

SB0493 Rank Choice Voting, the sound of it is **rank with a foul odor**. The bill should be titled **'THE FIX IS IN Bill'**. **It is a smoke and mirror controlled outcome, it does not work and it has been a disaster anywhere it has been tested. It is the only way a minority party can attempt to win, or a party no one ever heard of like the 'Forward Party', lol. Trust will fall to new depths if this is even considered. Does election accuracy mean anything anymore?**

AND it hurts minority voters! This RCV or to “ **rank candidates** on a ballot rather than choose one, may harm black and Native American voters disproportionately, according to a new study by a Princeton University professor.” Also “overly complicated and confuses voters”
Via yet another recent study dated Jan 2024



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“Andrew Yang, a former presidential candidate and the founder of the Forward Party, argues that “ranked choice voting ensures the most accurate allocation of delegates based on voters’ true preferences.”¹⁴ Ranked-choice voting is the central focus of the new party that Yang and others launched recently.”

“Critics argue that ranked-choice voting is **confusing and that voters are overwhelmed by the task of ranking all candidates** rather than **just choosing one**. For example, **Senator Tom Cotton (R-Ark.)** wrote on Twitter: “**Ranked-choice voting is a scam to rig elections. 60% of Alaska voters voted for a Republican, but thanks to a convoluted process and ballot exhaustion—which disenfranchises voters—a Democrat ‘won.’**” (2)

Yang wouldn’t be pushing this RCV if he had any other way to win, because he has **NO** chance of winning, RCV comes into play, it is basically as a nice way to cheat, imho.

LINKS:

- (1) <https://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/2020/10/02/why-ranked-choice-voting-improve-american-elections-yang-weld-column/5877731002/>
- (2) <https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/2022-election/sarah-palins-election-loss-sen-tom-cotton-calls-ranked-choice-voting-s-rcna45834>

Please say **NO to CHEATING** in Maryland. When election confidence is at an all time **LOW** and many of us do not believe **OUR** vote even counts, say no to this bad idea. Lawsuit will ensue! This will cost the state billions.

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