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| **Dear Students**,  During a reunion visit, I gave one booklet to each of the residences, hoping its ideas would grow in their conversations. Two years later, students petitioned for a referendum and the following year 62% voted for Ranked Choice Voting to elect the Student Senate. That may have been a coincidence, of course,  but I think the booklets probably helped.  This online edition may help the co-ops, senate, faculty, college, or town adopt more tools for Accurate Democracy. Oberlin's influence is obvious  in my work for social harmony, and perhaps in the term "ensemble council". — R. Loring    $  $  $  **Ranked Choice Voting Grows ames**  Imag0019 h sized  **for Schools, Clubs, Towns & More** | “ This is *the* site for learning about democracy.”  — Zoe Weil, author of *Most Good, Least Harm*,  president of the Institute for Humane Education.  “...a huge contribution to the democracy cause.”  — John M. Richardson Jr., former Chairman of  the National Endowment for Democracy.  “ Congratulations on a brilliant piece of work.”  Robert Fuller, former President of Oberlin College,  author of *Somebodies and Nobodies* and *All Rise*.  **Tools for democracy** impact our levels of liberty, social trust, health and happiness.  The best voting tools are fast, easy and fair.  They help groups from classrooms to countries.  They raise the rewards for consensus builders. so  They reduce polarizing fear, anger and gridlock.  One quick and easy tool compares the votes on all the **options for a** policy. Other tools give out fair shares of seats **or** $pending.  $ $ $  **$** $ **$**  $ $ $  **Cursor with solid fillAccurate Democracy**  **is strongly centered  yet inclusive and fair.**  **1**  **y** |  | [**Accurate Democracy** **eBook**](https://accuratedemocracy.com/eBook.pdf)  **Free**  Contents  Parts **A,** **B,** and **C** each show the **four** voting tools  **A. Voting Primer** tells the stories of the **four** tools  Description: Bunting1RB Tragedies, Eras and Progress of Democracy 4  1. Ranked Choice Voting elects a majority Leader 14  2. Fair Representation elects a balancedCouncil 16  3. Fair Share Voting sets optional Budgets ***New*** 22  4. Condorcet Tally enacts a balanced **Policy** **"** 28  Description: Bunting1RB Rigged votes, Gerrymanders and Gridlock 32  ★**Social Effects** of group decision tools 35  Description: Bunting1RB Complementing Consensus 37  Description: Bunting1RB How we can try a group-decision tool 38  **B. Workshop Games** let us be inside the **four** tallies  **C. SimElection**™ **Maps** make tally patterns visible  Description: Bunting1RB References, Glossary and Index, About Us 68  1. Ranked Choice Voting, RCV, elects leaders.  Many cities are adopting it from California to Minnesota and Maine, Utah to NYC; plus Duke, Harvard, Princeton, Rice, Stanford, Tufts, MIT, Cal Tech, Carlton, Clark, GW, Reed, Vassar, UCSC, and the Universities of Houston,  Auburn, CA, IA, IL, MA, MN, NC, OK, TX, VA, WA and WY.  2. Multi-winner RCV elects balanced councils at Cambridge, Carnegie Mellon, Clark, CUNY, MIT, Oberlin  Oxford, UC Cal, UC Davis, UCLA, Vassar and more. Australian and Irish voters have used RCV for decades. |

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| **1. Ranked Choice Voting** can elect a  **majority winner from a single election**  Voting is easy. Rank **your favorite** as first choice,  **and backup choices**: second, third, etc. as you like. Your civic duty to vote is done.  Now your vote counts for your top-rank candidate.    If no candidate gets a majority, the one with fewest    votes loses. So we eliminate that one from the tally.  Your vote stays with your favorite if she advances.   If she has lost then your vote counts for your backup.    This repeats until one candidate gets a majority.  © 2022 Robert Loring  **Why Support Ranked Choice Voting, RCV**  **Backups give you more power and freedom** to  express opinions with less risk of wasting a vote.  No hurting your first choice by ranking a backup, that does not count unless your first choice has lost.  No **worry about vote** **splitting** in a faction as votes for its loser(s) can count for each supporter's backup.  A majority winner from one election, so no winner  with a weak mandate and **no costly runoff** election.  High voter turnout also creates **a strong mandate**.  The turnout for an election runoff often goes down.2  More civility and consensus3 arise as candidatesask a rival’s fans for their backup votes.4  14 [**www.fairvote.org/get\_involved**](http://www.fairvote.org/get_involved) | Summary and Index of Benefits  Ranked Choice Voting has proven toPage\*  1, 2, 3, 4. **Make voting easy**, more often effective **14**, 57  Give you power to rank a backup choice; so∴ 33, 46  Reduce your risk of wasting your vote; so ∴ 12, 16  Vote worry free for your true first choice. ∵ 14  **Boost mandates as more voters count.**  **11**-17, 57  1, 2. **Reduce** **attack ads** that scare, anger, polarize. 14  **Weaken** **gerrymanders** and spoilers. 14, 16, 32  2. **Give** **fair shares** of reps to the rival groups; so **18** Diverse candidates have real chances to win; so 20 Voters have real choices and effective votes; so 17 **Voter** turnout **is stronger.**  61  2. **Elect women** twice as often as plurality does; so **20** Accurate majorities win, also due to more choices 17 turnout, effective votes, equal votes per rep; so 21 **Policies match public opinion better.**  21, 60  Even then, old decision tools push policy pendulums 4   ★★ An RCV toolbox can do more ★★  4. **Elect a few central reps**, the keystone votes pulling **31** reps from many factions **to moderate policies**. 8, 54  3. **Use** Fair Share Voting for projects, savings, etc. **24** Let all voters see each rep’s **spending**. 27  3, 4. **Reduce** **agenda effects** and scams. 27, 30, **33**, 36  **Streamline group decision-making.**  27, 33, 36  [**\*AccurateDemocracy.com/AcDem.pdf**](https://accuratedemocracy.com/eBook.pdf)  34 | ★★  Social Effects  ★★  These Are Tools Between People  A group’s decision rules pull its **culture** toward fair shares *or* toward winner takes all. They spread power wide and balanced, *or* narrow and lopsided. Other relations among members may follow their models.  Fair rules make **cooperation** safer, faster and easier. This favors people and groups who tend to cooperate. It may lead others to cooperate more often.  Earthball Rect_2  Politics are more **principled** and peaceful when all of the rules help us find fair shares and central majorities. This might reduce political fears within our community; which helps us to be more receptive, creative and free.  So better rules can help us build better decisions, plus better **relationships**. Both can please most people. Fair rules won’t please some who get money or self-esteem from war-like politics. But countries with fair rules tend to rank higher in social trust and happiness.1 Voting is an exemplary tool between people.  © 2023, Robert Loring, [V-oting-Site@-gmail.-com](mailto:VotingSite@gmail.com) 35 |