

## Resources for Beyond Voting: Elections / Campaign Financing

### General

#### Oregon Secretary of State Elections Publications

<http://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/manuals-tutorials.aspx>

**National Conference of State Legislatures - Elections and Campaign page** “NCSL provides 50-state research on many election law and procedural issues, including Voter ID: State Requirements, Absentee and Early Voting, Primary Election Systems, Automatic Recount Thresholds, Electronic (Online) Registration and Same Day Registration

<http://www.ncsl.org/research/elections-and-campaigns.aspx>

**Project VoteSmart** [www.votesmart.org](http://www.votesmart.org)

#### Campaign Legal Center

<http://www.campaignlegalcenter.org/>

#### SERIES: ARCHAIC ELECTION METHODS CRIPPLE DEMOCRACY

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

### Right to Vote

#### Does the U.S. Constitution Guarantee Americans an Affirmative Individual Right to Vote?

<https://www.acslaw.org/acsblog/does-the-us-constitution-guarantee-americans-an-affirmative-individual-right-to-vote>

#### Electoral Dysfunction – The Right to Vote [4 min. video]

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UMl0MHFGhE8>

Amendment introduced Mar 2017. <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-joint-resolution/74/text>

### Voter Turnout

#### U.S. voter turnout trails most developed countries Aug 2, 2016 Pew Research Center

<http://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2016/08/02/u-s-voter-turnout-trails-most-developed-countries/>

#### Obama Expresses Support for Making Election Day a National Holiday 2014.

<https://thinkprogress.org/obama-expresses-support-for-making-election-day-a-national-holiday-e3491a404e61/>

#### Millions to the Polls Demos. 2014.

<http://www.demos.org/sites/default/files/publications/m2p-Main.pdf>

#### The U.S. Should Require All Citizens to Vote. Ornstein. July 2012.

<http://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2012/07/the-us-should-require-all-citizens-to-vote/259902/>

#### Vote-by-Mail bills - current session of Congress [look up on Congress.gov]

[S.1231](#)

[H.R.2669](#)

### Voter Registration

“Inaccurate, Costly and Inefficient: Evidence That America’s Voter Registration System Needs an Upgrade”. Pew Center for the States. Feb, 2012.

<http://moritzlaw.osu.edu/electionlaw/documents/Pew-UpgradingVoterRegistration.pdf>

#### Automatic Voter Registration: Finding America’s Missing Voters Kennedy, Daley, Wright. Jan 20, 2016 Demos

<http://www.demos.org/publication/automatic-voter-registration-finding-americas-missing-voters>

#### The Case for Voter Registration Modernization. Brennan Center. Jan 23, 2013.

<http://www.brennancenter.org/publication/case-voter-registration-modernization>

#### Automatic Voter Registration bills - current session of Congress [look up on Congress.gov]

[H.R.2876](#)

[S.1353](#)

### Voting Systems [the nuts and bolts]

GAO Report: **Elections: Issues Related to Registering Voters and Administering Elections.** June, 2016.

<http://www.gao.gov/assets/680/678131.pdf>

Link to the **Presidential Commission on Election Administration Report 2014** and additional information

<https://bipartisanpolicy.org/the-presidential-commission-on-election-administration/>

#### Electoral System Design: The New International IDEA Handbook 2014

“Our mission is to support sustainable democratic change through providing comparative knowledge, assisting in democratic reform, and influencing policies and politics”

<https://www.idea.int/publications/catalogue/electoral-system-design-new-international-idea-handbook?lang=my>

**Win or Lose** No Voting System is Flawless. But some are less democratic than others. Anthony Gottlieb. The New Yorker. July 26, 2010. <http://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2010/07/26/win-or-lose>

**City of Portland Election Process** <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/citycode/?c=28158>

**Multnomah County Elections** <https://multco.us/elections>

**State of Oregon Election Laws** <http://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/laws-rules.aspx>

### **Voting Systems - Primaries**

**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/>

**Listings of the type of Primaries for each state:**

[http://www.ncsl.org/documents/Elections/Primary\\_Types\\_Table\\_2017.pdf](http://www.ncsl.org/documents/Elections/Primary_Types_Table_2017.pdf)

<http://www.ncsl.org/research/elections-and-campaigns/primary-types.aspx#3>

### **Voting Systems - Voting Process**

**Ranked Choice Voting / Instant Runoff** [same thing]

**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)

**Maine's Fitful Experiment With a New Way of Voting.** Berman. 4/11/2018

<https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2018/04/ranked-choice-voting-maine/557669/Voting>. Berman. 4/11/2018

**Fair Vote** <http://www.fairvote.org>

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

**STAR Voting** - <https://www.equal.vote/starvoting>

**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)

**Changing the Ballot: Local group seeks to transform the way we vote** Mortensen. 3/1/2018 [Lane County]

<https://www.eugeneweekly.com/2018/03/01/changing-the-ballot/>

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

**We Need Star Voting** 8 minute video

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i-BiVwivozM&list=PLZmtXkgF8RP4Ta6VOjpNZuJ4jjJ\\_7sDCK&index=3](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i-BiVwivozM&list=PLZmtXkgF8RP4Ta6VOjpNZuJ4jjJ_7sDCK&index=3)

