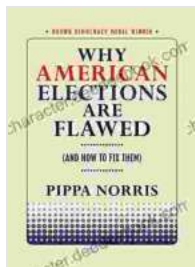


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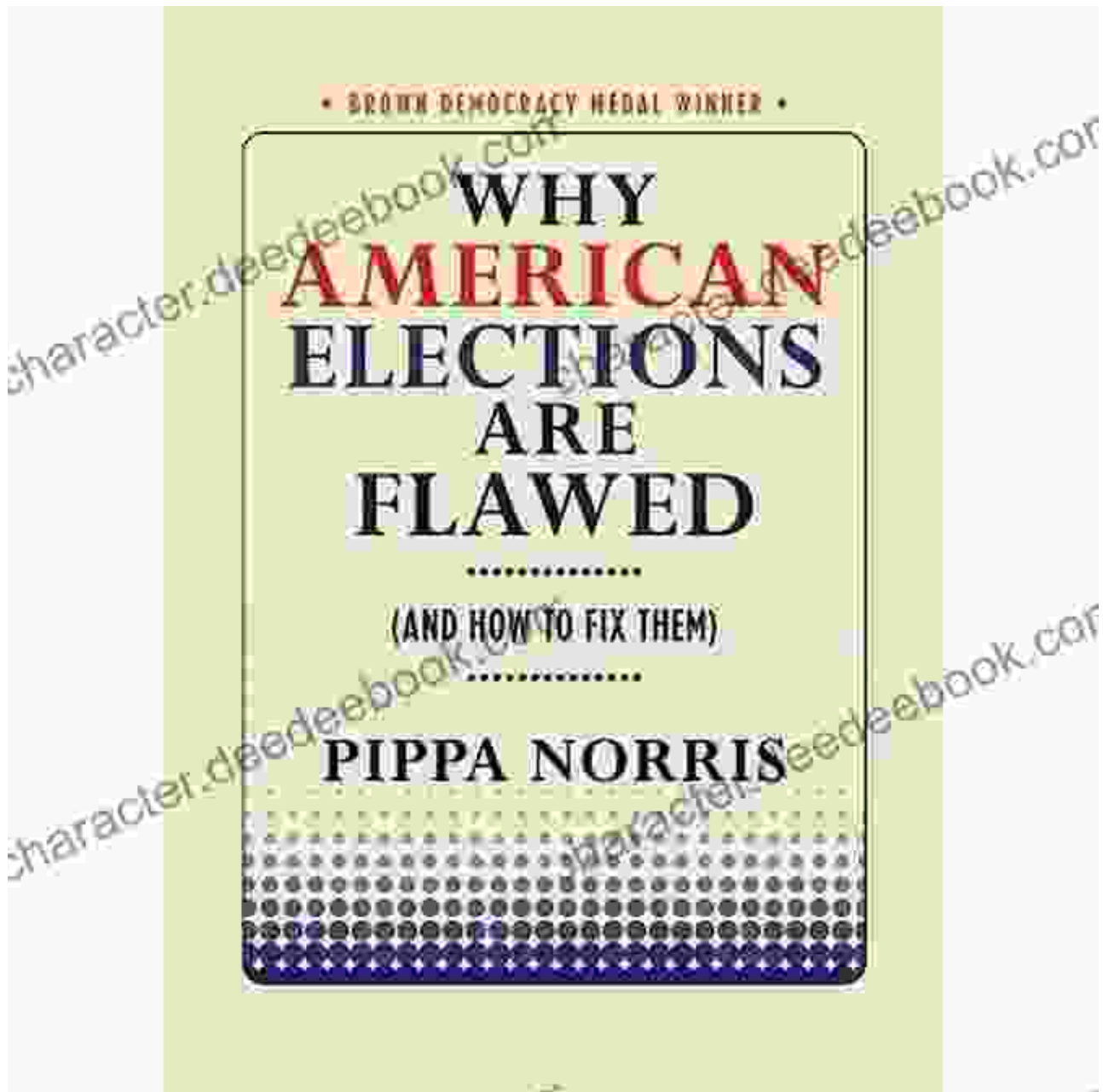


The American electoral system is in need of serious reform. The current system is not only flawed, but it is also undemocratic. As a result, it is time for a change.

