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Morning all, let's talk Ranked Choice Voting real quick. It is super easy to understand, and is not any kind of "Scam" or "Rigging" of an election.

Let's take this to the hypothetical, shall we?

(Quick thread) <https://t.co/pQrHcWu7U1>

Let's say we have 3 different candidates.

Candidate A is center-left

Candidate B is center-right

Candidate C is right-wing

If I want to vote for B, I make them as no.1. If I want, I can stop there and give no rank to the other two. Same if I wanted to vote another.

If I wanted to vote B, then, I can mark B as 1, but I could also mark A as no. 2 as well, and leave three blank. Or, I could just list an order of preference.

All the number one votes are tallied. Then, the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated.

If someone marked a second choice, then, those second-choice votes go to the selected candidate. In my example, my vote would go from B, then, to A. See how that works?

Moving to the Alaska Election, recently won by Mary Petola, the dropping out of the other liberal candidate likely had zero effect on the outcome of the race, except to perhaps give Ms. Petola a bit more attention and funding, as most voters would have chosen her 1 or 2.

That is, assuming they are democrats.

You would think that Mr. Begich, running as a Republican, would have many of his voters for fr. Gov Pailin, but it seems that was not the case. As he was eliminated first, it seems more no.2 votes went to Ms. Petola.

Ranked-Choice voting does not eliminate political spoilers entirely, as airtime and funding can be divided. But, it does drastically reduce the effect of them, drastically.

And this is proven mathematical and historical fact.

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