### **Local groups attempting to change voting systems in Oregon**

**RCV-OR** – RCV focus only

**Equal Vote PDX** - - Portland chapter [formerly part of RCV-OR] Broader focus now includes STAR

**STAR Voting** - Local [www.starvoting.us/coalition](http://www.starvoting.us/coalition)

**STAR Voting** - prospective Multnomah County Initiative <https://www.starvoting.us/amendment>

**STAR Voting for Lane County** <https://www.starlane.us/>

**Represent.us** - Portland Chapter <https://volunteer.represent.us/portland>

### **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

**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)

**Oregon's Chance to Fix the Electoral College** [How Oregon Can Help Change the Electoral College to a Popular Vote].

Sightline. 2015 <http://www.sightline.org/2015/04/24/oregons-chance-to-fix-the-electoral-college/>

It was tried again in the 2017 legislative session. Passed in the House [again] but did not go through the Senate [again]

**Connecticut OKs Bill Pledging Electoral Votes To National Popular-Vote Winner. Chappell. 5/7/2018.**

<https://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-way/2018/05/07/609060190/connecticut-oks-bill-pledging-electoral-votes-to-national-popular-vote-winner>

### **Voting Rights**

**Does the U.S. Constitution Guarantee Americans an Affirmative Individual Right to Vote?**

American Constitution Society. Sept 13, 2011.

<https://www.acslaw.org/acsblog/does-the-us-constitution-guarantee-americans-an-affirmative-individual-right-to-vote>

**Voter Rights** from CQ Researcher database. May 18, 2012. [online via Multnomah County Library].

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

Legal Defense Fund, NAACP. 2014 [Report]

[http://www.naacpldf.org/files/publications/Democracy%20Diminished-State%20and%20Local%20Voting%20Changes%20Post-Shelby%20v.%20Holder\\_4.pdf](http://www.naacpldf.org/files/publications/Democracy%20Diminished-State%20and%20Local%20Voting%20Changes%20Post-Shelby%20v.%20Holder_4.pdf)

**State Voter Identification Requirements: Analysis, Legal Issues, and Policy Considerations.** Congressional Research Service. July, 2016.

<https://fas.org/sqp/crs/misc/R42806.pdf>

**Voting Laws Roundup.** Brennan Center for Justice. 2018

<https://www.brennancenter.org/analysis/voting-laws-roundup-2018>

**'Politics Ain't the Same' — How the 19th Amendment Changed American Elections** Lynn Sherr Aug 28, 2016

<http://billmovers.com/story/politics-aint-19th-amendment-changed-american-elections/>

### ***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]

<http://felonvoting.procon.org/view.resource.php?resourceID=000286>

### ***Redistricting***

**What is Redistricting?** Levitt. Loyola Law School <http://redistricting.lls.edu/what.php>

**Federal and State criteria for Redistricting** <http://redistricting.lls.edu/where.php#equalpop>

**Redistricting Reform Task Force 2017 Report and Recommendations** Oregon SOS Office.

<http://sos.oregon.gov/Documents/redistricting-reform-report.pdf>

**Bill from 2018 Oregon legislative session [an outcome of the Redistricting Task Force]:**

**OR - HJR204 Proposes amendment to Oregon Constitution establishing Independent Redistricting Commission**

<https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2018R1/Measures/Overview/HJR204>

**Gill v Whitford** case. Brennan Center. 1/24/18. Currently, the most important case regarding Redistricting [Wisconsin].

<https://www.brennancenter.org/legal-work/whitford-v-gill>

**Fair Vote – Gerrymandering** [http://www.fairvote.org/gerrymandering#gerrymandering\\_key\\_facts](http://www.fairvote.org/gerrymandering#gerrymandering_key_facts)

**Redistricting.** Brennan Center <http://www.brennancenter.org/content/section/category/redistricting/>

**The State of Redistricting Litigation (Updated May 16, 2018 Edition).** Li, Wolf and Farmer. May 2018

<https://www.brennancenter.org/blog/state-redistricting-litigation>

**Citizen-Led Efforts to Reform Redistricting 2018.** Brennan Center.

<https://www.brennancenter.org/analysis/current-citizen-efforts-reform-redistricting>

**Where Redistricting Fights Stand Across The Country.** Montanaro. 2018

<https://www.npr.org/2018/02/15/585232149/where-redistricting-fights-stand-across-the-country>

**LINES THAT DON'T DIVIDE: A City Club of Portland report on improving Oregon's redistricting process 2012**

<https://www.pdxcityclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Lines-That-Dont-Divide.pdf>

**When the People Draw the Lines An Examination of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission Executive Summary.** 2013 - Full report is also available, too. <https://cavotes.org/sites/default/files/jobs/RedistrictingCommission%20Report6122013.pdf>