There are a number of reasons why the American electoral system is flawed. One of the biggest problems is that the system is based on a winner-take-all approach. This means that the candidate who wins the most votes in a given district or state wins all of the electoral votes for that district or state. This system can lead to situations where a candidate who wins the popular vote does not win the election. For example, in the 2016 presidential election, Hillary Clinton won the popular vote by nearly 3 million votes, but Donald Trump won the Electoral College and the presidency.



Another problem with the American electoral system is that it is too heavily influenced by money. Wealthy individuals and corporations can donate unlimited amounts of money to political campaigns, which gives them a huge advantage over candidates who do not have as much money. This can lead to situations where the candidate who raises the most money wins the election, even if they are not the best candidate for the job.



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Finally, the American electoral system is too difficult for many people to participate in. Voter registration laws are often complex and confusing, and many people are unable to take time off work to vote on Election Day. This

can lead to situations where the people who are most affected by the government are the least likely to vote.

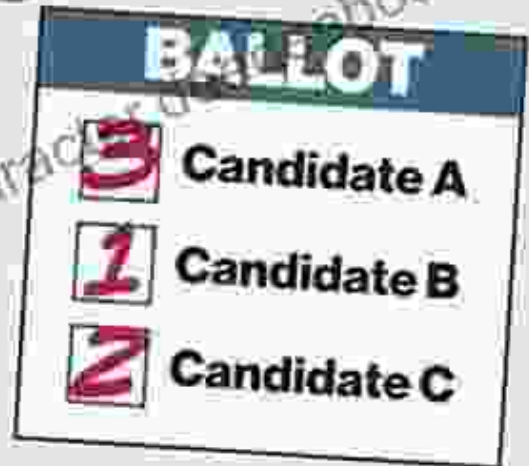


There are a number of ways to fix the American electoral system. One of the most important reforms is to move to a ranked-choice voting system. Ranked-choice voting allows voters to rank candidates in order of preference. This system makes it more likely that the candidate who is most preferred by the voters will win the election.

How Ranked Choice Voting Works

Under a Ranked Choice Voting ballot, voters choose their candidate in order of preference.

i.e. first, second, third and so on.



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Candidate A	14%
Candidate B	61%
Candidate C	25%

After polls close, election officials tally the results and show how many times a candidate was marked as the voter's first choice.

If the candidate gets more than 50% of the first choice rankings, they win the election.

