratives

Narrative	Risk	Reporting Period(s) Observed	Continuing (Yes/No)
Twitter will influence the outcome of the 2022 midterm elections by enforcing its Civic Integrity Policy.	Low	7/15-8/12	No
Allowing same day registration will increase the likelihood of voter fraud and election fraud through mail-in voting.	Low	8/19-8/26	No
Oregonians' votes were not counted during previous elections.	Low	10/14-10/21; 12/2-12/9	Yes

Existing MDM Narratives

Narrative	Risk	Reporting Period(s) Observed	Continuing (Yes/No)
People should monitor drop boxes to prevent voter fraud.	Low	9/16-9/23; 9/23-9/30; 9/30-10/7; 10/7-10/14; 10/14-10/21; 10/21-10/28; 10/28-11/4; 11/4-11/11	No
Election officials are setting unreasonably high prices to block access to election records.	Low	9/2-9/9	No
Election officials are excluding volunteer poll workers on a partisan basis.	Low	9/23-9/30	No

Existing MDM Narratives

Narrative	Risk	Reporting Period(s) Observed	Continuing (Yes/No)
People can vote multiple times via mail-in ballots.	Low	8/12-8/19; 8/19-8/26; 8/26-9/2; 9/2-9/9; 9/9-9/16; 9/16-9/23; 9/23-9/30; 9/30-10/7; 10/7-10/14; 10/14-10/21; 10/28-11/4; 11/4-11/11; 11/11-11/18; 11/18-11/25	No
Voters should be able to track their ballots.	Low	9/30-10/7; 10/7-10/14; 10/14-10/21; 10/21-10/28; 10/28-11/4; 11/4-11/11; 11/11-11/18; 11/18-11/25	No
People can't trust mail-in ballot drop boxes because they are not secure.	Low	9/30-10/7; 10/7-10/14; 10/14-10/21; 10/28-11/4; 11/4-11/11; 11/11-11/18	No

Existing MDM Narratives

Narrative	Risk	Reporting Period(s) Observed	Continuing (Yes/No)
People's mail-in ballots are being filled out by others.	Low	10/14-10/21; 10/28-11/4; 11/4-11/11	No
Mail-in ballots can't be trusted because they are "error prone."	Low	10/14-10/21	No
Accepting ballots that arrive after election day enables voter and election fraud.	Low	10/28-11/4; 11/4-11/11; 11/11-11/18	No

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Narrative	Risk	Reporting Period(s) Observed	Continuing (Yes/No)
Voter and election fraud occur through ballot harvesting.	Low	8/12-8/19; 8/19-8/26; 8/26-9/2; 9/2-9/9; 9/9-9/16; 9/16-9/23; 9/23-9/30; 9/30-10/7; 10/7-10/14; 10/14-10/21; 10/21-10/28; 10/28-11/4; 11/4-11/11; 11/11-11/18; 11/25-12/2; 12/2-12/9	Yes
Oregon should conduct an election audit of the 2022 midterm elections due to widespread voter and election fraud.	Low	11/4-11/11; 11/11-11/18; 11/18-11/25; 11/25-12/2; 12/2-12/9	Yes
Mail-in ballots are used to commit election fraud as non-Oregon residents are voting.	Low	8/12-8/19; 8/19-8/26; 8/26-9/2; 9/2-9/9; 9/9-9/16; 9/16-9/23; 9/23-9/30; 9/30-10/7; 10/7-10/14; 10/14-10/21; 10/21-10/28; 10/28-11/4; 11/4-11/11	No

Existing MDM Narratives

Narrative	Risk	Reporting Period(s) Observed	Continuing (Yes/No)
Election officials will commit election fraud to prevent Republican candidates from winning.	Low	9/16-9/23; 9/23-9/30; 9/30-10/7; 10/7-10/14; 10/14-10/21; 10/21-10/28; 10/28-11/4; 11/4-11/11; 11/11-11/18; 11/25-12/2; 12/2-12/9	Yes
The number of votes for Oregon gubernatorial candidate Christine Drazan decreased during the ballot counting process.	Low	11/4-11/11; 11/11-11/18	No

Appendix C: Definitions

Definitions

- **Misinformation** - false, but not created or shared with the intention of causing harm
- **Disinformation** - deliberately created to mislead, harm, or manipulate a person, social group, organization, or country
- **Malinformation** - based on fact, but used out of context to mislead, harm, or manipulate
- **Topic** - the broader subject defining the information environment (ex. Midterm Elections)
- **Theme** - subtopics or categories of discourse (ex. Mail-in ballots)
- **Narrative** - at least more than one piece of content that shares a similar rhetorical objective (ex. County clerks are using mail-in ballots to steal elections)
- **Voter Fraud** - unlawful voting by individuals (ex. voting more than once)
- **Election Fraud** - unlawful actions that undermine election integrity (ex. tampering with official election materials)