[https://cavotes.org/sites/default/files/jobs/When%20the%20People%20Draw%20the%20Lines%20Exec%20Summary%2006102013\\_0.pdf](https://cavotes.org/sites/default/files/jobs/When%20the%20People%20Draw%20the%20Lines%20Exec%20Summary%2006102013_0.pdf)

### ***Campaign Finance***

**Campaign contribution limits - federal.** Federal Election Commission.

<https://transition.fec.gov/info/contriblimitschart1718.pdf>

**Campaign contribution limits in the states.** National Conference of State Legislatures.

<http://www.ncsl.org/research/elections-and-campaigns/campaign-contribution-limits-overview.aspx>

**Citizens United Opinion** [Be sure to check out the dissenting opinion, too. Starts on page 88.]

<https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/09pdf/08-205.pdf>

**Secret Spending in the States.** Brennan Center. 2016. Shows the importance of state/local campaign finance laws!

[https://www.brennancenter.org/sites/default/files/analysis/Secret\\_Spending\\_in\\_the\\_States.pdf](https://www.brennancenter.org/sites/default/files/analysis/Secret_Spending_in_the_States.pdf)

**Honest Ads Act H.R.4077 and S.1989** [In current Congressional session - would require online political ads provide source info, as is done with TV and radio political ads. Look up at [www.congress.gov](http://www.congress.gov) ]

**Honest Elections Campaign Finance Measures - Portland and Oregon**

<https://www.honest-elections.com/>

**Americans Say Money in Politics Is a Top Five Concern This November.** IssueOne. June. 2016.

<https://www.issueone.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/issue-one-ipsos-polling-june-2016.pdf>

**Four Surefire Tips for Following the Money in Your State.** Andy Kroll. January 3, 2014

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<http://billmoyers.com/2014/01/03/four-surefire-tips-for-following-the-money-in-your-state/>

### **Campaign Finance Regulation and the First Amendment**

<http://law2.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/conlaw/campaign.htm>

**A 28<sup>th</sup> Amendment to Restore the American Promise** [video] <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K6igolnTvqA>

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

<https://www.opensecrets.org/outsidespending/faq.php>

**Difference between SuperPACS and “dark money”** [money from the non-profits]. Especially at “Here’s a huge caveat”:

<https://sunlightfoundation.com/blog/2015/10/30/the-difference-between-super-pacs-and-dark-money-groups/>

### **Chart of Disclosure Rules from the Campaign Legal Center**

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

**Cracks in the Dam: Three Paths Citizens United Created for Foreign Money to Pour into US Elections.** The Intercept. Jon Schwarz, Lee Fang. Aug. 3 2016

<https://theintercept.com/2016/08/03/citizens-united-foreign-money-us-elections/>

### **Campaign Finance Tracking**

**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

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

<https://secure.sos.state.or.us/orestar/CommitteeSearchFirstPage.do?startup=2>

Search for info on Measures: <https://secure.sos.state.or.us/orestar/GotoSearchByMnP.do>

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

**MoneyLine** <http://pml.cq.com/>

### **Public Financing of Elections**

**Public Financing of Presidential Elections brochure**

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

**Establish Small Donor Public Financing.** Brennan Center. Feb 4, 2016

<https://www.brennancenter.org/analysis/establish-small-donor-public-financing>

**Portland to Revive Public Financing of Elections in 2019.** Floum. 12/14/2016.

[http://www.oregonlive.com/portland/index.ssf/2016/12/portland\\_to\\_revive\\_public\\_camp.html](http://www.oregonlive.com/portland/index.ssf/2016/12/portland_to_revive_public_camp.html)

**Portland Gives Publicly Financed Campaigns a 2<sup>nd</sup> Try.** Templeton. 12/14/2016.

<https://www.opb.org/news/article/public-finance-campaign-portland/>

**City Commissioners Now Directly Control Portland's Election Finance System.** Vanderhart. 3/14/2018.

<https://www.portlandmercury.com/news/2018/03/14/19739613/city-commissioners-now-directly-control-portlands-election-finance-system>

**Portland Chapter 2.16 Open and Accountable Elections** 2018. [reinstatement of Public Campaign Financing program]

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/citycode/72577>

**The Brief History of 'Voter-Owned Elections' in Portland, Oregon: If Public Financing Can't Make It There, Can It Make It Anywhere?** Paul Diller. Willamette Law Review. 2013.

[http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=2354762](http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2354762)

In the Misinformation workshop I talk about using research guides from university libraries as starting points from which to find good resources. Here's one from Harvard University on **Campaigns and Elections.**

<http://guides.library.harvard.edu/c.php?g=310717&p=2072693>

### **Misc**

**Reformers Caucus** Bipartisan group of former members of Congress and governors ever assembled on behalf of money-in-politics reform.

<https://www.issueone.org/reformers/>

**Winning Reform in the States** Blueprints for Democracy. 2017 Update. Reviews steps taken within various states.

<http://www.blueprintsfordemocracy.org/update/>