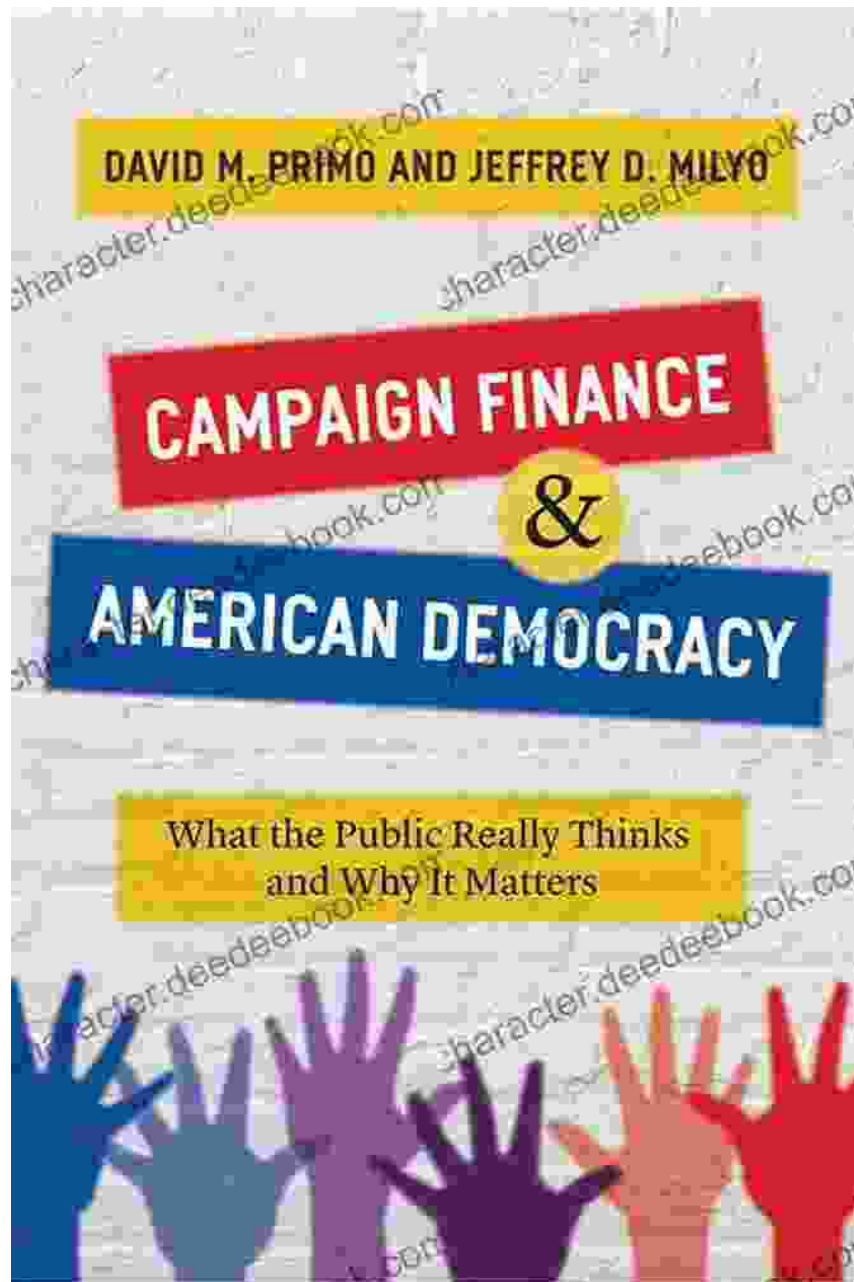
SOURCE: RANKED CHOICE VOTING RESOURCE CENTER

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finance reform can limit the amount of money that individuals and corporations can donate to political campaigns.



Finally, it is important to make it easier for people to vote. One way to do this is to implement automatic voter registration. Automatic voter registration would automatically register people to vote when they turn 18.

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Reforming the American electoral system is not going to be easy, but it is essential. The current system is not democratic and it does not work for the people. It is time for a change.

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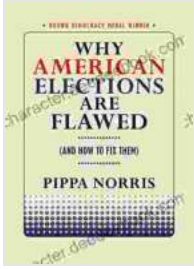
In 2020, the Brown Democracy Medal was awarded to Stacey Abrams for her work on voting rights and electoral reform. Abrams is a leading advocate for expanding access to the ballot box and for making the electoral system more fair and representative. She is the founder of the

New Georgia Project, which has registered hundreds of thousands of new voters in Georgia. Abrams is also a vocal critic of voter suppression laws and has worked to challenge these laws in court.



The Brown Democracy Medal is awarded annually to an individual or organization that has made significant contributions to the advancement of democracy. The medal is named after John Brown, who was a leading abolitionist and advocate for voting rights in the 19th century.

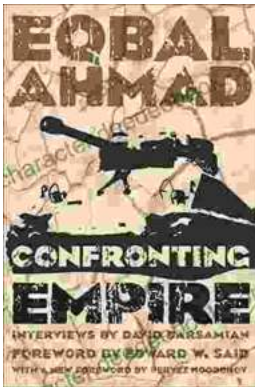
Abrams' work on voting rights and electoral reform is a shining example of the power of democracy. She is a tireless advocate for the rights of all Americans to participate in the electoral process. Abrams is a true champion of democracy, and she is deserving of the Brown Democracy Medal.



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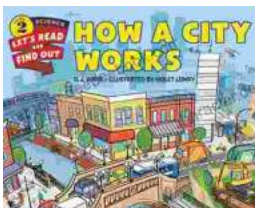
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