

**Resources for Beyond Voting: Elections / Campaign Financing**  
**Special COVID Election Season List including many resources related to mail-in / absentee voting**

[Note that civil litigation is changing so fast that I do not include specific information here.  
It is best to search on, for example, <issue/state> to get the latest information.]

**General**

**Vote 411** Register, check registration, find out what's on the ballot <https://www.vote411.org/>

**Vote.org** <https://www.vote.org/>

**My Congressional District** –“quick and easy access to selected statistics collected by the U.S. Census Bureau”  
<https://www.census.gov/mycd/>

**Oregon Secretary of State – Voting and Elections Division**

<https://sos.oregon.gov/voting-elections/Pages/default.aspx>

**Oregon Secretary of State** – Register to vote; check registration

<https://sos.oregon.gov/voting/Pages/registration.aspx?lang=en>

**National Conference of State Legislatures - Elections and Campaign page** “NCSL provides 50-state research on many election law and procedural issues <http://www.ncsl.org/research/elections-and-campaigns.aspx>

**SERIES: ARCHAIC ELECTION METHODS CRIPPLE DEMOCRACY**

<http://www.sightline.org/series/voting-systems-cripple-democracy/>

**Congress must help states avoid a perfect storm looming over November election.** Tim Roemer [D] and Zach Wamp [R] , former U.S. Congressmen 6/15/2020. Ambassador Roemer and Congressman Wamp are co-chairs of Issue One's Reformers Caucus. <https://www.newsweek.com/congress-must-help-states-avoid-perfect-storm-looming-over-november-election-opinion-1510967>

**How to fix our voting rules before November.** Marc Elias. 4/5/2020

<https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2020/04/how-fix-voting-right-now/609454/>

**Changes to voting rules for absentee ballots, state by state.** Nonprofit Vote. Updated 6/22/2020.

<https://www.nonprofitvote.org/absentee-ballots-and-covid-19/>

**American National Election Studies** - data from its own surveys on voting, public opinion, and political participation

<https://electionstudies.org/>

**Voting by Mail / Absentee Ballots / 2020 Election**

**Absentee and Mail Voting Policies in Effect for the 2020 Election.** National Conference of State Legislators.

9/28/2020 <https://www.ncsl.org/research/elections-and-campaigns/absentee-and-mail-voting-policies-in-effect-for-the-2020-election.aspx>

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<https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/research-reports/mail-voting-what-has-changed-2020>

**The False Narrative of Vote-by-Mail Fraud.** Wendy R. Weiser. April 10, 2020

<https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/analysis-opinion/false-narrative-vote-mail-fraud>

**Oregon's vote-by-mail system gets more tv attention, on '60 minutes'.** June 29, 2020. Includes video.

<https://www.oregonlive.com/entertainment/2020/06/oregons-vote-by-mail-system-gets-more-tv-attention-on-60-minutes.html?fbclid=iwar2q-zlxs6voqvbiwvuoqbywrbxh4zww8byi1wzt-cqp8zlphtbnnl530>

**Vote by Mail during COVID-19: Insights from Oregon** Paul Manson. 4/13/2020

<https://evic.reed.edu/research/vote-by-mail-during-covid-19-insights-from-oregon/>

**Why a Vote-by-Mail Option Is Necessary.** Matthew Harwood 4/8/2020

<https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/research-reports/why-vote-mail-option-necessary>

**VOTE BY MAIL FOR SECURE ELECTIONS IN 2020.** State-by-state resources for elections officials. Sightline.

<https://www.sightline.org/votebymail2020/>

**Four Ways States Suppress the Absentee Vote.** Sightline. 7/30/2020.

<https://www.sightline.org/2020/07/30/four-ways-states-suppress-the-absentee-vote/?fbclid=IwAR24guCMGSwTMT-zLEoL088C769HZ6zUHOhdCdrFG-cW09-ezseyTmAeQ40>

**Few States Are Prepared To Switch To Voting By Mail: That Could Make For A Messy Election.** Nathaniel Rakich. April 27, 2020. Good discussion of what is needed for states to be ready for vote-by-mail and why we need more funding.

