

Legislators and party leaders who oppose ranked choice voting systems in general have asked if there are distinctions that would enable them to support Final 5. The short answer is YES, you can support Final 5 even if you oppose other Ranked Choice Voting systems in general..

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| <p>Republicans are understandably against most Ranked Choice Voting systems. Think of RCV as a “rectangle” that describes any system that includes a ranked or instant runoff ballot.</p> | <p>Final Five should be understood as using an instant runoff ballot, at the end of the process that strikes a perfect “balance” like a rectangle with equal sides to form a “square.”</p> |
| <p>Designed to Beat Republicans. The first major statewide ranked choice voting system was designed specifically to defeat a Republican Governor in Maine. Paul LePage won two elections – with 37.6% in 2010 and 48.2% in 2014 with Independent Eliot Cutler getting substantial support in each. Liberal donors met to fund a change to Ranked Choice Voting with the only purpose being to defeat LePage.</p> | <p>Designed to Make Government Function Like a Business. Final Five was a system proposed by a successful business woman after being disillusioned that the current voting system provided the wrong incentives to prevent elected officials from governing effectively. Therefore Final Five was designed to make government run more like a business, while Ranked Choice Voting was formed to help Democrats.</p> |
| <p>Complicated. Ranked Choice voting can be very confusing since voters can be asked to evaluate and rank an endless number of choices (13 in the New York Mayor's race).</p> | <p>Simple. Final Five is the exact opposite – the most simple of all voting systems in which a voter ONLY PICKS ONE CANDIDATE on primary day regardless of party.</p> |
| <p>Backward Process. Ranked Choice Voting advocates moved their focus to holding the ranking process in the primary rather than the general election. This lets liberal megadonors continue to game the general election with massive buys of digital advertising targeted at conservative voters, encouraging them to vote for a spoiler candidate to peel off just enough votes from the Republican nominee to allow the Democratic nominee to win with less than half the vote (e.g. WI – Biden 49%, Trump 48%, Three other conservatives 3%). In summary, Non-Final Five ranked choice voting creates all the confusion that critics fear, while providing none of the benefits (eliminating spoilers).</p> | <p>Logical Process. Final Five does not use a ranked ballot until the final general election once the list of options is down to a manageable five candidates. This ensures the main benefits of changing the system in both the; 1, primary, where the Republican with the best chance to win the general cannot be eliminated by practices such as Democratic Governor Pritzker spending \$20 million in the Republican primary to nominate the opponent with almost no chance to beat him; to 2) general, where the instant runoff allows conservative voters to transfer their vote for a pro-life, libertarian or Constitutional Party candidate to their second choice Republican to get them to 51% over the Democrat.</p> |
| <p>Political-Industrial Establishment Opposes any change. The political establishment of commissioned consultants and establishment lawyers oppose any change to a voting system because it cuts into their massive profits.</p> | <p>The Establishment Attacks and Threatens. Rather than allowing a 1st Amendment discussion among conservatives, the establishment threatens that any activist who supports Final 5 will never get another conservative job.</p> |
| <p>The reasons conservatives oppose Ranked Choice Voting are logical, and thus the insistence from opponents of Final Five that it be called “Ranked Choice Voting” is to blur the distinction.</p> | <p>Advocates should acknowledge that Final Five’s instant runoff uses a “ranked ballot” at the end of the process, but it is important to note Final Five is one specific type of RCV that works.</p> |