
IT'S A TWO PARTY SYSTEM
YOU HAVE TO VOTE FOR ONE OF US!
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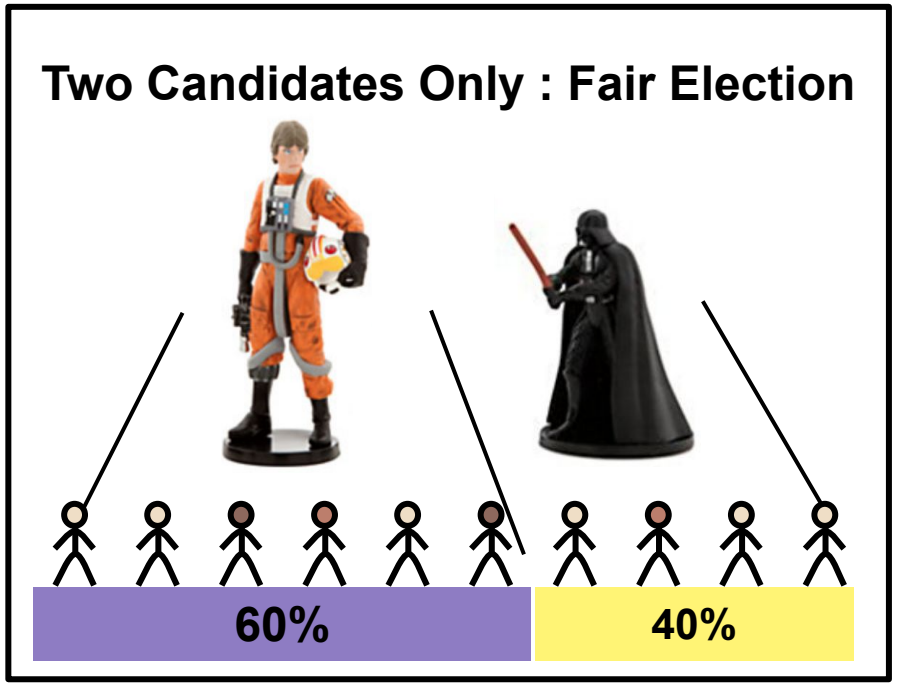
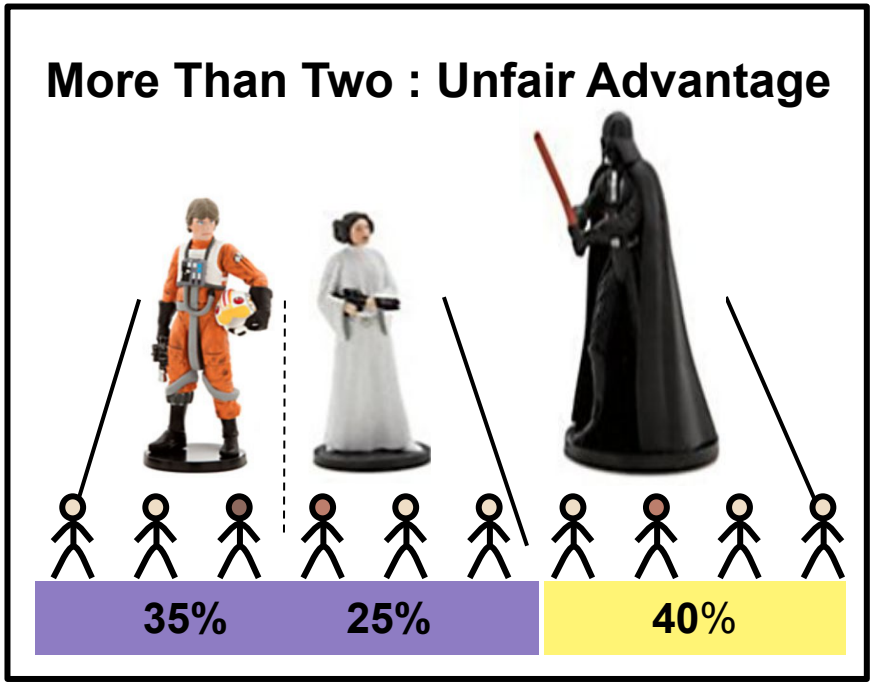
Divided and Conquered = The "Spoiler Effect"



