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| **Dear Students**, **Obies**During a college reunion, I gave one booklet to each residence, 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 their Student Senate. That may have been a coincidence, of course, but I think the booklets probably helped. The online edition may help the co‑ops, senate, SFC, faculty, college, trustees or town adopt more tools for a more Accurate Democracy. Oberlin's influence is obvious in my work for social harmony, and perhaps in the term "ensemble council". — R. Loring**for Schools, Clubs, Towns and More**$$$Imag0019 h sized**Voting Grows ames**Funding and Policies Match Voters’ Spread and Center  |  | **1. Ranked Choice Voting to Elect One**Tabletop tallies make Ranked Choice Voting lively.A **tally board** has: a card for each voter, a column for each option, a finish line for the favorites. The finish line is the height of half the cards, plus one. That is how many votes a candidate needs to win. If no one wins, we **eliminate** the weakest candidate. We draw names from a hat to break ties. If your favorite loses, you can **move** your card. You can give it to your next backup choice. We repeat this to eliminate all but one, the winner*!*This **chart** shows four columns on a tally board. The rule **eliminated** Anna, so **voter** **JJ** **moved** his card.Then Bianca lost, so **BB** and **GG** moved their cards. They were free to choose different backups.1

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40 JJ ranks Anna 1, Celia 2. GG ranks Bianca 1, Diana 2. | How many votes were wasted on a surplus or a loser? M, L & V rank Celia #1.D, Z & C rank Diana #1.

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| **Celia****IRV Winner** |  | **Diana****Runner up** |

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*This winner had no surplus. The last loser held 4 votes.* |

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| “ 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 types of 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 outfair shares of seats **or** $pending. $ $ $$ $ $$ $ $**Cursor with solid fillAccurate Democracy** **is strongly centered         yet inclusive and fair.****1** | **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 your 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 **Free**  | Summary and Index of BenefitsRanked 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, 571, 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 20Voters have real choices and effective votes; so 17**Voter** turnout **is stronger.**  61 2. **Elect women** twice as often as pluraity does; so **20**Accurate majorities win, also due to more choices 17turnout, effective votes, equal votes per rep; so 21**Policies match public opinion better.**  21, 60 Even then, old decision tools push policy pendulums 4   **+** **🟑** First Spark to Highest Emotion An RCV Toolbox can do more **♥** 4. **Elect a few central reps** to be swing votes; so **31**Gather in other reps **to moderate policies**. 8, 54 3. **Use** Fair Share Voting for projects, savings, etc **24**Let all voters see each rep’s **spending**. 273, 4. **Reduce** **agenda effects** and scams. 27, 30, **33**, 36**Streamline group decision-making.**  27, 33, 36 [**\* AccurateDemocracy.com/eBook.pdf**](https://accuratedemocracy.com/eBook.pdf)  |