

## Resources for Beyond Voting: Elections / Campaign Financing

### General

**Vote 411** Register, check registration, find out what's on the ballot <https://www.vote411.org/>

**Vote.org** <https://www.vote.org/>

**My Congressional District** –“quick and easy access to selected statistics collected by the U.S. Census Bureau”  
<https://www.census.gov/mycd/>

**Oregon Secretary of State – Voting and Elections Division**

<https://sos.oregon.gov/voting-elections/Pages/default.aspx>

**National Conference of State Legislatures - Elections and Campaign page** “NCSL provides 50-state research on many election law and procedural issues <http://www.ncsl.org/research/elections-and-campaigns.aspx>

**SERIES: ARCHAIC ELECTION METHODS CRIPPLE DEMOCRACY**

<http://www.sightline.org/series/voting-systems-cripple-democracy/>

### Voting by Mail / Absentee Ballots / 2020 Election

**The False Narrative of Vote-by-Mail Fraud.** Wendy R. Weiser. April 10, 2020

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**Oregon's vote-by-mail system gets more tv attention, on '60 minutes'.** June 29, 2020. Includes video.

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<https://www.propublica.org/electionland> **Election Law Blog** <https://electionlawblog.org/>

### Voter Turnout

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### Voting Systems - Primaries

**Oregon Open Primaries** Effort to bring open primaries to Oregon <https://oregonopenprimaries.org/>

**FairVote – Primary Elections**

[http://www.fairvote.org/primaries#open\\_and\\_closed\\_primaries](http://www.fairvote.org/primaries#open_and_closed_primaries)

**Open Primaries** <https://www.openprimaries.org/>

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### Voting Process/Methods – Ranked Choice Voting [aka Instant Runoff]

**Ranked Choice Voting – Benton County** [begins in 2020 if more than three candidates]

<https://www.co.benton.or.us/elections/page/ranked-choice-voting>

**Ranked Choice Voting video** created for Maine [1:30] <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rkx0e2Cduyk>

**Where RCV [Ranked Choice Voting] is Used** Has helpful 2-minute video about how it worked in a Mayoral election

[http://www.fairvote.org/where\\_is\\_ranked\\_choice\\_voting\\_used](http://www.fairvote.org/where_is_ranked_choice_voting_used)

**Fair Vote – Ranked Choice Voting / Instant Runoff** <http://www.fairvote.org/rcv#rcvbenefits>

### Voting Process/Methods – STAR Voting

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**STAR Voting** <https://www.starvoting.us/>

**Star Voting – Multnomah County** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1821618454770952>

**Star Voting – Lane County** <https://www.facebook.com/starvotinglane>

**STAR Voting for Lane County video** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=81&v=w9JZVEOR-Os](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=81&v=w9JZVEOR-Os)

### ***Electoral College***

**About the Electors. National Archives** <http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/electoral-college/electors.html>

**Electoral College** [https://ballotpedia.org/Electoral\\_College](https://ballotpedia.org/Electoral_College)

**National Popular Vote** <http://www.nationalpopularvote.com/> “Work-around” to the Electoral College

**Oregon Just Joined the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact** Eberhard. Sightline. 6/5/2019

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**FairVote: National Popular Vote** [http://www.fairvote.org/national\\_popular\\_vote#endorsers\\_of\\_the\\_npv\\_plan](http://www.fairvote.org/national_popular_vote#endorsers_of_the_npv_plan)

### ***Voting Rights and Voting Rights Bills***

**Voting Laws Roundup: October 2021.** Brennan Center.

<https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/research-reports/voting-laws-roundup-october-2021>

**Cost of Voting in the American States.** Li et al. Election Law Journal. Vol. 19, No. 4, 2020.

<https://www.liebertpub.com/doi/pdf/10.1089/elj.2020.0666>

**Pass the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act**

“The bill would restore crucial protections that have been removed from the Voting Rights Act of 1965.”