Majority Wins



Majority Loses

The more candidates on your side the less power your vote has

Fully Powerful Voter

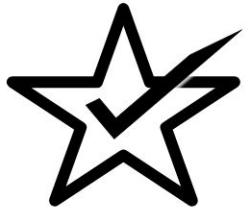
½ as Powerful Voter

⅓ as Powerful Voter


CHOOSE ONE ONLY
EVIL
LESSER EVIL
FAVORITE

STAR VOTING

SCORE - THEN - AUTOMATIC - RUNOFF



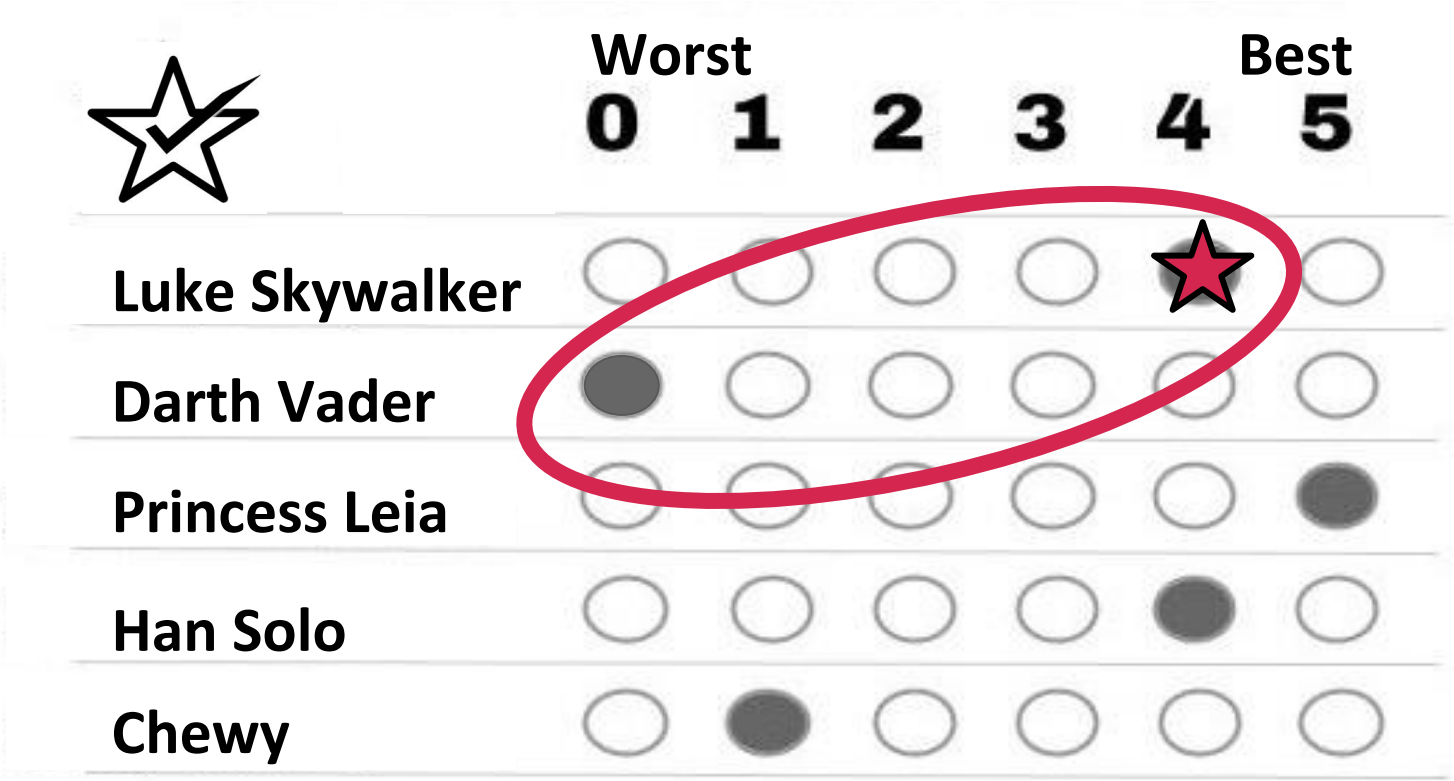
	No Support	0	1	2	3	4	5	Full Support
Princess Leia		○	○	○	○	●	○	
Darth Vader		●	○	○	○	○	○	
Luke Skywalker		○	○	○	○	○	●	
Han Solo		○	○	○	○	●	○	
Chewy		○	●	○	○	○	○	

