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Ranked choice voting will eliminate the "spoiler" effect of third party candidates. And under the current winner-take-all system, candidates tend to water down their messages, and voters often lack the information needed to make informed voting decisions. RCV is such a simple, logical remedy!

We've seen the spoiler effect in action before. When Barbara Roberts (D) ran for governor in 1990, her Republican opponent, Dave Frohnmayer, lost the election because a more conservative third party candidate siphoned off enough votes from Frohnmayer to enable Roberts to prevail. In the 2022 election, Nike billionaire Phil Knight made financial contributions to independent candidate Becky Johnson in the hope of splitting off enough votes from Democrat Tina Kotek to give Republican Christine Drazen the victory. Kotek prevailed, but such cynical calculations should have no place in a functioning democracy. Ranked choice voting will stop these efforts to manipulate the system.