

EQUAL.VOTE





STAR VOTING

SCORE - THEN - AUTOMATIC - RUNOFF

Score candidates from 0 - 5 stars.

If you don't have a preference you can give candidates the same scores. Those you leave blank receive a zero

Score Candidates:	Worst					Best
	0	1	2	3	4	5
Abby	0	1	2	3	4	5
Carmen	0	1	2	3	4	5
DeAndre	0	1	2	3	4	5
Erik	0	1	2	3	4	5
Raul	0	1	2	3	4	5
Sonya	0	1	2	3	4	5

The two highest scoring candidates are finalists.
The finalist preferred by the majority wins.



Voter
Instructions

Tabulation



Instant Runoff Voting

Rank your candidates.

You can't give the same ranking twice

Rate Candidates:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
Abby	1	2	3	4
Carmen	1	2	3	4
DeAndre	1	2	3	4
Erik	1	2	3	4
Raul	1	2	3	4
Sonya	1	2	3	4

First choice votes are counted and the candidate who came in last place is eliminated. This process continues in tournament style rounds. In each round, ballots for the eliminated candidate are reallocated to the voter's next remaining choice, if possible. If the next choice has already been eliminated then the ballot is 'exhausted' and does not count in subsequent rounds.

Single-Winner Voting Method Scorecard

	Choose-One	Ranked Choice (IRV)	Approval	Score	STAR
Spoiler Effect / Vote Splitting	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO
Gives an advantage to some types of candidates	Favors polarizing candidates who are "viable"	Strong underdog candidates are at a disadvantage	Favors candidates seen as more "viable"	Favors "viable" consensus candidates over polarized majority	NO
Wasted Votes and Exhausted Ballots	Not voting for a front-runner is a wasted vote	Exhausted Ballots are not counted in the final round	Not voting for a front-runner is a wasted vote	Scoring viable candidates low can make your vote less powerful	Even if your favorites can't win your vote helps prevent your worst case scenario
Ballots can be tabulated locally?	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES
Tabulation Complexity	Basic Addition 2 Elections Recommended	Algebra required Multiple Rounds	Basic Addition One Round	Basic Addition One Round	Basic Addition 2 rounds of tabulation
Accuracy (VSE ie. Voter Satisfaction Efficiency)	72 - 86%	80 - 91%	84 - 95%	84 - 97%	91 - 98%
Strategy Resistance Factor (VSE)	17 : 1	2.7 : 1	2.6 : 1	3.3 : 1	1 : 1

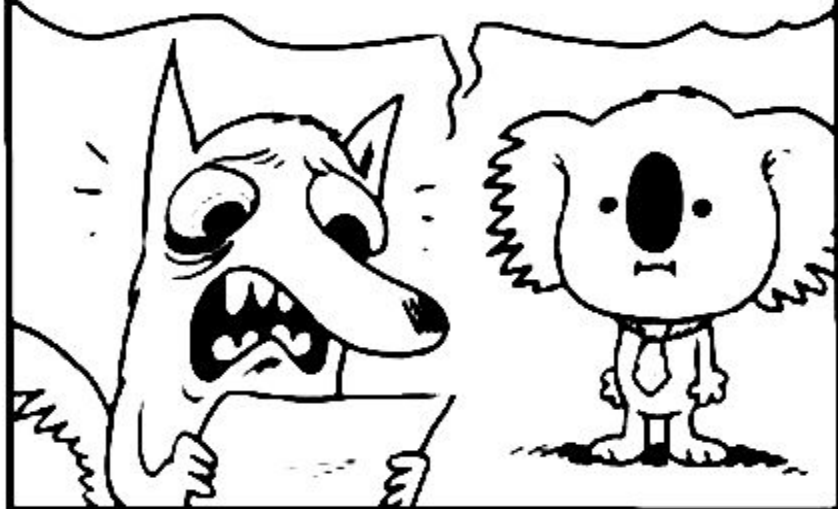


Fact Check - Voting Method Talking Points

	Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) aka Instant Runoff	STAR Voting Score Then Automatic Runoff
<p>RCV: "If your first choice is eliminated your next choice will be counted."</p> <p>STAR: "Whether or not your favorite can win, your vote goes to the finalist you prefer."</p>	<p>Mostly False. Some ballots are not counted in the final round.</p> <p>Counting stops before the election has narrowed it down to one candidate, so not everyone get's their next choice counted, even if their favorite is eliminated.</p> <p>If your favorite is eliminated <i>after</i> your other candidates, your vote will have nowhere to transfer to. These are called "exhasuted" ballots.</p>	<p>True. All ballots are included in the 2nd and final round.</p> <p>There are no exhausted ballots and if a voter had a preference it will always be taken into account.</p>
<p>RCV: "Elects the majority preferred winner if one exists."</p> <p>STAR: "Elects a majority preferred winner if one exists."</p>	<p>Half-True. Exhausted ballots are not included in the final round, even when voter preferences may have been relevant.</p> <p>In some cases multiple candidates may have majority support. RCV finds a majority winner of all remaining ballots. This is not necessarily the strongest or largest majority.</p>	<p>Mostly True: STAR elects the majority preferred candidate between the two highest scoring candidates.</p> <p>If the candidate preferred by the most voters is not in the top two highest scoring they will not win.</p>
<p>RCV and STAR: "Eliminates wasted votes"</p>	<p>False: Some voters will have their first choice eliminated and their next choice counted, but voting for a fairly strong candidate who can't win can prevent your vote from transferring, wasting your vote.</p> <p>Counter-intuitively, votes can be wasted or can actually backfire, meaning that you would have gotten a better winner elected if you hadn't voted at all.</p>	<p>As true as possible: Every vote is counted in both the scoring round and in the runoff.</p> <p>Whether or not your favorite can't win your vote goes to the finalist you preferred if you had a preference.</p> <p>You can still waste your own vote in the ruoff if you had a preference between the finalists but chose not to show it.</p>
<p>RCV and STAR: "Eliminates the Spoiler Effect and Vote-Splitting"</p>	<p>Mostly False: Vote splitting is eliminated in races with only 2 viable candidates, and non-viable candidates can no longer be spoilers.</p> <p>That said, vote-splitting between the multiple viable candidates can still happen, causing them to be eliminated before all their supporters have been counted.</p>	<p>Mostly True: STAR eliminates spoilers because the runoff compares the two strongest candidates head-to-head.</p> <p>Stingy voting with multiple candidates could leave a faction with all low scoring candidates and none strong enough to advance to the runoff.</p>
<p>RCV and STAR: "Safe to vote your conscience"</p>	<p>Half True: Voters tend to vote honestly, but ranking your favorite first can backfire if you prefer a strong underdog.</p>	<p>True: Strategic voting is not incentivised and voters should show their honest preference order and level of support.</p>



Wait! You eliminated my 1st choice but never counted the rest of my rankings!



HEY!!! YOU'RE
**THROWING MY
VOTE AWAY!!**