Round 1:

Find the two highest scoring candidates

Darth Vadar	11,097
Han Solo	8,869
Luke Skywalker	10,097
Princess Leia	7,543
Chewy	1,863

Your vote goes to the finalist you prefer:

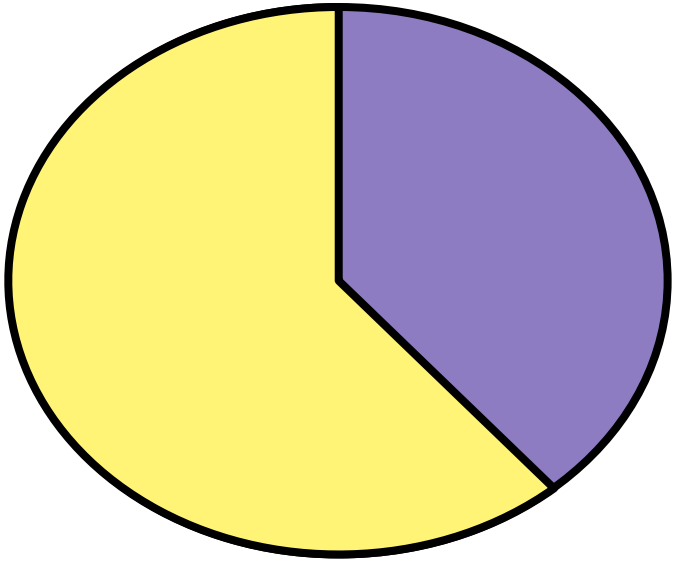


Round 2:

The finalist preferred by more voters wins:

Luke Skywalker

60%



Darth Vader

40%

STAR guarantees a majority preferred winner!

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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

Score Cardidates:	Worst 0	1	2	3	4	Best 5
Abby	0	1	2	●	4	5
Carmen	0	1	2	3	4	●
DeAndre	0	1	2	3	●	5
Erik	●	1	2	3	4	5
Raul	0	●	2	3	4	5
Sonya	0	1	2	3	●	5

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

Voter Instructions

Tabulation

Ranked Choice Voting

Rank your candidates.
You can't give the same ranking twice

Rate Candidates:	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Abby	1	2	●	4
Carmen	1	2	3	4
DeAndre	1	2	3	●
Erik	1	2	3	4
Raul	●	2	3	4
Sonya	1	●	3	4

