

Hand Counted Paper Ballots






An Informational Journal

Most people do not realize that countries that use hand counted paper ballots only have one (1) contest on the entire ballot. That is why their elections often are counted quickly and accurately. Compare that to the typical ballot in the US that has at least 50 + contests on the ballot.

This journal contains pictures of paper ballots used in Australia, Canada, Germany, Iraq, Mexico, the UK, and Russia. We also show a ballot from a recent election in the US, in California.

First, let's take a look at some UK ballots:

ANNEX
Form of front of ballot paper

| Counter-foil No | Mark order of preference in space below |
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| <p>The numbered counter-foil is numbered in sequence and marked on the back of the ballot paper.</p> |  <p>BLACK (Joseph Black of 3 Down Street, Bangor, Co. Down Democratic Unionist Party)</p> |
| | <p>BROWN (Rupert Brown of 9 Mount View Donaghadee, Co. Down Independent)</p> |
| |  <p>BROWN (Veronica Brown of 8 Magilligan Drive, Portlerrery, Co. Down SDLP (Social Democratic and Labour Party))</p> |
| |  <p>GOLD (John Gold of 29 Gilford Place, Millisle, Co. Down Sinn Féin)</p> |
| | <p>HAZEL (Horace Hazel of Glen Cottage, Banbridge, Co. Down Independent)</p> |
| |  <p>LIME (Harry Lime of 7 Cortin Mansions, Drogheda, Co. Down, Ulster Unionist Party)</p> |
| | <p>PLUM (Peter Plum of 3 Strangford Road, Killinchy, Co. Down Independent)</p> |
| |  <p>ROSE (Ruth Rose of 41 Devenish Drive, Ballynashinch, Co. Down, United Kingdom Unionist Party)</p> |
| | <p>SILVER (Anthony Silver of 3 Mount View Bangor, Co. Down Independent)</p> |
| | <p>WRIGHT (Frank Wright of 11 Moira Terrace, Newry, Co. Down Independent)</p> |

UK Ballots

VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY

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| <p>AALDERS-DUNTHORNE Andrew Paul Aalders-Dunthorne Ashfield House, Ashfield Green, Stradbroke, Harleston, Norfolk, IP21 5NL Liberal Democrat</p> |  |
| <p>BUFFRY Alun Buffry commonly known as Alsie Buffry 203 Woodcock Road, Norwich, Norfolk, NR3 3TG Legalise Cannabis Alliance</p> |  |
| <p>CLARKE Charles Rodway Clarke 68 Eaton Road, Norwich, NR4 6PR The Labour Party Candidate</p> |  |
| <p>FRENCH Andrew John French 15 Grove Avenue, Norwich, Norfolk, NR1 2QB The Conservative Party Candidate</p> |  |
| <p>HOLMES Adrian St. John Holmes 163 Oak Street, Norwich, NR3 3AY The Green Party Candidate</p> |  |
| <p>MANNINGHAM Edward David Manningham 7 The Grove, Woodcock Road, Norwich, Norfolk, NR3 3TN Socialist Alliance</p> |  |
| <p>MILLS Tarquin Alexander Graham Mills 21 Rowington Road, Norwich, Norfolk, NR1 3RR U.K. Independence Party Candidate</p> |  |



UK Ballots are numbered to protect against fraud. The UK secures their ballot in a way similar to what Lynne Landes has recommended, except that legal authorities have to allow it to be utilized:

"The UK secret ballot arrangements are sometimes criticized because it is possible to link a ballot paper to the voter that cast it. **Each ballot paper is individually numbered and each elector has a number.** When an elector is given a ballot paper, their number is noted down on the counterfoil of the ballot paper (which also carries the ballot paper number).

This measure is thought to be justified as a security arrangement so that **if there was an allegation of fraud, false ballot papers could be identified.** The process of matching ballot papers to voters is only permissible if an Elections Court requires it, and this is an extremely unlikely occurrence. The legal authority for this system is set out in the Parliamentary Elections Rules in Schedule 1 of the Representation of the People Act 1983...

