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Our elections aren't working for all of us and ranked choice voting can change that. Oregon needs to be at the leading edge of this movement, not the trailing end. I am tired of being forced to vote for the lesser of evils. If that's the only choice we have, "evil"

Is all we'll continue to get.

In races with multiple candidates, voters are pressured to vote "strategically" instead of voting for whom they support. Campaigns are increasingly toxic and expensive, and most races in Oregon with more than two candidates result in the majority of voters having voted for someone who lost. Oregon's 2022 elections proved this yet again – and we can do better.

Ranked choice voting: A simple way to improve our elections

Ranked choice voting is a simple improvement to our elections, giving voters more power and more meaningful choices. By giving voters the option to rank candidates in order of preference, ranked choice voting results in more representative outcomes and puts more power in the hands of voters – where it belongs.

Used in 63 jurisdictions across the United States (including four in our own state), ranked choice voting is the fastest growing nonpartisan election reform in the U.S. Now, we have an opportunity to bring it statewide to Oregon. Oregon needs to LEAD.