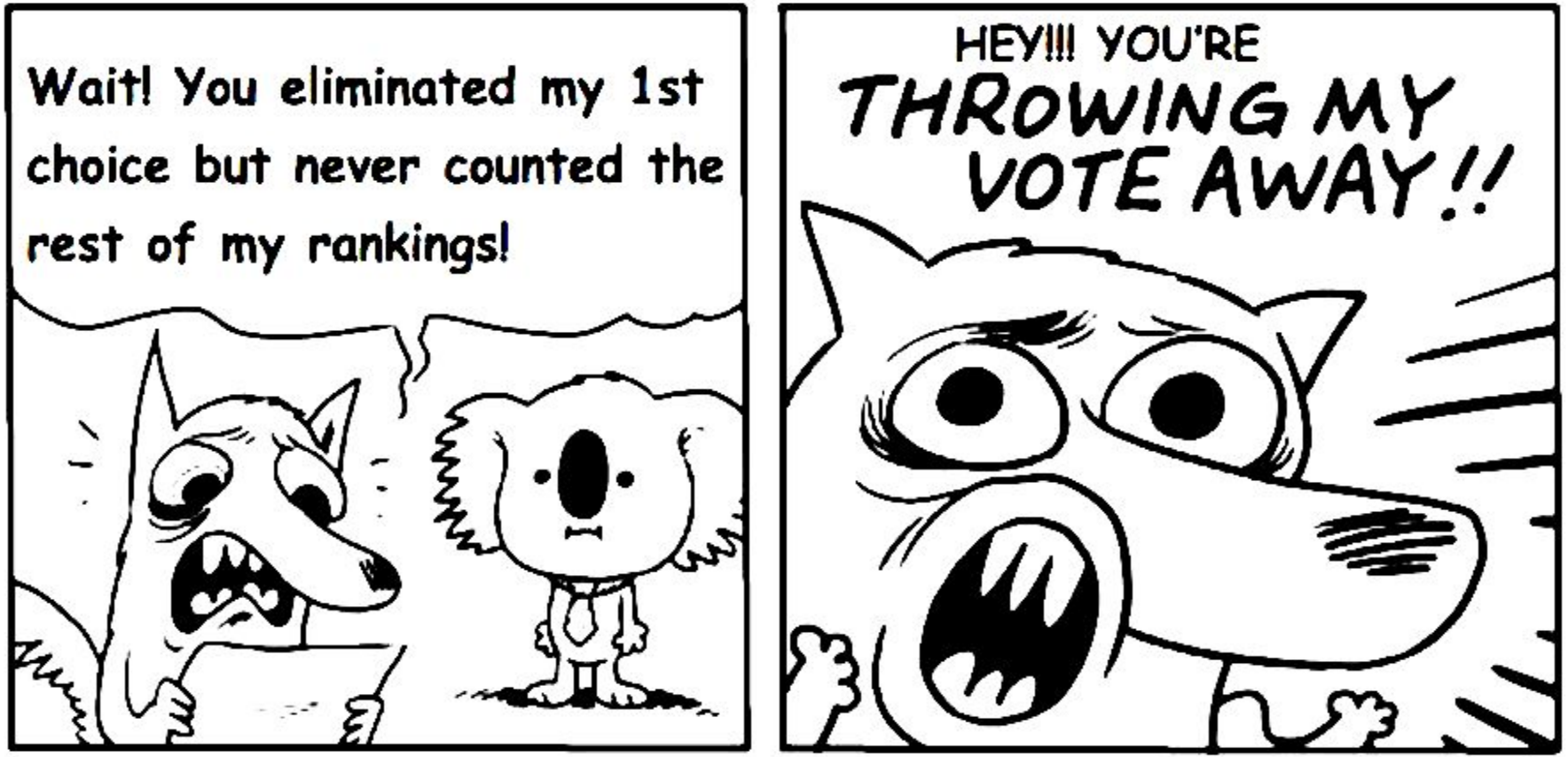
First choice votes are counted and the candidate who came in last place is eliminated. This process continues in tournament style rounds. In each round, ballots for the eliminated candidate are reallocated to the voter's next remaining choice, if possible. If the next choice has already been eliminated then the ballot is 'exhausted' and does not count in subsequent rounds.

STAR Voting vs. Instant Runoff

More data collected and more data used = more accurate results

- The more expressive star ballot shows degree of preference AND preference order.
- The ability to show no preference is critical for accuracy when there are larger fields of candidates.
- STAR is counted in 2 rounds only and uses basic addition. All ballots are tallied in both rounds. IRV uses many rounds.
- IRV doesn't count all your rankings. Even if your favorite is eliminated your next choice might not be counted.
- Some IRV ballots are "exhausted" and are not considered in later rounds of tabulation. These are wasted votes.
- In IRV it's not necessarily a good idea to rank your favorite in 1st place. With STAR an honest vote is a strong vote!

- STAR Voting provides a perfectly equally weighted vote; the legal definition of one-person-one-vote. IRV does not.
- STAR eliminates the spoiler effect. IRV mitigates it but can still lead to spoilers in elections with 3 or more viable candidates.
- IRV has not ended 2 party domination. In Australia and Ireland offices that use it are still 2 party dominated.
- STAR is more accurate. This is true regardless what measure of accuracy you prefer; VSE, Condorcet Winner, Yee, Beyesian...
- STAR can be tabulated locally. IRV is not precinct summable, which means that ballots must be centrally tabulated.
- STAR ballots are less likely to be thrown out due to voter error. There are less ways to accidentally mess up your ballot.
- In IRV strategic voting is 3x more likely to work rather than backfire. With STAR that ratio is even, meaning that strategic


Wait! You eliminated my 1st choice but never counted the rest of my rankings!
HEY!!! YOU'RE THROWING MY VOTE AWAY!!

