

Resources for Beyond Voting: Elections / Campaign Financing - Columbia County

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>

Campaign Legal Center

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

SERIES: ARCHAIC ELECTION METHODS CRIPPLE DEMOCRACY

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

SIGHTLINE'S GUIDE TO METHODS FOR ELECTING LEGISLATIVE BODIES

<http://www.sightline.org/2017/05/18/sightlines-guide-to-methods-for-electing-legislative-bodies/#majoritarian-problem-legislative-bodies-that-dont-represent-the-voters>

Local

St Helens Municipal Elections <https://www.ci.st-helens.or.us/cityrecorder/page/municipal-elections>

Columbia County Elections [Link to filed candidates] <http://www.co.columbia.or.us/departments/elections-department-main>

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

State of Oregon Elections Manuals and Tutorials <https://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/manuals-tutorials.aspx>

Right to Vote

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UMI0MHFGhE8>

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

Restricting the Vote - section on the Brennan Center site that keeps track of attempts to restrict people from voting

<https://www.brennancenter.org/issues/restricting-vote>

Voter Turnout

U.S. voter turnout trails most developed countries May 21, 2018 Pew Research Center

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

Millions to the Polls Demos. 2014. Strategies to get more people to vote.

<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>

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>

Voting Systems - Primaries

FairVote – Primary Elections

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/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

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 <https://www.starlane.us/>

STAR Voting for Lane County video 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/>

Electoral College

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

Electoral College https://ballotpedia.org/Electoral_College

Making Every Vote Count <https://www.makeeveryvotecount.com/> “Work-around” to the Electoral College

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

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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)

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://billmoyers.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>

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Voter Fraud

In Their Own Words: Officials Refuting False Claims of Voter Fraud

<https://www.brennancenter.org/quotes-on-voter-fraud>

Myth of Voter Fraud

<https://www.brennancenter.org/issues/voter-fraud>

Election Commission Documents Cast Doubt on Trump's Claims of Voter Fraud

<https://www.propublica.org/article/election-commission-documents-cast-doubt-on-trumps-claims-of-voter-fraud>

Voting Security

Senator Ron Wyden Mar 2018 Senate Hearing on election security

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IXjYNLJ9yAM>

Cybersecurity Campaign Playbook. Harvard U. Belfer Center. <https://www.belfercenter.org/CyberPlaybook>

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>

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

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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>

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

Initiative and Referendum

Oregon Initiative and Referendum Manual <https://sos.oregon.gov/elections/documents/stateir.pdf>

Oregon Initiatives, Referendums and Referrals <https://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/initiatives-referendums-referrals.aspx>

Oregon Initiative and Referendum database Detailed info but not campaign finance info

http://egov.sos.state.or.us/elec/web_irr_search.search_form]

Campaign Finance

Campaign contribution limits chart - 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

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]

Honest Elections Campaign Finance Measures - Portland and Oregon

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

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

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

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A 28th 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

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/>

Getting Foreign Funds Out of America’s Elections. Vandewalker and Norden. Brennan Center. April 2018

https://www.brennancenter.org/sites/default/files/publications/Getting%20Foreign%20Funds%20Out%20of%20America%27s%20Elections.%20Final_April9.pdf

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 Info on non-profits acting in the political realm

Follow the Money From the Campaign Finance Institute <https://www.followthemoney.org/>

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> versus

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

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

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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

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/>

Democracy: An Election Agenda for Candidates, Activists, and Legislators. Weiser and Bannon. May, 2018.

<https://www.brennancenter.org/publication/democracy-election-agenda-2018>

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>