



FairVote: The Center for Voting and Democracy
Solving Democracy's Puzzle

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"Government of the people, by the people, for the people"

-Abraham Lincoln

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FairVote's Featured Projects 2013

Replace Winner-Take-All with Fair Voting

American politics has entered a period of hyper-partisanship that is exacerbated by winner-take-all rules. As detailed in our state plans at FairVoting.Us, fair voting methods of proportional representation provide a **balance of representation** of right, left and center that encourages better debate and solution-based policymaking. Fair voting is also an effective means to expand racial minority voting rights.

The case for fair voting for Congress is powerful, and we are **building a coalition** to seek it nationally. Locally, we are identifying voting rights cases where fair voting would be appropriate, building on the fact that more than **100 U.S. cities** have adopted fair voting to resolve Voting Rights Act challenges.

Achieve Parity for Women in Office through New Rules and Representation 2020

Our *Representation 2020* campaign seeks to secure a consensus by the centennial anniversary of women's suffrage using new rules to achieve parity for **women in government**. A multi-seat district system with proportional voting is an example of how we can ensure most voters have women representatives.

Win a National Popular Vote for President with Electoral College Reform

Electoral College rules clash with the basic values of representative democracy. FairVote has been a leader in the **National Popular Vote** coalition since its 2006 launch. The bill has passed in eight states and Washington, D.C., and, with focused advocacy, can govern the **2016 elections**. As fewer and fewer states matter in presidential races, the value of change is rising. FairVote is the national leader in research delineating problems with the current Electoral College laws.

Expand Voter Choice with Instant Runoff Voting

FairVote is the **nation's leader** in helping cities pass and implement the instant runoff form of ranked choice voting (RCV) – a direct means to free voter choice from the “spoiler” charge and to facilitate participation of **grassroots** candidates. FairVote works in more than a dozen cities using RCV and is advancing plans for statewide wins in Maine, Minnesota and Rhode Island.

End the Voting Wars and Boost Turnout with Promote Our Vote

We do not have an affirmative right to vote in the U.S. Constitution. As a result, our **voting rights** are vulnerable to problematic state and local laws and practices that weaken suffrage for political gain. To address this problem from the ground up, FairVote has launched **PromoteOurVote.com**. The site features sample resolutions designed for cities and colleges to call on Congress to establish a right to vote in the Constitution, and to commit to concrete actions to promote voter turnout. We seek to inspire a movement based on our goals of universal voter registration, better voter education and **full participation**.

Advance Electoral Reform in Cities and States with our New Policy Guide

FairVote is completing a comprehensive **policy guide** designed to help federal, state and local lawmakers, with one-page summaries and model legislation for FairVote's major reform proposals and incremental changes. This guide is an **excellent tool** for finding concrete means to work with elected officials interested in reform and voting rights.

About FairVote: The Center for Voting and Democracy

FairVote is the only national organization focused on removing structural barriers to every voter having a meaningful vote in every election – from guaranteeing voter access to **changing winner-take-all elections** that result in no real choice for voters. Founded in 1992, we analyze elections as they are, define the way democracy should be and advance this vision through national, state and local reforms. FairVote's advocacy branch is **FairVote Action**, dedicated to connecting reformers who **put voters first**. Through interactive features, tools and resources, FairVote Action builds a strong and unified community of advocates for electoral reform. Our Board includes former Congressman John Anderson, *The New Yorker's* Hendrik Hertzberg and musician **Krist Novoselic**. Senior staff Rob Richie and Cynthia Terrell work with a dynamic team of six democracy fellows. In addition to FairVote.org, FairVote maintains FairVoteAction.org, instantrunoff.com, and PromoteOurVote.com and is part of the National Popular Vote coalition.

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