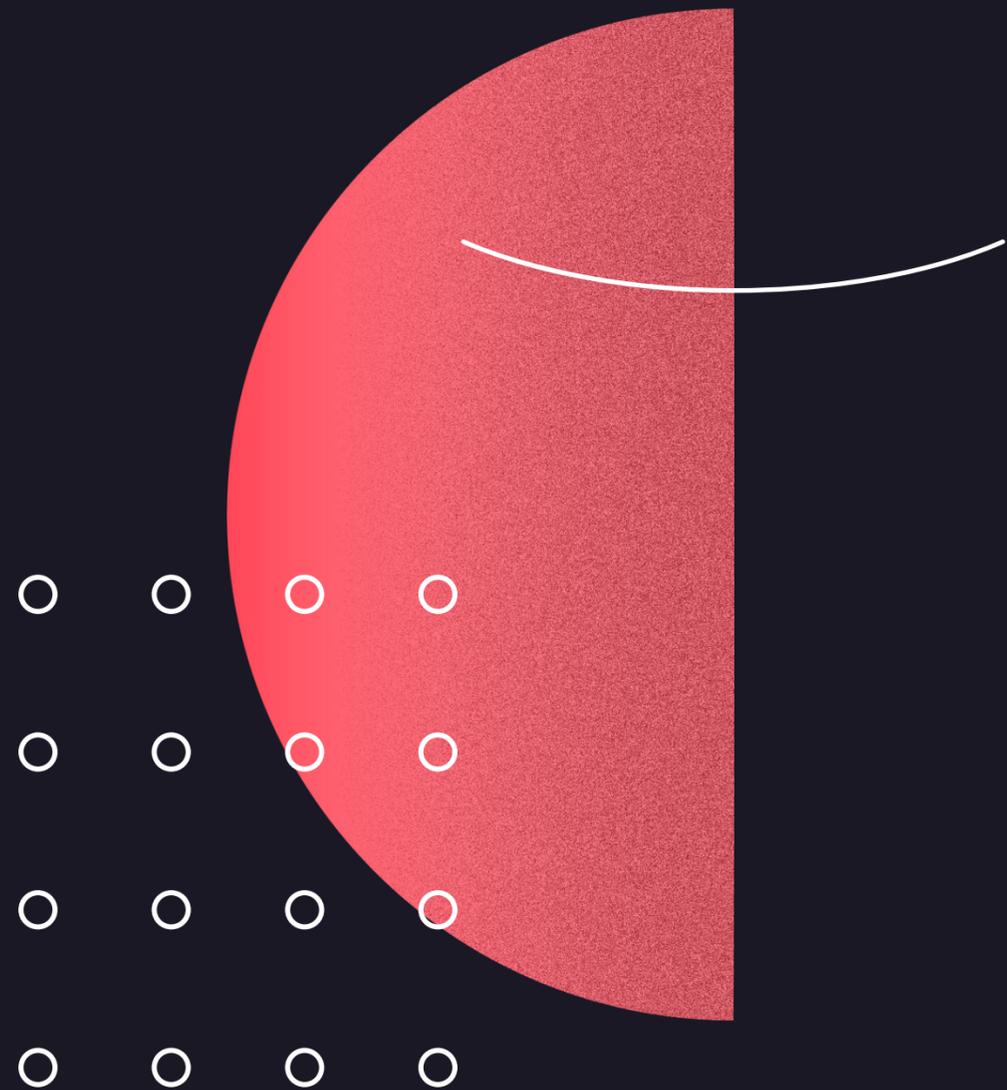




Plurality Voting

What is Plurality Voting?



- The plurality voting system allows each voter to choose a candidate. It is also called the first past the post or single choice voting. Whatever candidate receives the most votes is declared the winner.
- Today, the plurality voting system is common in countries, such as the U.S.A, Britain, India, and Canada.

