

## Our Work

- Approval Voting
- Score Voting
- Proportional voting methods
- Debunking Instant Runoff Voting
- Secure ballot systems
- Split-line redistricting algorithm
- Bayesian Regret (uses Monte Carlo simulations to assess voting methods)

## You May Have Seen Us

Our co-founders and contributors have done articles for or been interviewed in:

- The Wall Street Journal
- CNN (Lightyears Blog)
- Big Think (Action in Action Blog)
- Independent Voter Network
- *Gaming the Vote*, by William Poundstone


## Future Expectations

- Materials to run your own elections
- Voting software and applications
- More articles and videos

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*Making Democracy Smarter*

## What We Do

The Center for Election Science is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization. We dedicate ourselves to scholarship related to election systems. Our purpose is to educate the general public and advocate election systems that most benefit social welfare.

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## Our Voting System Is Broken

Our ballots look like this:

Vote for 1	
<input type="checkbox"/> B. Obama (D)	<input type="checkbox"/> B. Roemer (AE)
<input type="checkbox"/> M. Romney (R)	<input type="checkbox"/> G. Johnson (L)
<input type="checkbox"/> J. Stein (G)	<input type="checkbox"/> V. Goode (C)
<input type="checkbox"/> R. Anderson (J)	<input type="checkbox"/> J. Fellure (P)

This is called **Plurality Voting**. Its vote-for-one restriction limits your ballot to the least amount of information possible. Does your ballot let you say what you want?

*Plurality Voting (current):*

- Independents spoil elections
- Partisan winners
- Dwarfed support for Independents
- Dishonest voting against favorites

## Let's Fix the Problem

Instead, our ballots could look like this:

Vote for 1 or More	
<input type="checkbox"/> B. Obama (D)	<input type="checkbox"/> B. Roemer (AE)
<input type="checkbox"/> M. Romney (R)	<input type="checkbox"/> G. Johnson (L)
<input type="checkbox"/> J. Stein (G)	<input type="checkbox"/> V. Goode (C)
<input type="checkbox"/> R. Anderson (J)	<input type="checkbox"/> J. Fellure (P)

This is called **Approval Voting**. It's just like a traditional ballot. There's no ranking, and the candidate with the most votes still wins. But here you can pick as many candidates as you want. And that's crucial.

*Approval Voting (alternative):*

- No spoiler effect
- Centrist winners
- Accurate support for Independents
- Always vote your favorites

## Approval Voting In Action

French researchers used their 2007 presidential election to investigate Approval Voting. Here's what they found:

- Over 3x more support for Independents and third parties
- 73% chose multiple candidates
- 2.3 votes per ballot on average
- The more Centrist candidate won

### 2007 France Presidential Election Study