Single-Winner 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

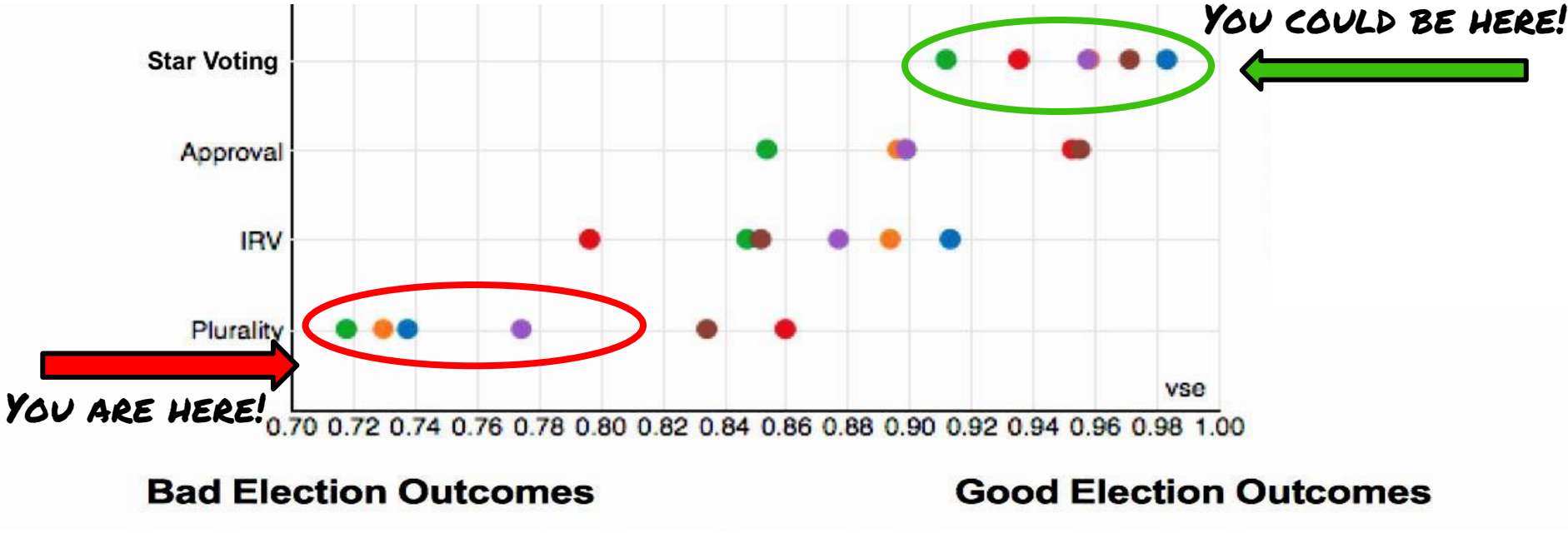
Graphic by the Equal Vote Coalition - Statistics from the Center For Election Science

Oregon is leading the voting reform movement

... and the rest of the country is watching!