...Objections

Some people believe that the system of numbering ballot papers should be stopped. They argue that it undermines the principle of the 'secret ballot', because individual votes can be traced.

http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/files/dms/Ballotsecrecy_18706-6127__E__N__S__W__.pdf

Here is a Los Angeles November 2006 Sample Ballot - There are 53 issues/races, but there some races have you pick multiple choices. U.S. Senate, U.S. Representative, State Supreme Court Justices, State Senate, State Assembly, Court of Appeal Justices, State Measures, City, local issues

STATE

| | | | | |
|---|---|----------------------|----|-----------------------|
| GOVERNOR Vote for One | PETER MIGUEL CAMEJO Financial Advisor | Green | 2 | <input type="radio"/> |
| | EDWARD C. NOONAN Computer Shop Owner | American Independent | 3 | <input type="radio"/> |
| | PHIL ANGELIDES Treasurer of the State of California | Democratic | 4 | <input type="radio"/> |
| | ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER Governor | Republican | 5 | <input type="radio"/> |
| | ART OLIVIER Engineer | Libertaria | 6 | <input type="radio"/> |
| LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR Vote for One | JANICE JORDAN Counselor | Peace and Freedom | 7 | <input type="radio"/> |
| | DONNA J. WARREN Finance and Auditor | Green | 8 | <input type="radio"/> |
| | STEWART A. ALEXANDER Automobile Sales Consultant | Peace and Freedom | 9 | <input type="radio"/> |
| | L'NETTE SHAW Consultant/Musician | Libertaria | 10 | <input type="radio"/> |
| | JIM KING Real Estate Broker | American Independent | 11 | <input type="radio"/> |
| SECRETARY OF STATE Vote for One | JOHN GARAMENDI California State Insurance Commissioner | Democratic | 12 | <input type="radio"/> |
| | TOM MCCLEINTOCK California State Senator | Republican | 13 | <input type="radio"/> |
| | GLENN MC MILLON, JR. Small Business Owner | American Independent | 14 | <input type="radio"/> |
| | BRUCE MCPHERSON Appointed Secretary of State | Republican | 15 | <input type="radio"/> |
| | GAIL K. LIGHTFOOT Retired Nurse | Libertaria | 16 | <input type="radio"/> |
| CONTROLLER Vote for One | MARISE AKIN Archaeologist/Medical Anthropologist | Peace and Freedom | 17 | <input type="radio"/> |
| | FORREST HILL Financial Advisor | Green | 18 | <input type="radio"/> |
| | DEBRA BOWEN State Senator | Democratic | 19 | <input type="radio"/> |
| | WARREN MARK CAMPBELL Nurse | American Independent | 20 | <input type="radio"/> |
| | Laura Wells Financial Systems Consultant | Green | 21 | <input type="radio"/> |
| MEMBER STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION 4th District Vote for One | DONNA TELLO Tax Accountant | Libertaria | 22 | <input type="radio"/> |
| | TONY STRICKLAND Taxpayer Organization President | Republican | 23 | <input type="radio"/> |
| | ELCIESETH CERVANTES BARRON Retired Teacher | Peace and Freedom | 24 | <input type="radio"/> |
| | JOHN CHIANG Member, State Board of Equalization | Democratic | 25 | <input type="radio"/> |

PLEASE NOTE: The order in which candidates' names appear on the ballot is determined by a random drawing of the 26 letters of the alphabet. Additionally, candidates for federal, state and some local offices change positions, or "rotate." This prevents a specific candidate's name from always appearing first, or last, on all ballots.

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UNITED STATES SENATOR

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|---|---|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Vote for One | MICHAEL S. METTI Parent/Educator/Businessman | Libertaria | 54 | <input type="radio"/> |
| | TODD CHRETIEN Writer | Green | 55 | <input type="radio"/> |
| | MARSHA FERILAND Retired Teacher | Peace and Freedom | 56 | <input type="radio"/> |
| | DIANNE FEINSTEIN United States Senator | Democratic | 57 | <input type="radio"/> |
| | DON J. GRUDEMANN Doctor of Chiropractic | American Independent | 58 | <input type="radio"/> |
| RICHARD "DICK" MOUNTJOY Immigration Control Consultant | Republican | 59 | <input type="radio"/> | |

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------|----|-----------------------|
| 31st District Vote for One | XAVIER BECERRA Number of Congress | Democratic | 62 | <input type="radio"/> |
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STATE SENATOR

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|-------------------------------|--|------------|----|-----------------------|
| 16th District Vote for One | MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS State Assemblymember | Democratic | 65 | <input type="radio"/> |
| | BUD RAYMOND Production Sound Technician | Libertaria | 66 | <input type="radio"/> |

MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY

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|-------------------------------|--|------------|----|-----------------------|
| 49th District Vote for One | KEVIN DE LEON Teacher Representative | Democratic | 69 | <input type="radio"/> |
| | SAMANTHA E. ALLEN-NEWMAN Paralegal/Mediator | Republican | 70 | <input type="radio"/> |

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|---|---|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| TREASURER Vote for One | CLAUDE PARRISH Member, State Board of Equalization | Republican | 28 | <input type="radio"/> |
| | MEHUL M. THAKKER Investment Advisor | Green | 29 | <input type="radio"/> |
| | MARIAN SMITHSON City Treasurer/CPA | Libertaria | 30 | <input type="radio"/> |
| | GERALD SANDERS Peace and Freedom | Peace and Freedom | 31 | <input type="radio"/> |
| | E. JUSTIN NOONAN Computer Technician | American Independent | 32 | <input type="radio"/> |
| ATTORNEY GENERAL Vote for One | BILL LOCKYER California Attorney General | Democratic | 33 | <input type="radio"/> |
| | CHUCK ROCHIGIAN California Senator/Attorney | Republican | 34 | <input type="radio"/> |
| | JACK HARRISON Attorney/Real Estate Commissioner | Peace and Freedom | 35 | <input type="radio"/> |
| | JERRY BROWN Oakland Mayor/Attorney | Democratic | 36 | <input type="radio"/> |
| | KENNETH A. WEISSMAN Attorney At Law | Libertaria | 37 | <input type="radio"/> |
| INSURANCE COMMISSIONER Vote for One | MICHAEL S. WYMAN Attorney/Law | Green | 38 | <input type="radio"/> |
| | CRUZ M. BUSTAMANTE California Lt. Governor | Democratic | 39 | <input type="radio"/> |
| | TOM CONDIT Writer | Peace and Freedom | 40 | <input type="radio"/> |
| | LARRY CAPIERO Newspaper Editor | Green | 41 | <input type="radio"/> |
| | STEVE POZNER Salesman/Entrepreneur | Republican | 42 | <input type="radio"/> |
| MEMBER STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION 4th District Vote for One | DALE F. GOSCH Actuary/Insurance Consultant | Libertaria | 43 | <input type="radio"/> |
| | JAY EARL BURDEN Student | American Independent | 44 | <input type="radio"/> |
| | CINDY VARELA HENDERSON Telephone Technician | Peace and Freedom | 45 | <input type="radio"/> |
| | JUDY CHU State Assemblywoman/Educator | Democratic | 46 | <input type="radio"/> |
| | GLEN FORSCH Businessman | Republican | 47 | <input type="radio"/> |
| MONICA W. KADERA Certified Public Accountant | Libertaria | 48 | <input type="radio"/> | |

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JUDICIAL - SUPREME COURT JUSTICE
Vote YES or NO for Each Office

| | | | |
|--|----|-----|-----------------------|
| For Associate Justice of the Supreme Court | 80 | YES | <input type="radio"/> |
| Shall Associate Justice JOYCE L. KEHRARD be elected to the office for the term provided by law? | 81 | NO | <input type="radio"/> |
| For Associate Justice of the Supreme Court | 82 | YES | <input type="radio"/> |
| Shall Associate Justice CAROL A. CORRIGAN be elected to the office for the term provided by law? | 83 | NO | <input type="radio"/> |