Michael Waldman. Brennan Center. August 17, 2021

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<https://www.dataforprogress.org/blog/2021/9/24/a-supermajority-of-voters-support-the-freedom-to-vote-act>

**Most Americans Support the Freedom to Vote Act**

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**Oregon Just Passed a Voting Rights Act. Here’s Why It’s a Big Deal.** Eberhard. Sightline Institute. 6/13/2019

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**Democracy Diminished: State and Local Threats to Voting, Post-Shelby County, Alabama v. Holder**

Legal Defense Fund, NAACP. 2014 [Report] <https://www.naacpldf.org/wp-content/uploads/Democracy-Diminished-State-and-Local-Threats-to-Voting-Post-Shelby-County-Alabama-v.-Holder.pdf>

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**Voting in Texas – A Real Challenge** Levine and Salam. 10/2/20

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### ***Voting and the Criminal Justice System***

**Felony Disenfranchisement.** The Sentencing Project

<http://www.sentencingproject.org/issues/felony-disenfranchisement/>

**FAQ on Felons’ Voting Rights in Oregon**

<https://multco.us/elections/faq%E2%80%99s-felon%E2%80%99s-voting-rights-oregon>

**State Felon Voter Laws** [map and chart]

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**Millions Raised to Pay off Debts so Floridians with Criminal Records Can Vote.** Coleman. 9/23/2020

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**Senator Ron Wyden Mar 2018 Senate Hearing on election security**

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**Securing American Elections** Prescriptions for Enhancing the Integrity and Independence of the 2020 U.S. Presidential Election and Beyond. Michael McFaul, Editor Stanford University 6/2019.

<https://fsi.stanford.edu/publication/securing-american-elections-prescriptions-enhancing-integrity-and-independence-2020-us>

**Election Security Funding: Cost Estimates Breakdown.** Brennan Center. 8/15/2019

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### ***Threats to Election Officials***

**Local Election Officials Survey** The Brennan Center for Justice:. June 16, 2021.

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<https://www.pbs.org/video/democracy-in-crisis-1635889282/>

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<https://illinoisnewsroom.org/transcript-of-call-between-president-trump-ga-secretary-of-state/>

### ***Redistricting and Gerrymandering***

**People Not Politicians** [Oregon's campaign to have an independent redistricting commission]

<https://www.peoplenotpoliticiansoregon.com/>

**People-Powered Fair Maps.** League of Women Voters. "national redistricting program of the League of Women Voters focused on creating fair political maps nationwide in all 50 states + D.C"

[https://www.lwv.org/peoplepoweredfairmaps?utm\\_source=NationalChapter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=September2021Highlights&utm\\_id=9.30.21](https://www.lwv.org/peoplepoweredfairmaps?utm_source=NationalChapter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=September2021Highlights&utm_id=9.30.21)

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<https://www.brookings.edu/blog/brookings-now/2017/07/06/a-primer-on-gerrymandering-and-political-polarization/>

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### ***Proportional Representation***

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<https://theoregonway.substack.com/p/announcing-proportional-representation?justPublished=true>

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<http://prooregon.org/>

#### **How to fix democracy: Move beyond the two-party system, experts say**

Author: Ingraham, Christopher Publication info: The Washington Post. Mar 1, 2021.

### ***Campaign Finance and Public Financing of Campaigns***

#### **Oregon Honest Elections Campaign** [Oregon] Follow developments in campaign finance reform in Oregon.

<http://or.honest-elections.com/>

#### **Portland Open and Accountable Elections.** Portland's program to help support candidates for Mayor and Council.

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/oea/#:-:text=Mission%20Statement,and%20accountable%20to%20all%20Portlanders.>

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#### **Questions about 527 and 501(c) 4 orgs.**

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#### **Chart of Disclosure Rules from the Campaign Legal Center** [federal]

[http://www.campaignlegalcenter.org/sites/default/files/CLC\\_501c\\_disclosure\\_chart.pdf](http://www.campaignlegalcenter.org/sites/default/files/CLC_501c_disclosure_chart.pdf)

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<http://www.fec.gov/pages/brochures/pubfund.shtml>

#### **Public Campaign Financing.** Brennan Center.

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[https://guides.library.harvard.edu/hks/campaigns\\_elections](https://guides.library.harvard.edu/hks/campaigns_elections)

### ***Campaign Finance Tracking***

#### **Oregon Campaign Finance Information - ORESTAR System Public Search**

<https://secure.sos.state.or.us/orestar/gotoPublicTransactionSearch.do>

Choose other searches: PACs, etc. on left side of page

#### **Public Disclosure Commission - Follow the Money.** Washington State Campaign Finance Information

<https://www.pdc.wa.gov/>

#### **Center for Responsive Politics – Open Secrets** All things \$ in politics including “dark money” groups.

[http://www.opensecrets.org/outsidespending/nonprof\\_summ.php](http://www.opensecrets.org/outsidespending/nonprof_summ.php) Info on non-profits acting in the political realm

#### **Money Line.** Another approach to tracking campaign money. Federal level. <http://pml.cq.com/>

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