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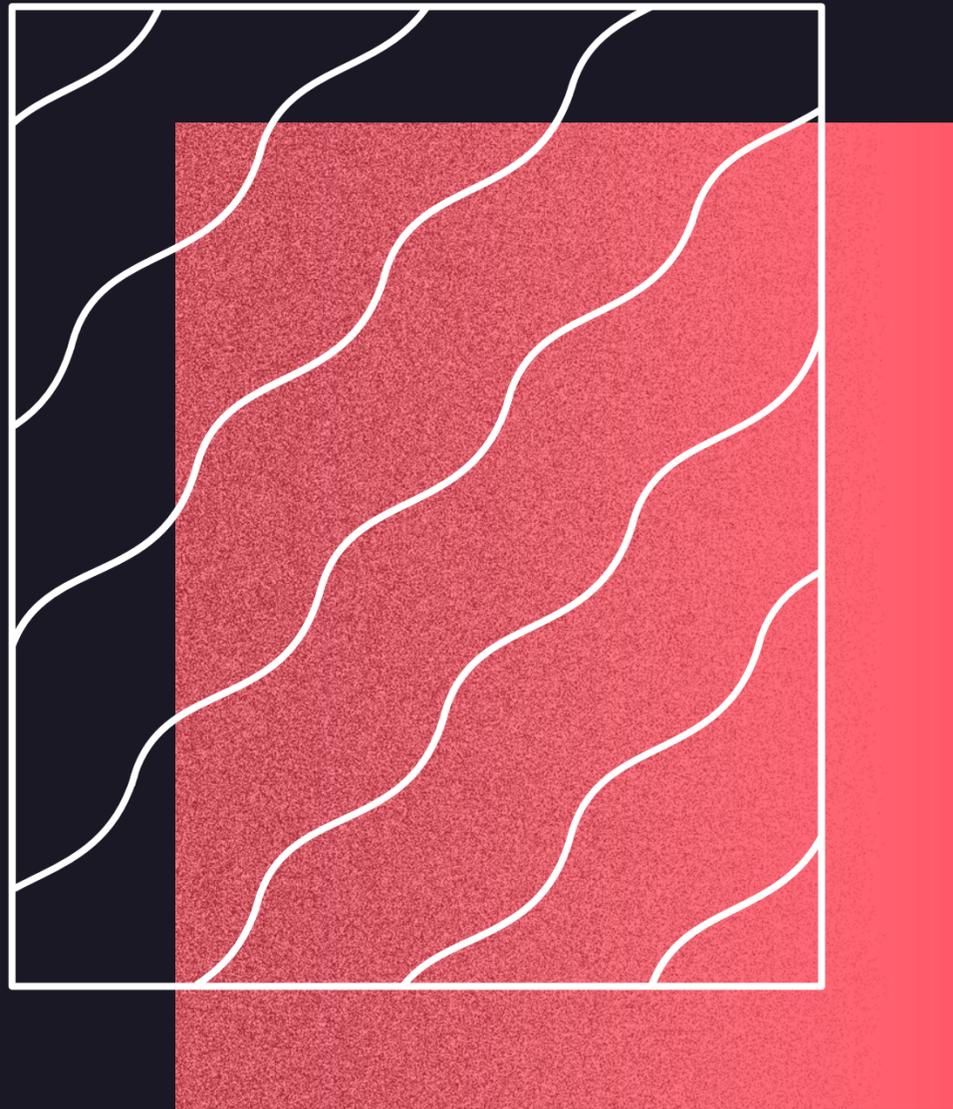
- Single-member district plurality voting
- At large voting
- The two-round system
- Instant run-off voting



SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICT PLURALITY VOTING

- Known as the first past the post, is used in legislative elections.
- The process of single-member district voting is that people have a list of candidates to vote from, and they can only choose one candidate.
 - Whichever candidate receives the most amount of votes wins.
- The positives of this system is that it prevents smaller parties from being elected, but also provides a platform for different geographical regions to be represented in.
- However, on the other hand, gerrymandering and less voter turnout can lead to other minority voices being left out.



