Ranked-Choice Voting For a Better Future

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Problems With Voting Today

#1 - Voter turnout is TOO low

Voter Turnout is way, way, WAY too low

ACTUALLY voted

voting population.

Country	% of voting-age population	% of registered voters
Belgium (2014)*	87.21%	89.37%
Sweden (2014)	82.61%	85.81%
Denmark (2015)	80.34%	85.89%
Australia (2016)*	78.96%	90.98%
South Korea (2017)	77.92%	77.23%
Netherlands (2017)	77.31%	81.93%
Israel (2015)	76.10%	72.34%
New Zealand (2017)	75.65%	79.01%
Finland (2015)	73.14%	66.85%
Hungary (2018)	71.65%	69.68%

Fairvote/PewResea

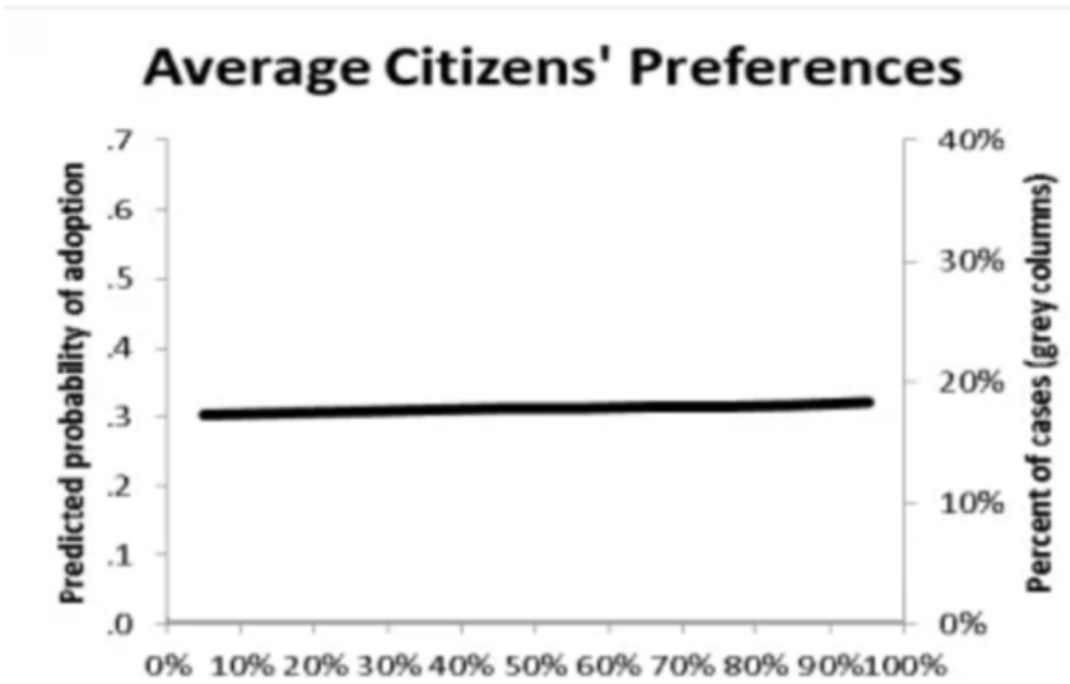
#2 - Voter turnout is TOO low, especially for youth

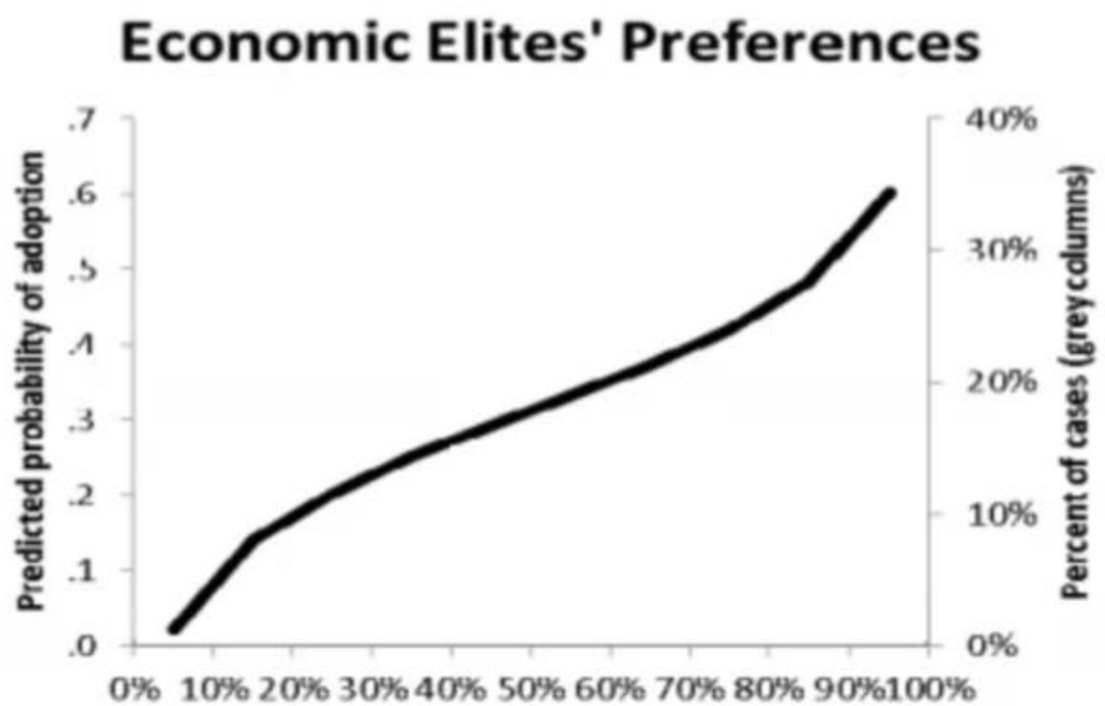
Guess what?!

