

8 Ways Plurality Voting Fails

What is Plurality Voting?

Plurality Voting is the current voting method we use to elect offices where there is a single winner. The voter is limited to one vote and the candidate with the most votes wins.

Why is Plurality Voting so bad?

1. Not expressive → Choosing one candidate is the least amount of information that one can offer.

2. Dishonest voting → The limitation to choose a single candidate coerces voters to choose candidates that they think *can* win, rather than the candidates that they think *should* win.

3. Independents and third parties get artificially low support → Non-major candidates don't get votes from people that actually like their views. That's because voters limit themselves to "viable" candidates.

4. Partisan winners → Centrist candidates take vote splitting on either side. This oddly allows the most popular candidate to get the least votes.

5. Discourages ballot access → Major parties don't want similar candidates to split their vote. Restrictive ballot access removes their risk.

6. Discourages access to debates → Non-major candidates don't get the same debate access because Plurality polls often determine entrance.

7. Marginalizes non-major candidates → With Plurality showing artificially low support for non-major candidates, it makes those candidates much easier to marginalize.

8. Ignores issues → If major-party candidates agree on an issue, then the issue itself is dismissed altogether. And marginalized alternative candidates get snubbed as fringe when they give the issue's other side. Such issues can be dismissed even when an issue has popular support.

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