<https://fivethirtyeight.com/features/few-states-are-prepared-to-switch-to-voting-by-mail-that-could-make-for-a-messy-election/>

**The Neutral Partisan Effects of Vote-by-Mail: Evidence from County-Level Roll-Outs.** Stanford U. April, 2020.

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[https://assets.website-files.com/5dcf4d91edfe6ab1ce622550/5e83697a6ac981ba06c2b000\\_ua%20vote-at-home%202020%20download.pdf](https://assets.website-files.com/5dcf4d91edfe6ab1ce622550/5e83697a6ac981ba06c2b000_ua%20vote-at-home%202020%20download.pdf)

#### **Four Ways to Safely Cast Your Ballot Without USPS**

<https://www.democracydocket.com/2020/08/usps-delays/>

#### **States That Permit Voters to Correct Signature Discrepancies**

<https://www.ncsl.org/research/elections-and-campaigns/vopp-table-15-states-that-permit-voters-to-correct-signature-discrepancies.aspx>

**Why a vote-by-mail option is necessary.** Harwood. Brennan Center. 4/16/2020.

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<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-election-poll/most-americans-unlike-trump-want-mail-in-ballots-for-november-if-coronavirus-threatens-reuters-ipsos-poll-idUSKBN21P3G0>

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**Election Law Blog** <https://electionlawblog.org/>

#### ***Voter Turnout***

**U.S. voter turnout trails most developed countries** Pew Research Center. 5/21/2018

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**Automatic Voter Registration Works Everywhere It’s Been Implemented** Derek Rosenfeld 4/11/2019

Brennan Center study shows that AVR increased registration rates in every state where the policy has gone into effect.

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**Election Beat 2020: The mysterious voter registration deadline** Patterson. Journalist’s Resource. 9/29/20

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**“Inaccurate, Costly and Inefficient: Evidence That America’s Voter Registration System Needs an Upgrade”.** Pew Center for the States. Feb, 2012. <http://moritzlaw.osu.edu/electionlaw/documents/Pew-UpgradingVoterRegistration.pdf>

#### ***Voting Systems - Primaries***

**FairVote – Primary Elections**

[http://www.fairvote.org/primaries#open\\_and\\_closed\\_primaries](http://www.fairvote.org/primaries#open_and_closed_primaries)

**Open Primaries** <https://www.openprimaries.org/>

**Listings of the type of Primaries for each state.** National Conference of State Legislatures. 3/3/2020

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#### ***Voting Process/Methods – Ranked Choice Voting [aka Instant Runoff]***

**Ranked Choice Voting – Benton County** [begins in 2020 is more than three candidates]

<https://www.co.benton.or.us/elections/page/ranked-choice-voting>

**Why Alaska needs ranked-choice voting.** Jacob Begich. 9/1/2020

<https://www.adn.com/opinions/2020/07/31/why-alaska-needs-ranked-choice-voting/>

**Ranked Choice Voting video** created for Maine [1:30] <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rkx0e2Cduyk>

**Where RCV [Ranked Choice Voting] is Used** Has helpful 2-minute video about how it worked in a Mayoral election

[http://www.fairvote.org/where\\_is\\_ranked\\_choice\\_voting\\_used](http://www.fairvote.org/where_is_ranked_choice_voting_used)

**Fair Vote – Ranked Choice Voting / Instant Runoff** <http://www.fairvote.org/rcv#rcvbenefits>

**Why Alaska needs ranked-choice voting.** Jacob Begich. 9/1/2020

<https://www.adn.com/opinions/2020/07/31/why-alaska-needs-ranked-choice-voting/>

#### ***Voting Process/Methods – STAR Voting***

**STAR Voting** <https://www.starvoting.us/>

**Star Voting – Multnomah County** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1821618454770952>

**Star Voting – Lane County** <https://www.facebook.com/starvotinglane>

**STAR Voting for Lane County video** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=81&v=w9JZVEOR-Os](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=81&v=w9JZVEOR-Os)

