

## Some Users and Endorsers

### 1. Ranked Choice Voting, RCV, elects leaders.

More and more places are adopting it: New York City, Minneapolis and Maine; 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 whole councils at:

Cambridge, Carnegie Mellon, Clark, CUNY, MIT, Oberlin Oxford, UC Cal, UC Davis, UCLA, Vassar and more. For decades, Australian and Irish voters have used Ranked Choice Voting in local and national elections.

### Many groups endorse Ranked Choice Voting.

Organizations: the Oscars, Common Cause, Sierra Club, Church of England, UUA, NOW, AAAS, and more  
Leagues of Women Voters: Arizona, California, Florida, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, S. Carolina, Vermont, Washington  
National Newspapers: New York Times 6/10/18 and 02/26/20, USA Today, Washington Post 6/14/18; from Portland Press Herald to the Las Cruces Sun News  
Journalists: David Brooks, Hendrik Hertzberg, and more  
Celebrities: Jennifer Lawrence, Krist Novoselic, more  
US Reps: Keith Ellison, Jamie Raskin, Don Beyer, more  
Senators: John McCain, Barak Obama, Bernie Sanders  
Parties: **Democrats** of CA, CO, MA and ME; Green Party  
Libertarian Party; Republicans of AK, UT, VA, more

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# Accurate Democracy

## 4 New Tools and Colorful Games

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 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.<sup>1</sup>

Voting is an exemplary tool between people.

Dear students,



Our tools for democracy effect 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.

The tools raise consensus and mandates; so they reduce polarizing fears, anger and gridlock.



One builds support for each **balanced policy**; others give **fair shares of seats or \$.**



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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*.



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## 1. One-winner Ranked Choice Voting gives 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**.

### 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.<sup>2</sup>
- **More civility** and consensus<sup>3</sup> arise as candidates ask a rival's fans for their backup votes.<sup>4</sup>

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Even then, old decision tools push policy pendulums.....4

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