JUDICIAL - COURT OF APPEAL JUSTICE
Vote YES or NO for Each Office

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|---|-----|-----|-----------------------|
| For Associate Justice, Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division One | 86 | YES | <input type="radio"/> |
| Shall Associate Justice ROBERT M. MALLARD be elected to the office for the term provided by law? | 87 | NO | <input type="radio"/> |
| For Associate Justice, Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division One | 88 | YES | <input type="radio"/> |
| Shall Associate Justice FRANCES ROTHSCHILD be elected to the office for the term provided by law? | 89 | NO | <input type="radio"/> |
| For Presiding Justice, Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division Two | 90 | YES | <input type="radio"/> |
| Shall Presiding Justice ROGER W. BOREN be elected to the office for the term provided by law? | 91 | NO | <input type="radio"/> |
| For Associate Justice, Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division Two | 92 | YES | <input type="radio"/> |
| Shall Associate Justice VICTORIA M. CHAVEZ be elected to the office for the term provided by law? | 93 | NO | <input type="radio"/> |
| For Associate Justice, Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division Three | 94 | YES | <input type="radio"/> |
| Shall Associate Justice PATTI S. KIRSHING be elected to the office for the term provided by law? | 95 | NO | <input type="radio"/> |
| For Associate Justice, Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division Three | 96 | YES | <input type="radio"/> |
| Shall Associate Justice RICHARD B. ALDRICH be elected to the office for the term provided by law? | 97 | NO | <input type="radio"/> |
| For Presiding Justice, Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division Four | 98 | YES | <input type="radio"/> |
| Shall Presiding Justice NORMAN L. EPSTEIN be elected to the office for the term provided by law? | 99 | NO | <input type="radio"/> |
| For Associate Justice, Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division Four | 100 | YES | <input type="radio"/> |
| Shall Associate Justice THOMAS L. WILHITE be elected to the office for the term provided by law? | 101 | NO | <input type="radio"/> |
| For Associate Justice, Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division Four | 102 | YES | <input type="radio"/> |
| Shall Associate Justice NORA M. MANELLA be elected to the office for the term provided by law? | 103 | NO | <input type="radio"/> |

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JUDICIAL - COURT OF APPEAL JUSTICE

Table with 3 columns: Candidate Name, Office No., and YES/NO options. Lists candidates for Associate Justice and Presiding Justice positions in various districts.

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STATE MEASURES

Table with 3 columns: Measure Number, Description, and YES/NO options. Includes measures 1A through 1D regarding transportation, highway safety, housing, and education.

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JUDICIAL JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

Table with 3 columns: Office No., Candidate Name, and YES/NO options. Lists candidates for various Superior Court Judge positions.

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STATE MEASURES

Table with 3 columns: Measure Number, Description, and YES/NO options. Includes measures 1E through 86 regarding disaster preparedness, sex offenders, water quality, and tax on cigarettes.

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STATE MEASURES

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| 87 | ALTERNATIVE ENERGY, RESEARCH, PRODUCTION, INCENTIVES, TAX ON CALIFORNIA OIL PRODUCERS, INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND STATUTE. Establishes \$4 billion program to reduce petroleum consumption through incentives for alternative energy, education and training. Funded by tax on California oil producers. Fiscal Impact: State of tax revenues of \$255 million to \$485 million annually for alternative energy programs totaling \$4 billion. State and local revenue reductions up to low tens of millions of dollars annually. | 210 | YES <input type="radio"/> |
| | | 211 | NO <input type="radio"/> |
| 88 | EDUCATION FUNDING, REAL PROPERTY PARCEL TAX, INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND STATUTE. Imposes \$48 tax on each real property parcel to provide additional public school funding for kindergarten through grade 12. Exempts certain elderly, disabled homeowners from tax. Use of funds restricted to specific educational purposes. Fiscal Impact: State parcel tax revenue of roughly \$480 million annually, allocated to school districts for specified education programs. | 214 | YES <input type="radio"/> |
| | | 215 | NO <input type="radio"/> |
| 89 | POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS, PUBLIC FINANCING, CORPORATE TAX INCREASE, CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION AND EXPENDITURE LIMITS, INITIATIVE STATUTE. Provides that eligible candidates for state elective office may receive public campaign funding. Increases tax on corporations and financial institutions by 0.2 percent to fund program. Imposes new campaign contribution/expenditure limits. Fiscal Impact: Increased revenues primarily from increased taxes on corporations and financial institutions totaling more than \$200 million annually to pay for the public financing of political campaigns. | 218 | YES <input type="radio"/> |
| | | 219 | NO <input type="radio"/> |
| 90 | GOVERNMENT ACQUISITION, REGULATION OF PRIVATE PROPERTY, INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Bars state/local governments from condemning or damaging private property to promote other private projects, uses. Limits government's ability to adopt certain land use, housing, consumer, environmental, workplace laws/regulations. Fiscal Impact: Increased annual government costs to pay property owners for losses to their property associated with new laws and rules, and for property acquisitions. These costs are unknown, but potentially significant on a statewide basis. | 222 | YES <input type="radio"/> |
| | | 223 | NO <input type="radio"/> |