State	2018 Youth Turnout Rate	2014 Youth Turnout Rate	Percentage Point Change from 2014 to 2018	Was the 2014 to 2018 Youth Turnout Increase Greater than the General Electorate Turnout Increase?
Arizona	25.90%	9.80%	+16.1 pts	Yes
Arkansas	15.50%	8.40%	+7.1 pts	Yes
California	30.30%	10.30%	+20.0 pts	Yes
Colorado	40.80%	27.60%	+13.2 pts	Yes
Connecticut	30.60%	15.30%	+15.3 pts	Yes
Delaware	29.00%	11.20%	+17.8 pts	Yes
Florida	31.50%	18.30%	+13.2 pts	Yes
Georgia	33.00%	13.30%	+19.7 pts	Yes
Idaho	25.40%	14.50%	+10.9 pts	Yes
Illinois	26.90%	14.30%	+12.6 pts	Yes
Indiana*	23.70%	8.10%	+15.6 pts	No
Iowa	34.70%	22.10%	+12.6 pts	Yes

#3 - People don’t feel like their voice will be heard

People Don’t Feel Their Voice will be heard





And…

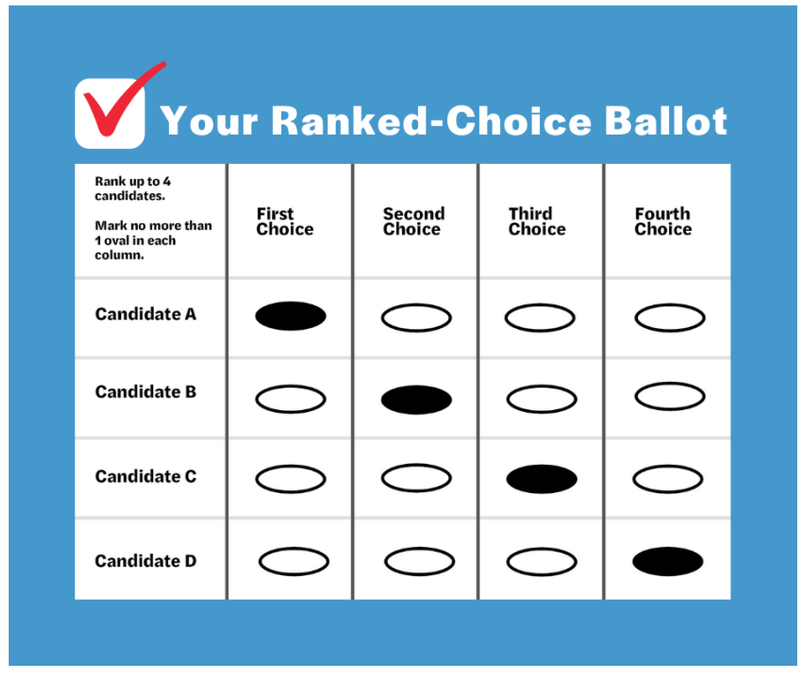
#4 - The process is flawed
#5 - Vitriolic political culture
#6 - Candidates don't represent them
#7 - Couldn't care less
#8 - Even if a candidate wins, constituents are NOT satisfied
ETC.

Sad? Disappointed? Angry?

Of course you are!!

SOLUTION…

RANKED-CHOICE VOTING



How does Ranked-Choice Voting work?

