

Ranked Choice Voting

The Left is attempting to implement ranked-choice voting (RCV), in every state. RCV threatens election integrity and undermines the electorate's ability to choose the best candidate in elections.

RCV is a complicated system that requires voters to assign a rank to each candidate on the ballot, regardless of whether they support that candidate. If no candidate is ranked first by a majority of voters, the lowest-performing candidate is eliminated. Voters who gave their highest ranking to the eliminated candidate then have their second choice counted instead. This process repeats until one candidate receives a majority. **The proliferation of RCV would be harmful to American elections. Why?**

As implied above, ranked-choice voting can lead to candidates with little genuine support winning elections. The system confuses voters, distracts from policy issues, and forces voters to vote for candidates they otherwise would not support. In the United States, ranked-choice voting was enacted in Maine in 2016 and Alaska in 2020. These efforts, primarily backed by liberals, led to Republican U.S. Representative from Maine Bruce Poliquin losing to Democrat Jared Golden in 2018 despite winning a plurality in the first round. Meanwhile, some political analysts believe that Alaska's new system, which also eliminates party primaries, allowed U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski to win re-election to the U.S. Senate in 2022 against conservative Republican Kelly Tshibaka, despite Murkowski's inability to win a Republican primary under a traditional election system. The same thing happened in the 2022 U.S. House election in Alaska. It took three rounds of vote counting until the Democratic candidate was declared the winner over two Republican candidates. Over 15,000 ballots were thrown out and not counted in the third round, again, because those voters had not ranked all of the candidates in the race.

Problems with Ranked Choice Voting:

- **Ballot instructions are difficult to understand.**
- **Incorrectly filled out ballots are discarded**
- **Not all votes count**
- **Fewer voters turn out to vote**
- **Computers must be used for counting votes.**
- **Election counting is delayed by days or weeks.**
- **The most popular candidate may not win**
- **Manipulation and fraud are made easier**

“Ranked choice” really should be referred to as “rigged choice.” It is a confusing, overly complicated gimmick—one that allows candidates with marginal candidates not supported by a majority of voters to win elections.

Decline to sign! Do not sign any petition to allow open primaries or rank choice voting in Arizona. Contact your state legislators and urge them to oppose all attempts to enact ranked-choice voting, whether on the state or local levels.

For more information on Ranked Choice Voting go to:

[Ranked Choice Voting and Jungle Primaries in Arizona](#)

[Ranked-Choice Voting: A Partisan Plot to Engineer Election Results](#)

[Heritage Foundation-Ranked Choice Voting is a Bad Choice](#)

[Ranked Choice Voting - Turning Point Action \(tpaction.com\)](#)

[Ranked-choice voting \(RCV\) - Ballotpedia](#) (This site has good simulations to illustrate the process of RCV)

[The Truth About Ranked-Choice Voting \(thefga.org\)](#) (Actual track records in several elections)

[Ranked-Choice Voting \(RCV\) Explainer \(thefga.org\)](#) (Incorrect, overvoted and undervoted ballots discarded)

[Ranked-Choice Voting \(RCV\) In NYC \(thefga.org\)](#) (Actual Election Result in NYC Required 7 rounds and 15 days to tally)

[Ranked-Choice Voting \(RCV\) HOW IT WORKS \(Spoiler: It Doesn't\) \(thefga.org\)](#) (What happened in Maine)