

The purported good of so-called "Ranked-choice Voting" for single-winner elections is that it is said to resist the spoiler effect or vote splitting, and said to free voters to vote their conscience. However, there are reasons to suspect that it does not actually achieve those goals. Based on literature and reasoned opinions from people who have studied these matters deeply, a safer route to those goals (in the case of single-winner elections) is to use one of the "evaluative" voting systems, which include Approval Voting, Score Voting, and STAR. Please refer to reasoning on this subject published by the Center for Election Science at <https://electionscience.org/voting-methods/runoff-election-the-limits-of-ranked-choice-voting/> . As Oregon does, the rest of the nation may copy. Committing now to RCV and excluding evaluative voting could severely set back efforts to institute democratic representation by defeating vote splitting.