### **Electoral College**

**About the Electors. National Archives** <http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/electoral-college/electors.html>

**Electoral College** [https://ballotpedia.org/Electoral\\_College](https://ballotpedia.org/Electoral_College)

**National Popular Vote** <http://www.nationalpopularvote.com/> “Work-around” to the Electoral College

**Oregon Just Joined the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact** Eberhard. Sightline. 6/5/2019

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**FairVote: National Popular Vote** [http://www.fairvote.org/national\\_popular\\_vote#endorsers\\_of\\_the\\_npv\\_plan](http://www.fairvote.org/national_popular_vote#endorsers_of_the_npv_plan)

### **Voting Rights**

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UMI0MHFGhE8>

**Voting in Texas – A Real Challenge** Levine and Salam. 10/2/20

[https://billmoyers.com/story/voting-in-texas-a-real-challenge/?fbclid=IwAR0A\\_wGhj2jYUMIHZIO5gmFKDLyoV\\_V7AhJeYybuVaet7OGMEHLO6M\\_ISm0](https://billmoyers.com/story/voting-in-texas-a-real-challenge/?fbclid=IwAR0A_wGhj2jYUMIHZIO5gmFKDLyoV_V7AhJeYybuVaet7OGMEHLO6M_ISm0)

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**How Congress Can Fix a Slew of Voting Problems.** Brennan Center. 9/24/20

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**Democracy Diminished: State and Local Threats to Voting, Post-Shelby County, Alabama v. Holder**

Legal Defense Fund, NAACP. 2014 [Report] <https://www.naacpldf.org/wp-content/uploads/Democracy-Diminished-State-and-Local-Threats-to-Voting-Post-Shelby-County-Alabama-v.-Holder.pdf>

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<http://billmoyers.com/story/politics-aint-19th-amendment-changed-american-elections/>

### **Voting and the Criminal Justice System**

**Felony Disenfranchisement.** The Sentencing Project

<http://www.sentencingproject.org/issues/felony-disenfranchisement/>

**FAQ on Felons’ Voting Rights in Oregon**

<https://multco.us/elections/faq%E2%80%99s-felon%E2%80%99s-voting-rights-oregon>

**State Felon Voter Laws** [map and chart]

<http://felonvoting.procon.org/view.resource.php?resourceID=000286>

**Millions Raised to Pay off Debts so Floridians with Criminal Records Can Vote.** Coleman. 9/23/2020

<https://www.route-fifty.com/public-safety/2020/09/florida-criminal-records-voting-fundraising/168716/>

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**Election Commission Documents Cast Doubt on Trump’s Claims of Voter Fraud** 8/2018

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<https://katu.com/news/your-voice-your-vote/director-of-elections-in-oregon-talks-election-security>

**Senator Ron Wyden Mar 2018 Senate Hearing on election security**

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**Senate Republicans block two election security bill.** By Maggie Miller. 10/22/2019

<https://thehill.com/policy/cybersecurity/466985-senate-republicans-block-two-election-security-bills?fbclid=IwAR2ISkclCkedZP1sWAVyjY0YB7JoSIO2ArchGhMp5JzWKaGhRfLByeKio>

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**Cybersecurity Campaign Playbook.** Harvard U. Belfer Center. 11/17 <https://www.belfercenter.org/CyberPlaybook>

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### ***Redistricting and Gerrymandering***

**People Not Politicians** [Oregon's campaign to have an independent redistricting commission]

<https://www.peoplenotpoliticiansoregon.com/>

**U.S. Supreme Court hits pause on Oregon redistricting ballot measure.** Oregonian. 8/11/2020.

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**A primer on gerrymandering and political polarization.** Dews. Brookings Now. 7/6/ 2017

