



# How **Ranked-Choice Voting** Works



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# Ranked-choice voting:

A simple upgrade to the way we vote

- Instead of “choose one,” may rank:  
1st, 2nd, 3rd
- 2nd and 3rd choices mattering improves campaigns
- Over 10 million Americans use RCV today

# Ranked-choice voting:

## Sample Ballot



EXAMPLE BALLOT	1st CHOICE	2nd CHOICE	3rd CHOICE	4th CHOICE	5th CHOICE
Burrito	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Green Relleno	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Red Enchilada	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Taco	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tamale	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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## Real Ballot

### State of Maine Sample Ballot General Election, November 3, 2020

President Vice President	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice	4th Choice	5th Choice	6th Choice	U.S. Senator	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice	4th Choice	5th Choice
<b>Biden, Joseph R.</b> <b>Harris, Kamala D.</b> Democratic	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>Collins, Susan Margaret</b> Bangor Republican	0	0	0	0	0
<b>De La Fuente, Roque "Rocky"</b> <b>Richardson, Darcy G.</b> Alliance Party	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>Gideon, Sara I.</b> Freeport Democratic	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Hawkins, Howard</b> <b>Walker, Angela Nicole</b> Green Independent	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>Linn, Max Patrick</b> Bar Harbor Independent	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Jorgensen, Jo</b> <b>Cohen, Jeremy</b> Libertarian	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>Savage, Lisa</b> Solon Independent	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Trump, Donald J.</b> <b>Pence, Michael R.</b> Republican	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>Write-in</b>	0	0	0	0	0
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## How It Works

- Single-winner (winner-take-all)
  - Requires majority support - 50%
  - Prevents electing unpopular candidates
- Multi-winner (proportional RCV)
  - Results mirror population
  - Beyond the scope for today

# Ranked-choice voting:

Candidate	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
	30	37	55
	40	41	45
	20	22	
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Sample Election:



# Q & A