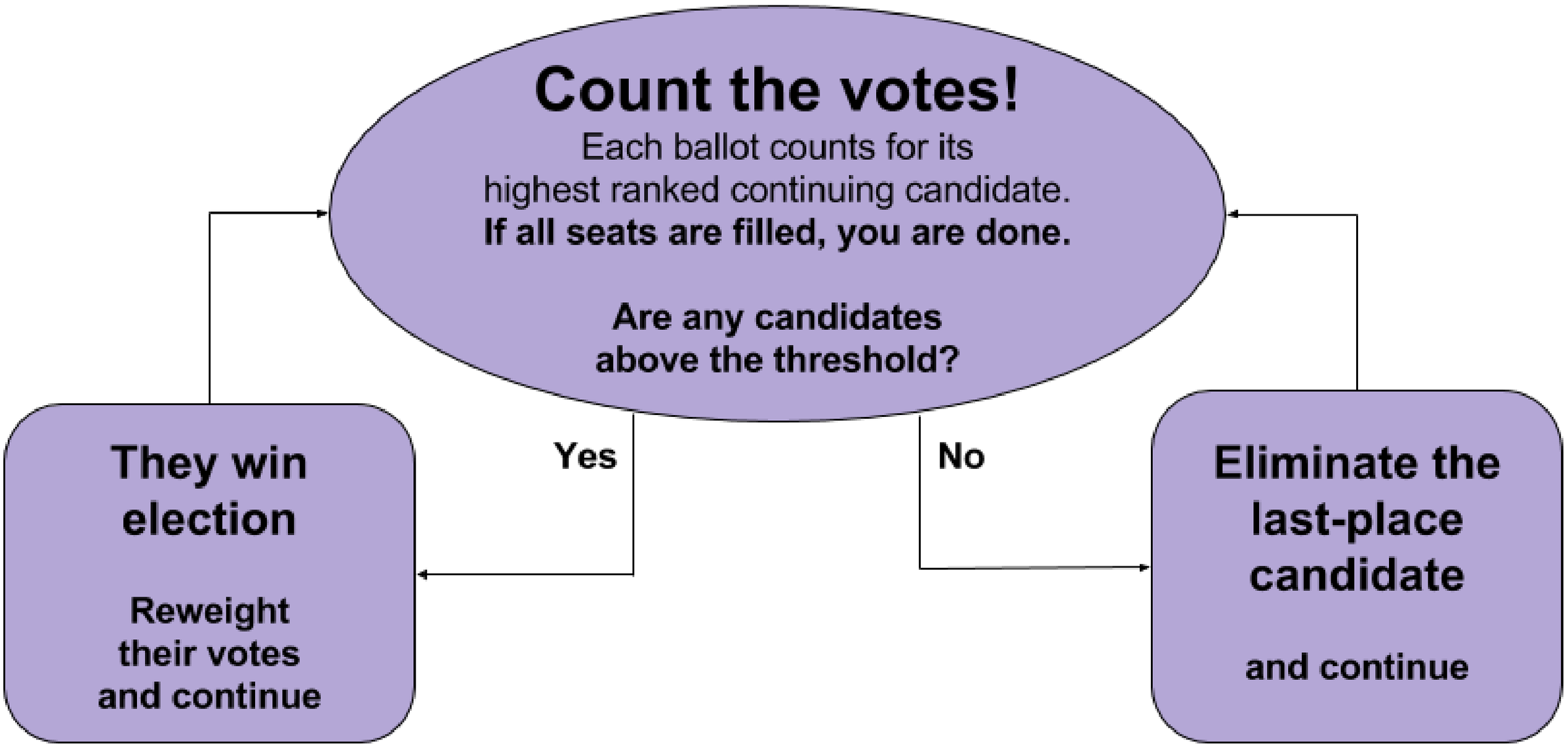
1. Voters rank his/her preferred candidate (if they want)

2. If the winner has more than 50% then he or she is the WINNER!

If not…then

3. Candidate with the fewest first-preference votes is eliminated and second preference choices are allocated to remaining candidates

