

Elections

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How votes become seats, and what each system rewards.

System and typical effect.

System	How	Tends to produce
First past the post	Most votes in each district wins	Two large parties, single-party government
Proportional	Seats match vote share	Multi-party, coalition government
Mixed member	Combines both	Proportional with local representation
Ranked choice	Preferences redistributed	Majority winners, fewer wasted votes

Educational reference. No system is neutral. Each embeds a judgement about representation against governability.