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Oregon Secretary of State Set to Seek & Destroy Opposing Speech.

Ben Edtl exposes the Oregon Secretary of State's plan to surveil, compile and "mitigate" the speech of Oregonians expressing low confidence ahead of the 2024 General Election.

Tualatin, Ore.— The Oregon Secretary of State recently completed an RFP seeking the development of software to “identify and mitigate *harmful* information online as it relates to elections (mis-, dis-, and mal-information or MDM).” Negotiations for the RFP closed October 20th, 2023 and is scheduled to execute October 27th, 2023.

The RFP refers to a “significant increase in *burdensome public records requests* over the past two years seemingly fueled by MDM on social media”... And refers to MDM as “threats” throughout the RFP.

“The only way I can comprehend the SoS’s reference to threats is because the speech targeted by the SoS to ‘mitigate’ is *confirmable truth*.” States Ben Edtl. Ben Edtl is a plaintiff in the lawsuit Thielman v Fagan which claims there is a “crisis in confidence” in Oregon’s election system and challenging the legality of Vote by Mail. The case is now in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and was victoriously awarded expedition based on the timing of the upcoming General Election and the merit of evidence.

“This is extraordinarily scary,” states Edtl, “Rather than address the blatant election security issues and the ever-increasing removal of transparency, the State is cracking down on the most basic of Civil Rights: Free Speech.”

Under Section 1.5.2 the RFP lists one of its primary objectives as sharing information with the FBI and State Police. The RFP also asks for reports to social media platforms that censors accounts sharing information opposed by the Secretary of State.

This past July Democrat House Speaker Dan Rayfield, who is now running for Oregon Attorney General, along with the Secretary of State’s Office conspired with Meta and USA Today to censor one of Edtl’s Instagram reels and suppress his account. In the video, [which now resides on X](#), Edtl discusses the evidence brought against the Secretary of State in Thielman v Fagan. Evidence obtained by those “burdensome public records requests” which is now the last remaining channel for citizens to provide oversight on the integrity of State managed elections.

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