Preferred Voting System

STUDY 1 (N = 204)

Now that you have tried these four methods of voting, which style do you now favor? Please assign a "1" for your top preference using the menu box left of that voting style, then a "2" for your 2nd choice, etc. down the list.

Item	Total Score [1]	Overall Rank
Plurality Voting (what we currently use; vote for only one candidate)	566	**1**
Approval Voting (same as plurality voting, but you can vote for more than one candidate)	516	2
Instant Runoff Voting (rank each candidate in order of preference; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.)	417	3
Range Voting (rate each candidates on a scale from 0-9)	385	4
Very Undecided; I would need more information	291	5
[1] Score is a weighted calculation. Items ranked first are valued higher than the following ranks, the score is a sum of all weighted rank counts.	answered	145
	skipped	59

STUDY 2 (N = 615)

Now that you have tried these four styles of voting, how would you rate them (0 is worst; 9 is best)?

	Average of ratings
Plurality	**7.31**
Approval	5.44
IRV	4.21
Range	4.18

STUDY 3 (N = 446)

Now that you have tried these four styles of voting, how would you rate them (0 is worst; 9 is best)?

	Average of ratings
Plurality	**7.20**
Approval	6.02
IRV	5.61
Range	5.01

STUDY 4 (N = 646)

Now that you have tried these two styles of voting, how would you rate them (0 is worst; 9 is best)?

Plurality versus Approval (N=201)	Average of ratings
Plurality	5.61
Approval	**5.68**

Plurality versus Score (N=200)	Average of ratings
Plurality	**5.79**
Range	4.8
Plurality versus IRV (N=225)	Average of ratings
Plurality	5.41
IRV	**5.55**

STUDY 5 (N = 650)	
Which voting systems did you prefer (0 is worst; 5 is best)?	
	Average of ratings
Plurality	**3.89**
IRV	2.46
Range	2.4
Approval	2.02