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Rank Choice Voting would make recounts impossible and literally throws out voters completely so that their voice is worse than silenced, its discarded. Others have thought this idea could work, only to learn it was a horrible mistake. See results of Alaska vote 2020. Governor Jerry Brown Jr. (D) of California in 2016, vetoed a bill to expand ranked choice voting in his state, saying it was “overly complicated and confusing” and “deprives voters of a genuinely informed choice.” A study published in 2015 that reviewed 600,000 votes cast using ranked choice voting in four local elections found that “the winner in all four elections receive[d] less than a majority of the total votes cast.” Let’s learn from their mistakes, rather than wander in the desert for 40 years.

I feel that ranked choice voting with it’s complicated voting and even more complicated counting would decrease voter participation because of muddied voting transparency and the overall inefficiency of the voter process.