Election Accuracy by Voting System

Voter Satisfaction Efficiency as measured by the Center for Election Science



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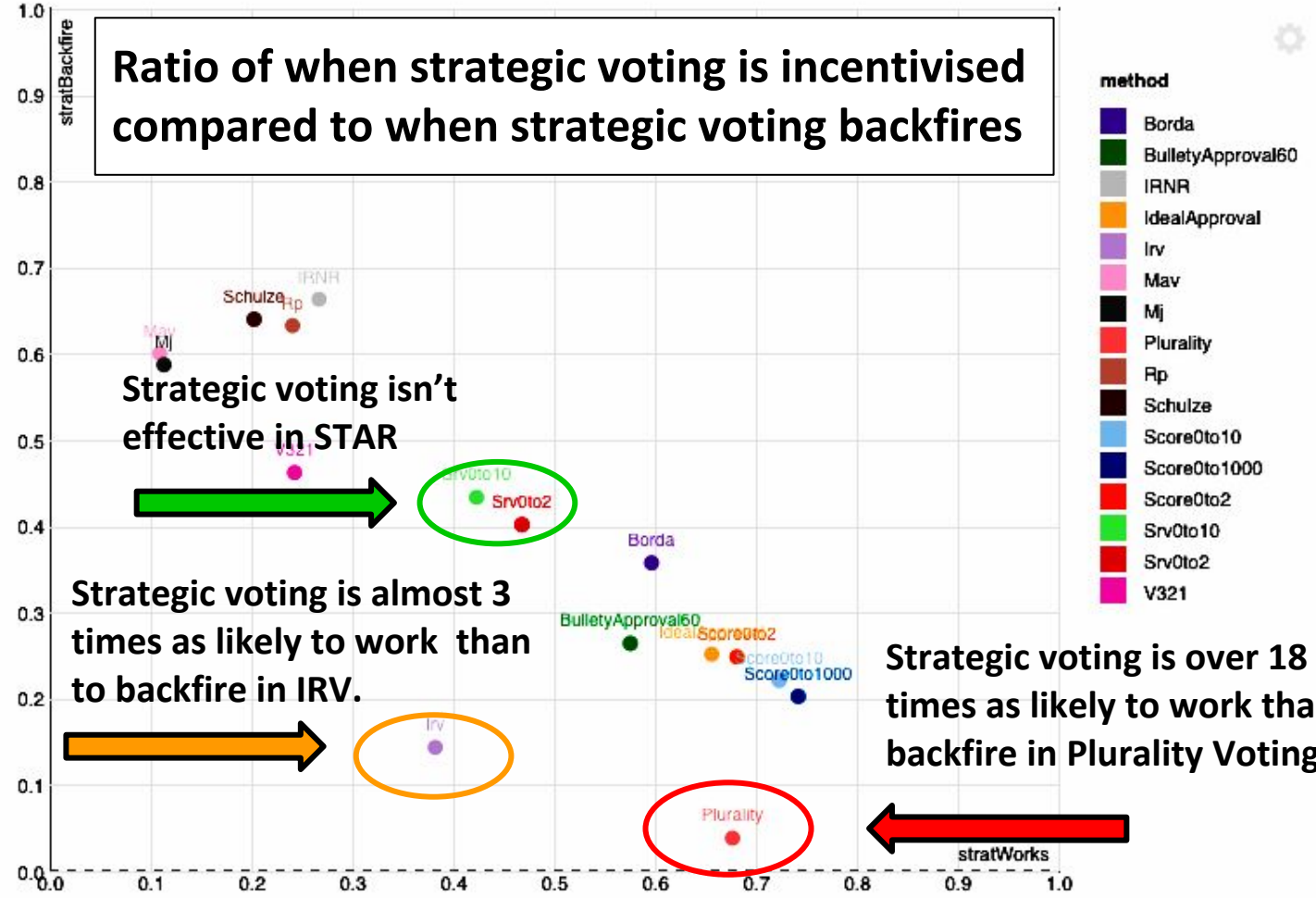

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Sign up on the STAR Voting Website
starvoting.us

Use the Star.Vote tool for your meetings and decisions!
star.vote

Like and follow the “STAR Voting” facebook page

Email us to find your dream volunteer oportunity:
join@equal.vote

Action Items:

* Sign up at starvoting.us
* Host an election and test drive STAR Voting at: star.vote
* Get informed on the differences between RCV and STAR. Oregon and STAR Voting are the cutting edge of voting reform and election reform. We are leading in terms of policy that delivers, so look locally for leadership on this and other issues.
* Build towards a STAR Ballot initiative for your city/county
* Outreach to other groups, activists, politicians to get them educated on STAR vs RCV vs status quo.
* Help with data entry, text banking, or let us know if you have specialized skills. Leadership opportunities are available on many subcommittees and projects.
* If you see something that needs to be done do it! Email first to make sure we are all working together: sara@equal.vote