

# TOP 10 REASONS TO OPPOSE RANKED CHOICE VOTING (RCV)

(in no order)



1) Despite claims RCV will minimize power of the two-party system, the **winner will always be from one of the two major parties** because a packed slate of independent or minor party candidates will always split votes with each other.

2) RCV **does not allow a voter to vote against any options**, only to rank them lower than others.



3) **Voters do not vote sincerely**, but rather strategically to ensure their worst option does not win. This is no different than voting for a candidate in normal voting formats only so his opponent doesn't win.

4) **Extreme candidates are more likely to be elected** when the electorate is polarized.

5) Moderate candidates garner many second-place votes but are outflanked by first-place votes; **moderate candidates are unlikely to be elected** in such a system, perpetuating the polarized political system.

6) “Ballot exhaustion,” the process of discarding ballots that aren't fully voted if instant run-offs are needed beyond the number of votes cast on a ballot, **discards votes, thereby negating an individual voter's voice.**

7) Districts using RCV have **lower turnout rates.**

*Minneapolis and St. Paul, as well as San Francisco, have lagged other major metros for voter turnout since adopting RCV. Turnout in off-year elections drops by an average of eight percent.*

8) RCV **discourages participation** from new and infrequent voters because its **instructions are confusing.** Urban areas, which actively



argue against Voter ID, are effectively disenfranchising voters, as they tend to be areas in which more minorities and low propensity voters are likely to live.

9) RCV requires transportation of ballots to centralized facility in event of instant runoff, which leads to increased cost and opportunities for mismanagement (*electoral fraud*).

10) Changes to ballot counting process often requires weeks to report results (as seen in alaska's 2022 midterm).

a. 71% of all voters are likely to oppose RCV

when they are informed that **the process increased election irregularities.**

b. 66% are likely to oppose RCV when they learn **results may take weeks to report.**



*... If RCV didn't provide another window for the political elite to control elections, they wouldn't be pushing it like wildfire ...*

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**ORS 254.065** (1) When one person is to be nominated for or elected to an office, **the person receiving the highest number of votes shall be nominated or elected.**

(2) No measure shall be adopted unless it **receives an affirmative majority of the total votes cast on the measure.**

**There is nothing wrong with what Oregon Law currently says.**