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CITY

LOS ANGELES CITY SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

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|---|--|-----|---------------------------|
| H | AFFORDABLE HOUSING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, CITY OF LOS ANGELES PROPOSITION R. To provide safe, clean, affordable housing for the homeless and those in danger of becoming homeless, such as battered women and their children, veterans, seniors and the disabled, assist first time homebuyers; provide low income working families safe and affordable rental housing, shall the City of Los Angeles issue \$1,000,000,000 of bonds, with independent citizen oversight, mandatory annual financial audits, and prosecution for criminal misuse of funds? | 236 | YES <input type="radio"/> |
| | | 237 | NO <input type="radio"/> |
| J | CITY OF LOS ANGELES PROPOSITION J, TECHNICAL CHANGE FOR PROPOSITION F REGIONAL FIRE STATIONS. To lower costs and provide design flexibility for new regional fire stations, shall Proposition F (voter approved November 7, 2000) be changed to allow regional fire stations to be built on one or more sites totaling less than 2 acres, instead of requiring a single 2-acre site, if the Fire Department decides that the station can be built to fully meet operational needs? | 240 | YES <input type="radio"/> |
| | | 241 | NO <input type="radio"/> |
| R | COUNCILMEMBER TERM LIMITS OF THREE TERMS; CITY LOBBYING, CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND ETHICS LAWS, CHARTER AMENDMENT AND ORDINANCE PROPOSITION R. Shall the Charter be amended and ordinance adopted to: change Councilmember term limits to three terms; restrict lobbyists from making campaign contributions, gifts and becoming commissioners; raise lobbyist registration thresholds; require contractors certify compliance with lobbying laws; extend elected officials' post-employment restrictions; require ethics training; and revise requirements for independent expenditures and campaign communications? | 243 | YES <input type="radio"/> |
| | | 244 | NO <input type="radio"/> |

END OF BALLOT

Febble, a citizen of the UK says:

"In the UK, there's only one contest on the ballot, and it is a list of names in big letters, with a box next to each name. You put a cross in the box. You mark the box next to the candidate you want to vote for with a pencil.

When we have more than one race (and there is rarely more than one race, and very rarely more than two) we have a separate ballot paper for each race, each on different coloured paper.

The first thing that happens is that the ballots are sorted into different races.

Occasionally there are two or even three races in an election - there might be a referendum on some constitutional matter (devolved parliament for Scotland; entry into the EC) or a local, regional, or European election, **but it is unusual to have several races.**

For general elections there can be a long list of names, because there are a lot of silly candidates (Monster Raving Loony Party candidates, etc) but for other elections, it seems to be usually the three main parties and a few fringe parties.

In the UK it takes a few hours to count tens of thousands of ballots, which means we can count in far larger units (constituencies). This ensures good oversight.

Apart from that, it's quite incredibly simple compared to the US!

How anyone would oversee the process of counting US ballots in such a way that it could be checked?

With UK ballots, scrutineers can check the piles are sorted correctly, and you can actually watch the piles being stacked and counted.

If you want a system as uncorruptible as ours you have to do more than simply post pictures of hand counting in Scotland. You have to demonstrate how that system could possibly be applied to the US.

And our system isn't even uncorruptible. It's easily corruptible. But election thieves in the UK have to use a different method - they steal ballots. Which are then counted with a high degree of accuracy.

Here's a nice series of images that may help you see just how simple our system is (Cambridge this time):

<http://www.lucas-smith.co.uk/photos/elections>

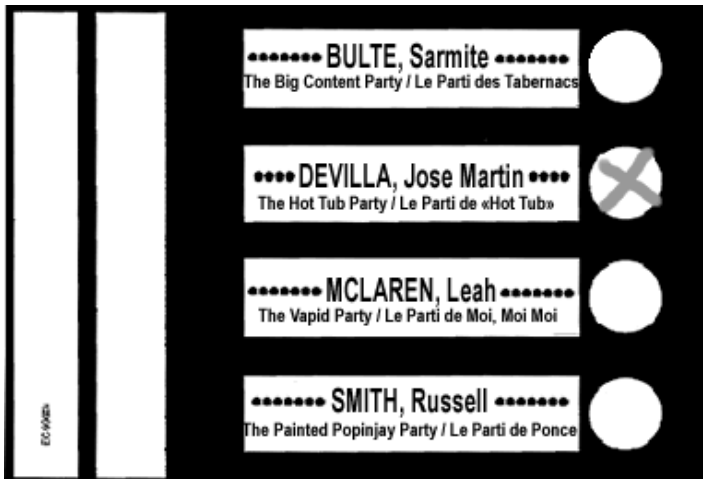
It's a simple system because we have simple ballots."