<https://www.brookings.edu/blog/brookings-now/2017/07/06/a-primer-on-gerrymandering-and-political-polarization/>

**How Does a Political Party Get Fewer Votes But Still Win Elections? Gerrymandering on Steroids**

<https://billmoyers.com/story/how-does-a-political-party-get-less-votes-but-still-win-elections-gerrymandering-on-steroids/>

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**Fair Vote – Gerrymandering** [http://www.fairvote.org/gerrymandering#gerrymandering\\_key\\_facts](http://www.fairvote.org/gerrymandering#gerrymandering_key_facts)

**Redistricting.** Brennan Center <https://www.brennancenter.org/issues/gerrymandering-fair-representation>

**The State of Redistricting Litigation** Li, Wolf and Lo. Updated 8/21/2020.

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**Redistricting.** National Conference of State Legislatures <http://www.ncsl.org/research/redistricting.aspx>

### ***Campaign Finance***

**Oregon Honest Elections Campaign** [Oregon]

<http://or.honest-elections.com/>

**Oregon Supreme Court Opinion allowing campaign contribution limits.** 4/23/2020.

<https://cdm17027.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/pdf.js/web/viewer.html?file=/digital/api/collection/p17027coll3/id/8738/download#page=1&zoom=auto>

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**Portland Open and Accountable Elections**

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/oea/#:~:text=Mission%20Statement,and%20accountable%20to%20all%20Portlanders.>

**Portland Open and Accountable Elections: Frequently Asked Questions**

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**Campaign contribution limits - federal.** Federal Election Commission.

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**Citizens United Opinion** [Be sure to check out the dissenting opinion, too. Starts on page 88.]

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**A 28<sup>th</sup> Amendment to Restore the American Promise** [video] <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K6igolnTvqA>

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<https://sunlightfoundation.com/blog/2015/10/30/the-difference-between-super-pacs-and-dark-money-groups/>

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**Campaign Finance Tracking**

**Center for Responsive Politics – Open Secrets** All things \$ in politics including “dark money” groups.

[http://www.opensecrets.org/outsidespending/nonprof\\_summ.php](http://www.opensecrets.org/outsidespending/nonprof_summ.php) Info on non-profits acting in the political realm

**Oregon Campaign Finance Information - ORESTAR System Public Search**

<https://secure.sos.state.or.us/orestar/gotoPublicTransactionSearch.do>

Choose other searches: PACs, etc. on left side of page

**Public Disclosure Commission - Follow the Money.** Washington State Campaign Finance Information

<https://www.pdc.wa.gov/>

**MoneyLine** <http://pml.cq.com/>

**Public Financing of Elections**

**Public Financing of Presidential Elections brochure**

<http://www.fec.gov/pages/brochures/pubfund.shtml>

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**Initiative and Referendum**

**Oregon Initiative and Referendum database** Detailed info but not campaign finance info

[http://egov.sos.state.or.us/elec/web\\_irr\\_search.search\\_form](http://egov.sos.state.or.us/elec/web_irr_search.search_form) ]

**Technical Guidance from CISA** [Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency of Dept of Homeland Security]

**CISA Inbound Ballot Process.** This describes all the considerations for how to handle a mail-in/absentee ballot.

[https://www.eac.gov/sites/default/files/electionofficials/vbm/Inbound\\_Ballot\\_Process.pdf](https://www.eac.gov/sites/default/files/electionofficials/vbm/Inbound_Ballot_Process.pdf)

**CISA Signature Verification Process.**

[https://www.eac.gov/sites/default/files/electionofficials/vbm/Signature\\_Verification\\_Cure\\_Process.pdf](https://www.eac.gov/sites/default/files/electionofficials/vbm/Signature_Verification_Cure_Process.pdf)

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