4. This process is repeated until either 2 people remain OR someone obtains a majority of votes

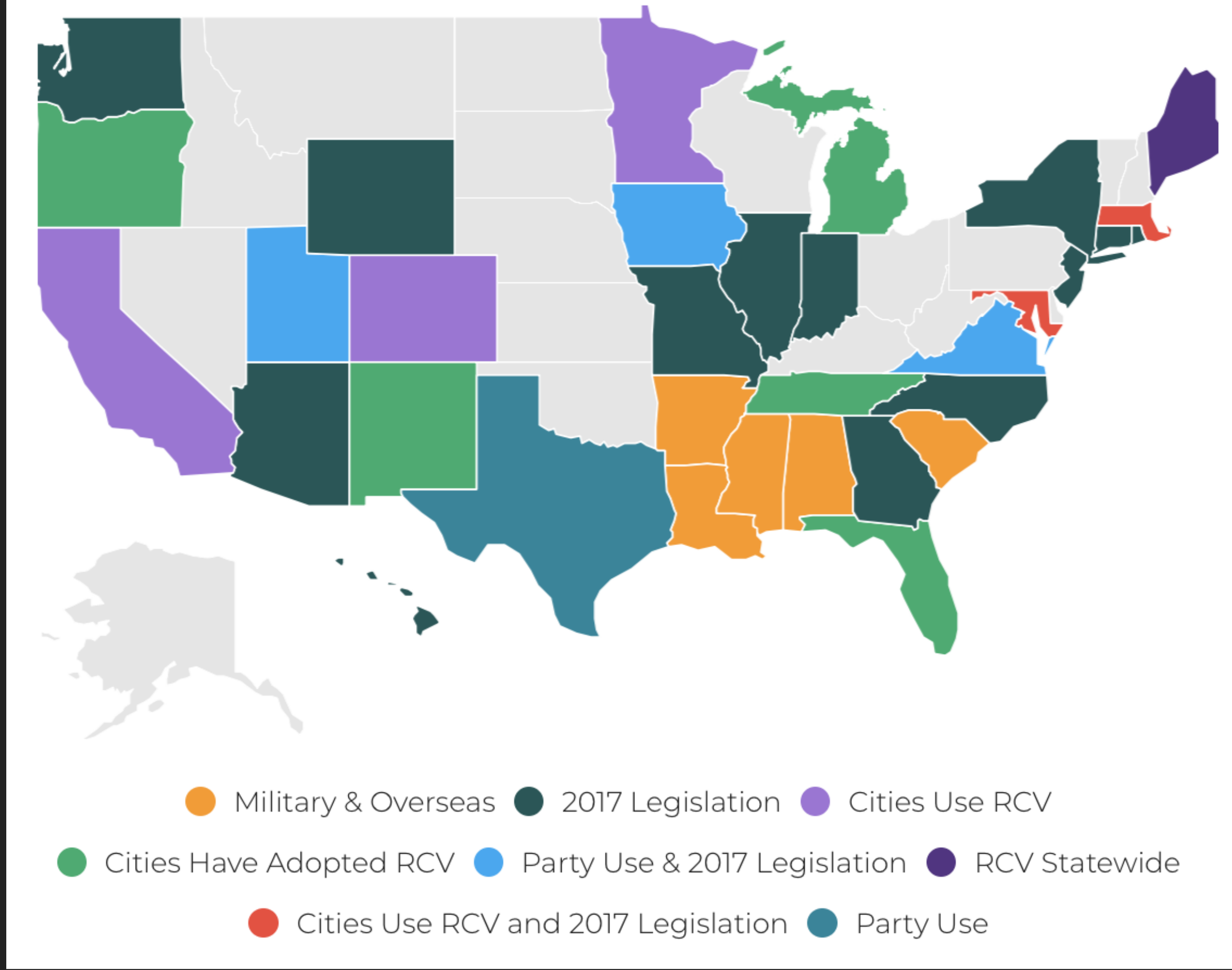

Count the votes!
Each ballot counts for its highest ranked continuing candidate.
If all seats are filled, you are done.
Are any candidates above the threshold?
Yes
No
They win election
Reweight their votes and continue
Eliminate the last-place candidate
and continue

What Do We Have Now?

Plurality (winner take all) NOW	Majority (IDEAL RCV)
- Winner declared <50% of vote	- Require winner to have >50% of the votes
-Does not have support from most citizens	- Represents most of the electorate
- High voter dissatisfaction and reduced future turnout	- Higher voter satisfaction and participation

Does this Ranked-Choice Voting method even work????

YES!!!!!



Even Illinois has RCV overseas to rank their candidates!

Results!

Voter turnout surpassed expectations in all three jurisdictions in Santa Fe, San Fransisco, and Maine

Implementation of RCV was smooth/inexpensive (re: Maine)

In San Francisco, turnout reached 52.6%, far higher than 29.7% before RCV

Avoids run-off elections and negative advertising

RCV helped elect more people of color in San Francisco - 37% to 72% and even more women/women of color hold office

No voting system is perfect, but RCV is the most pragmatic and we have already seen it!

For an example of how RCV works:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P10PFuBFVL8

THANK YOU!

Questions??