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## Coffman: Voter-purge article 'way off'

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Colorado Secretary of State Mike Coffman speaks to reporters at a press conference Thursday afternoon. (The Denver Post / Brian Brainerd)

Secretary of State Mike Coffman said today that a published report was "way off" in asserting that Colorado had purged almost 37,000 people from voter registration rolls.

At a press conference today to respond to a New York Times article which said that Colorado is one of six battleground states that may be illegally

purging thousands of voters from registration rolls, Coffman said the story was inaccurate.

"I have no idea where they got the numbers from," Coffman, a Republican, said.

The Times story said that some 37,000 people had been removed from voter registration rolls in the three weeks after July 21, exceeding the number of people who died or moved out of the state during the same period.

The story also said Colorado

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had seen a net loss of nearly 100,000 registered voters since 2004.

Coffman's office presented data that only 14,049 voters had been removed from the rolls from July 21 through today. Of those, 6,572 had moved out of the county or state, 4,434 were listed as duplicate registrations, 1,145 were deceased and the remainder were a mix of convicted felons, people with incomplete applications, non-U.S. citizens and withdrawn registration applications.

Coffman did say, however, that in reviewing the duplicate voter registration records, it had come across 2,454 that had been canceled within 90 days of the election.

The secretary of state said his office was seeking a legal opinion to see if those cancellations comply with federal law that prohibits canceling

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registrations 90 days before an election unless someone is dead or a felon.

Coffman said the article made him worry that voters would not have confidence in the election.

"I think election day is going to go very smoothly," he said.

The Denver Post asked The New York Times for comment on Coffman's remarks, and a spokeswoman was reviewing the Post's questions.

Pat Waak, chairwoman of the Colorado Democratic Party, said her voter data didn't match up



Colorado Secretary of State Mike Coffman talks to reporters at a press conference Thursday. He said he wants to ensure voter confidence in the election and voter registration system. (The Denver Post / Brian Brainerd)

Many of the remaining 4,000 probably moved within the state and were taken off one county's voter rolls and ended up on another county's rolls, Waak said.

"I don't know where the New York Times is getting their information," she said.

Democratic party officials said phones were ringing off the hook at the party's headquarters.

"I'm very concerned by a level of hysteria that seems to be rising as a result of the New York Times article," Waak said. "That article was not helpful to the state of Colorado."

with the Times', either. She said the party's data shows that from July through September, there were some 12,000 people whose registrations were cancelled, including about 8,000 who died or moved out of state.

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