

# A Rank Idea

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The impending **Mid-Term Congressional Elections** must seem to "Democrats" like staring down the barrel of a .44 Magnum. Thus, they are desperately engaged in schemes to halt the bloodbath that awaits them in November. One is a devious proposal to convince **RED** states like Missouri to adopt a **Ranked Choice** system of elections.

Dubious organizations are throwing a lot of cash at leftist groups in Missouri -- such as the NAACP -- to support an **initiative petition** to place **Ranked Choice Voting** (RCV) on the 2022 statewide ballot. A Virginia group called **Better Elections** has thrown \$670,000 at these leftist groups to promote RCV. That money originated with yet, another Virginia group named **Article IV** that doesn't reveal its contributors for good reasons.

RCV is being sold as a way to eliminate "*partisan*" politics by allowing every voter to cast their ballot for any candidate in a **combined and non-partisan primary field**. It would amend the Missouri Constitution by eliminating our current system of "*run-off*" primary and general elections, where the candidate with the most votes wins his Primary Election and then advances to the General Election where the candidate receiving the most votes is elected.

Here's one explanation of this process: **Irrespective of party, the four primary candidates receiving the most votes in the non-partisan Primary would advance to the General Election. There, each voter would be permitted to "rank" the four remaining candidates in order of preference -- from first to last — or simply vote for their first choice.**

This amendment to the Missouri Constitution would apply to statewide offices, the Missouri Legislature and to U.S. House and Senate seats.

Supporters are already collecting signatures. And, if it sounds confusing that's because it is intended to be.

Supporters of RCV claim that the new system would "...*free voters from the pressure to choose the lesser of two evils...*" This was the complaint of most conservative Republicans for 60 years, but it never seemed to bother RINOs or Democrats before now. Phyllis Schlafly even wrote a book on that very subject titled *A Choice Not an Echo*.

One supporter claims that "...*our current system seems to be increasing the polarization of Missouri politics and consistently generating nominees who do not necessarily enjoy the support of a broad swath of this state's voters...*" That "*polarization*" he laments is really a sharpening and clarification of the differences in governing philosophies between the two major parties. It has worked to turn Missouri's legislature **BRIGHT RED** and elected exceptional officials like Senator Josh Hawley.

The President of the St. Louis County NAACP claims that RCV would empower Missourians and increase the accountability of elected public officials to Missouri voters. **When the NAACP starts worrying about empowering ALL Missourians -- not just blacks -- and making politicians more accountable, you'd better grab your wallet and watch your back. If the NAACP supports it, it CAN'T be beneficial for the rest of us.**

**In truth, RCV is a device to permit "Democrats" or RINOs to rally behind a single candidate in every election having a crowded Republican field, greatly improving the chances of a Democrat or RINO candidate being elected. We would see a lot of RINOs entering races to draw support from the most conservative candidate -- such as any Trump-endorsed candidate -- in order to benefit the Democrat or RINO candidate, particularly a black Democrat.**

The only reason in the world that RINOs and "*Democrats*" would support such a scheme is because they can manipulate it to their advantage like they did the mass-mailing of *Absentee Ballots* in 2020. That's because "*Democrats*" engage in more forceful "*party discipline*" than the GOP.

Missourians who support CRV sound like the same liars and idiots who supported the abandoned effort to merge St. Louis City and County: this would have permitted the city to swap its black criminals for the county's tax revenues. Some deal!

Their schemes are always described as "*reforms*" that facilitate good government, but **NEVER** are. No **RED** state should fall for their lies.