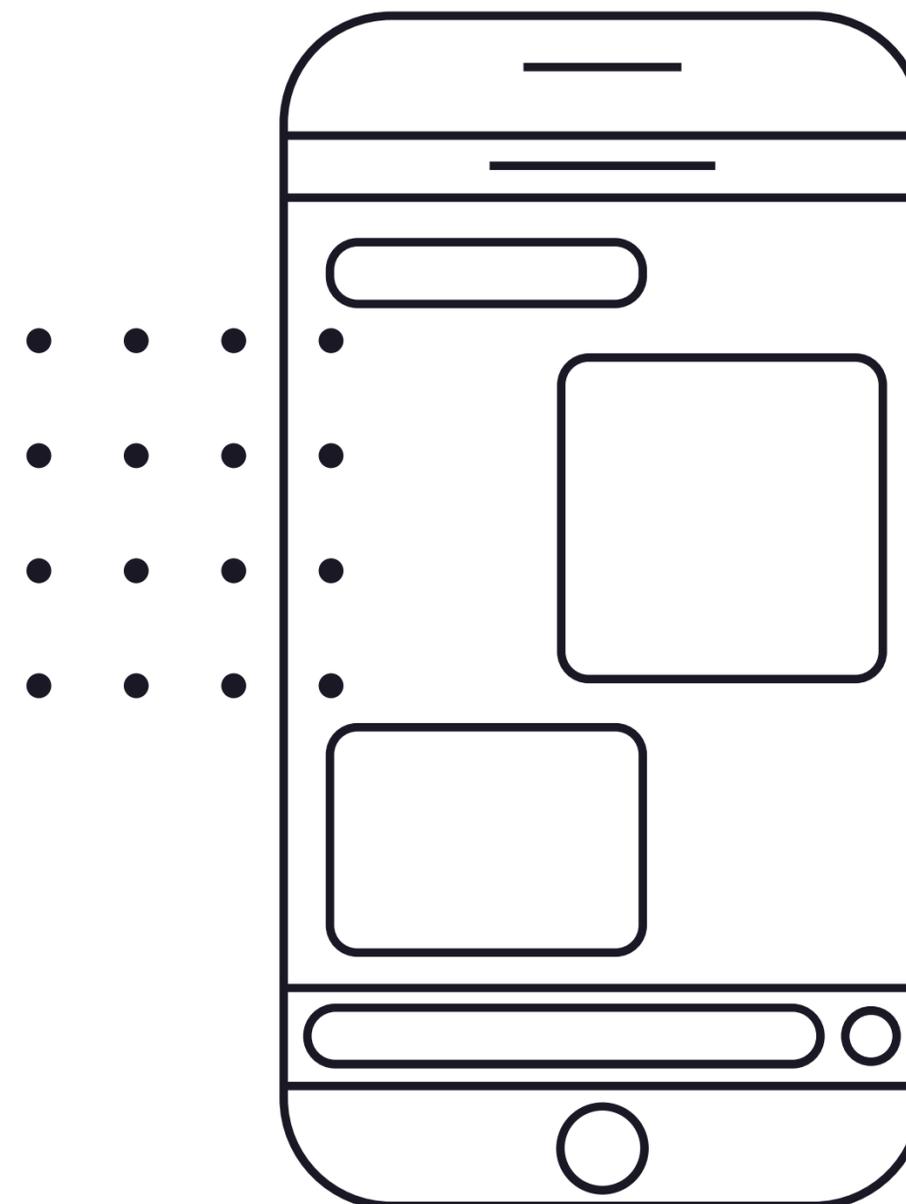


AT LARGE VOTING

- relies on using multi-member districts instead of single districts.
- In this instance, all candidates would be up on the ballot for that specific elected position.
- The voters have the same amount of votes based on the number of seats for that position.
 - For example, there are 5 city council spots that need to be filled, the voters would vote for five people to fill those five spots.

TWO ROUND VOTING

- The two-round system consists of two rounds of voting.
 - This type of voting is common in France and Monaco.
- For the first round of voting, all the candidates' names are on the ballot.
- If a candidate receives the majority of the vote, then they are declared the winner.
 - However, if a person does not reach 50% of the vote, then it will lead to a runoff based on the top five or two (depending on the election) candidates who received the most votes.



INSTANT RUN OFF

- similar to rank choice voting.
- This type of voting is common in Australia, which they use for their lower house elections.
- When voting, people will rank the candidates based on their preferences.
- The first choice candidate will be counted first.
 - If the first choice candidate receives over 50% of the votes, then he or she will be the winner.
 - If no one receives over 50% of the votes, the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated.
 - The votes are counted again to see if a candidate receives more than 50% of votes.

