**Name:\_\_\_\_KEY\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Day 4: Ranked Choice**

**Our Ranked Choice Election**

Directions

1. Count the farthest left letter of each vote
2. Decide if one superpower has a majority
3. If not, cross out all of the votes for the last-place candidate
4. Count the farthest left letters again, skipping any that are crossed-out
5. Repeat until one superpower has a majority

**Ballots**

T S I F

F T I S

S T I F

T I F S

T I S F

I

S T F I

T I F S

I T F S

T I

T I F S

I T S F

I T F S

I T S F

I T F S

I S T F

16

Total number of votes:

9

Number of votes needed to win:

**Round 1**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Superpower | Number of Votes |
| T | 6 |
| F | 1 |
| I | 7 |
| S | 2 |

Does any superpower have the number of votes needed to win?

No

If no, which candidate has the least number of votes? Cross that letter out everywhere it appears.

F

Now, fill in the three remaining superpowers in the table below, and count the left-most letters in each vote again.

**Round 2**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Superpower | Number of Votes |
| T | 7 |
| I | 7 |
| S | 2 |

Does any superpower have the number of votes needed to win?

No

If no, which candidate has the least number of votes? Cross that letter out everywhere it appears.

S

Now, fill in the two remaining superpowers in the table below, and count the left-most letters in each vote again.

**Round 3**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Superpower | Number of Votes |
| T | 9 |
| I | 7 |

Does one superpower have a majority?

Yes, T has a majority.

**Ranked Choice Pros and Cons**

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| --- | --- |
| Pros of this system | Cons of this system |
| Winner has a majority  Only vote once  Voters can vote honestly/feel good about their choices  Elects candidates with broad support, not polarizing candidates  Lots of information about each voter’s preferences  Gives all candidates a “fair shot”  Vote splitting/spoilers likelihood greatly reduced | Lengthy and complicated process to count votes  Requires knowledgeable voters  Ballots may be confusing, are more likely to be mismarked and then uncounted  Hard to understand |

**Exit Ticket**

Circle the reason in the table above that is most convincing to you.