



# STAR VOTING

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Necessity is the mother of invention and the last few years have been groundbreaking for election reform. **STAR Voting** is a cutting edge voting method that is fair, accurate, and nationally viable.

**“Give your favorite 5 stars, give your worst-case-scenario a 0, and arrange the rest in order of preference.”**

- ★ **Vote your conscience!**
- ★ **No more vote splitting. No more spoilers!**
- ★ **If your favorites can't win, your vote still makes a difference!**
- ★ **No primary needed!**
- ★ **Fights polarization!**
- ★ **Sign the petition to get it on your ballot!**



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Score candidates from 0 - 5 stars.  
If you don't have a preference you can give candidates the same scores. Those you leave blank receive a zero.

	Worst	0	1	2	3	4	Best	5
Score Candidates:		<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	
Han Solo		○	○	○	●	○	○	
Princess Leia		○	○	○	○	○	○	●
Chewbacca		○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Darth Vader		○	○	○	○	○	○	○
C-3PO		○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Skywalker		○	○	○	○	○	○	○

The two highest scoring candidates are finalists.  
The finalist preferred by the majority wins.

Host your own election at: [star.vote](http://star.vote)

Our current system forces voters to pick one candidate only, and the incentive is to vote for front-runners who you think are viable...

... but who gets to decide who's "viable"?

**UNRIG THE VOTE!**

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## Q: What's wrong with our current system?

- Our current “choose one” system is wildly inaccurate when there are more than two candidates. No wonder we have a two party system! Voter blocks who support more than one candidate can end up divided and conquered.
- It's especially vulnerable to “The Spoiler Effect,” a nasty type of vote splitting that breeds strategic voting, drives polarization, and magnifies the influence of money in politics.

## Q: Why not just go with Ranked Choice Voting (IRV)?

- STAR Voting is a hybrid of Ranked Choice and Score Voting that is more accurate and more strategy-resistant than either.
- Although RCV is an improvement over the current system, it has some serious flaws in elections with 3 or more viable candidates.
- In RCV, some ballots are “exhausted”, meaning that if your favorite is eliminated your vote may not be transferred to your next choice and your ballot isn't always counted in the final round.
- STAR Voting is more transparent. It uses simple addition and can be counted locally, unlike RCV which must be tabulated centrally.
- In RCV it's not necessarily a good idea to rank your favorite in 1st place. In some cases your vote can actually backfire. With STAR an honest vote is a strong vote!

## Voting Method Scorecard

	Choose-One	Ranked Choice (IRV)	Approval	Score	STAR
Spoiler Effect / Vote Splitting	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO
Gives an advantage to some types of candidates	Favors polarizing candidates who are “viable”	Strong underdog candidates are at a Disadvantage	Favors candidates seen as more “viable”	Favors “viable” consensus candidates over polarized majority	NO
Wasted Votes and Exhausted Ballots	Not voting for a front-runner is a wasted vote	Exhausted Ballots are not counted in the final round	Not voting for a front-runner is a wasted vote	Scoring viable candidates low can make your vote less powerful	Even if your favorites can't win your vote helps prevent your worst case scenario
Ballots can be tabulated locally?	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES
Tabulation Complexity	Basic Addition 2 Elections Recommended	Algebra required Multiple Rounds	Basic Addition One Round	Basic Addition One Round	Basic Addition 2 rounds of tabulation
Accuracy (VSE ie. Voter Satisfaction Efficiency)	72 - 86%	80 - 91%	84 - 95%	84 - 97%	91 - 98%
Strategy Resistance Factor (VSE)	18 : 1	3 : 1	3 : 1	4 : 1	1 : 1