

Ranked Choice Voting

R.C.V. is a Key to
Accurate Democracy



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.
They reduce polarizing fear, anger and gridlock.

One tool gathers in supporters for each
proposed policy. Other tools give out
fair shares of seats or \$.



**Accurate Democracy
is strongly centered
yet inclusive and fair.**



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1. Ranked Choice Voting, RCV, elects leaders.

in: NYC, Portland, San Fran. Alaska, Maine, UT, and VA, plus Duke, Harvard, Oberlin, 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.

1. A goal of **Ranked Choice Voting** is this:
**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.¹
- **More civility** and consensus² arise as candidates ask a rival's fans for their backup votes.³ 

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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.



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 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.

Resources, for education and action

AccurateDemocracy.com, gives you **free software**, **animations** of **STV** or **Fair Share Voting**, and pages on each voting tool, @ a_primer.htm, @ a_workshop.htm, d_stats.htm, SimElection.com, and references z_bib.htm
eBook AccurateDemocracy.com/AcDem.pdf

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