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Ranked choice voting is a civil and logical voting method, and is and being adopted in jurisdictions around the nation and the world.

There are so many ways our democracy can be improved and supported in ways that give voters more power, satisfaction, and meaningful choices. Ranked choice voting is one of the simplest ways to do so, and I urge the Oregon legislature to support it.

I've lost track of the number of times that I've viewed a slate of candidates – for positions ranging from school board member to federal offices – and after having researched their positions realize I could be satisfied with several candidates, and wish I could rank them...or vote for the one I think is most qualified...but can't, because as the current system stands, my vote would be "wasted" because it is for a lesser known candidate (and so I end up voting "against" a candidate I don't like, rather than voting \*for\* a candidate I do like).

With ranked choice voting candidates will need to reach a broader range of voters (as they need to attract both first and second-choice votes) and thus are more incentivized to focusing on issues, not mud-slinging their opponent(s).