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#### **Tools that Build Communities**

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.



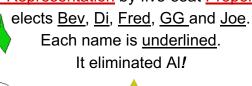
Politics are more **principled** and peaceful when all the rules help us find fair shares and central majorities. This might reduce political fears within our community; which helps us to be more receptive, creative and free.

So better tally 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 selfesteem from war-like politics. But countries with fair rules tend to rank high in social trust and happiness.<sup>1</sup> Voting is an exemplary tool between people.

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# **Contrast 3 Councils, each with 5 seats**

- ① 1. The Loring Ensemble Rule elects a few reps by a Condorcet Tally, the rest by a Proportional RCV tally. On this next map, Condorcet Tally elects AI; then Fair Rep by four-seat PRCV elects Bev, Di, Fred and Joe. The map shows each winner's name in bold. \*
- 2. The *Condorcet Series* elects the candidates closest to the middle of the voters: *AI, Bev, GG, Joe* and *Fred*. The lower right or southeast gets no rep; so the council is not well balanced. Each winner's name is in *italic*.
- O 3. Fair Representation by five-seat Proportional RCV









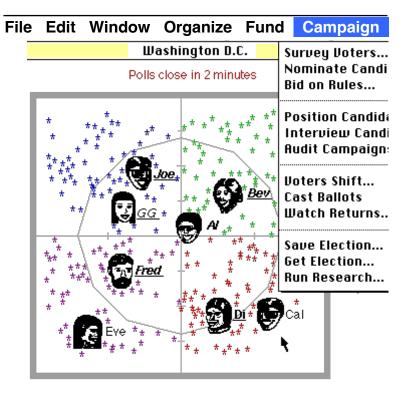
#### **Notice Two Surprises**

- ① 1. It may be surprising that <u>broad Fair Rep</u> helps the central Condorcet winner be the council's swing voter.
  With these tools, political diversity can be a source of moderation as well as balance and a wide perspective.
- ② 2. Central reps can lead a broad Fair Rep council to broader majorities, with moderates from all sides.\*

  This can add to or replace some of the "checks and balances" used to moderate a council's impacts.

#### **Well Centered and Balanced**

An **Ensemble** council combines the breadth and balance of <u>Fair Representation</u> with the centering of *Condorcet*.



A council's **swing voter** on a regulation or a budget can strongly influence but not dictate those decisions.

Proportional RCV elects a balanced council with moderates and often a centrist. But it does not push any rep to please a central majority of voters. A Condorcet tally does.



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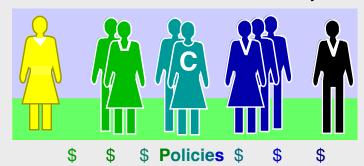


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# 5. Council Tallies

# In the 21st Century

Ensemble Councils ⇒ Balanced Majorities



Council Elected by Central and Fair-Rep Rules

Ensemble rules will elect most representatives by Fair Rep plus a few reps (C above) by a central rule.

So the points of view within the council will have a **spread**, plus a pivotal **midpoint** that match the voters more accurately. O + • = That's the target.\*

Later handouts will show how we can elect a rep with wide support and views near the center of the voters.<sup>7</sup> So winners will be near the center of a Fair Rep council. There they can be the council's **powerful swing voters**, with strong incentives to build moderate majorities.

Many voters in this wide base of support won't want narrow centrist policies. They'll likely want policies to combine the best suggestions from all groups.

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# Progress of Democracy



A centrist policy implements a narrow set of ideas. It blocks rival ideas: opinions, needs, goals, and plans. A one-sided policy also blocks rival ideas.

A compromise policy tries to negotiate all the ideas. But contrary ideas forced together often work poorly.

A balanced policy blends compatible ideas from all sides. This process needs advocates for diverse ideas. What's more, it needs strong, independent moderators. These swing-voting reps can please their wide base of support by building moderate majorities in the council.

A broad, balanced majority works to enact broad, balanced policies. These tend to give the greatest chance for happiness to the greatest number of people.

Excellent policies are a goal of accurate democracy. *Measure* their success by the typical voter's education and income, freedom and safety, health and leisure.<sup>8</sup>

Older rules often skew results and hurt a democracy. An **ensemble** is **inclusive**, yet **centered** and **decisive** to help make its actions **popular**, yet **stable** and **quick**. The best tools to set budgets or pick a policy will also show these qualities in our stories, graphics and games.

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