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', Iol. Trust will fall to new depths if this is even considered. Does election accuracy mean anything anymore?

"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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