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Ranked choice voting in Oregon is not only a powerful tool for strengthening democracy but also plays a vital role in advancing racial and LGBTQ equality. By allowing voters to rank their preferred candidates, it breaks down the barriers faced by underrepresented communities. This system gives a fair chance for diverse candidates, including racial and LGBTQ individuals, to participate and be elected. It helps to combat the historical disadvantages faced by marginalized groups, fostering a more inclusive and equitable political landscape. Ranked choice voting in Oregon is a critical step toward creating a system that empowers all citizens and ensures their voices are heard and valued.