

# Candidate Selection

Political Science

Who chooses the candidates, and why it matters.

*Methods and consequences.*

## Selection methods

Party leadership appointment

Local party membership ballot

Open or closed primaries

Central shortlist with local choice

Quota mechanisms for representation

## Consequences

Shapes who can realistically stand

Affects the diversity of representatives

Determines loyalty to party or locality

Primaries can pull candidates to the base

Educational reference. Where one party dominates a district, the selection contest is the effective election.