There are so many differences between your constitution and ours that the electoral systems are difficult to compare directly. I wrote about some of the differences in a DKos diary last year:

<http://www.dailykos.com/storyonly/2005/3/20/6453/39287>

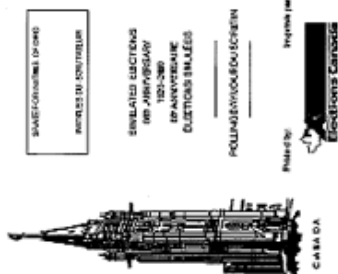
The key differences as far as voting is concerned is that we vote in *constituencies*, and that there is rarely more than one race per election.

Here is a description of HCPB in Canada, by someone who lives there. Note: They do not vote for their Prime Minister.



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Voting in Canada Made Easy

For the benefit of my readers, the majority of whom are American, here's a very quick primer on how voting works here.

We don't vote directly for the Prime Minister. Rather, we vote for the MP -- that is, Member of Parliament -- to represent our electoral district, which is called a riding. The closest analogue to an MP in the American system is a Congressman or Congresswoman.

The winning candidate for the riding is determined by a "first past the post" system, which simply means that the candidate who gets the most votes win, regardless of how slim the margin of victory. That winner becomes the riding's MP and gets a seat in the House of Commons, one of three parts of Parliament (there's also the Crown -- represented by the Governor General -- and the Senate, who are appointed by the Governor General based on recommendations by the Prime Minister).

The leader of the winning party -- the one with the most seats in Parliament -- then becomes the Prime Minister

http://accordionguy.blogware.com/blog/_archives/2006/1/23/1720282.html

The US has a long history of paperless voting.

We won't escape it easily. North Carolina has had paperless electronic voting for 20 + years.

In 1980, according to the Cal Tech MIT 2001 study.

**40% of the country was using hand counted paper ballots,
36.4% of the country was using lever machines.**

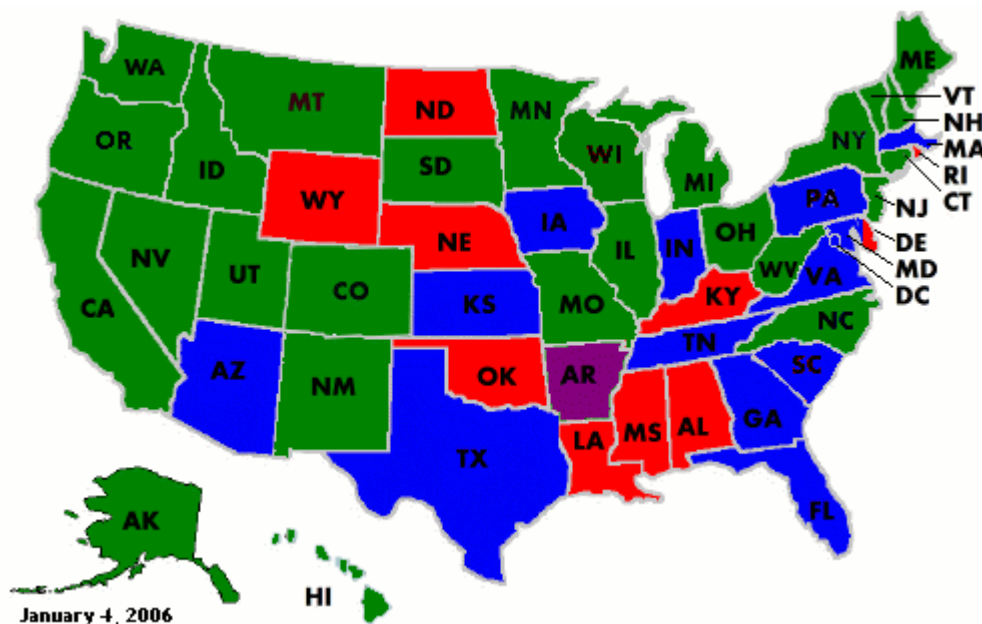
This all started to change as people sought ways to deal with election problems (fraud, errors, labor, etc).

It is easy to see how we ended up with an explosion of DRES.

How hard would it be to trust paperless voting when you have had paperless voting (lever machines) anyway?

So, we have a long walk to go to getting people used to paper again.

We are over half way there (27 states)



Just getting paper ballots in combination with computerized voting has been a major revolution.

It may be as difficult as taking on the tobacco industry.

Tobacco Industry's Economic and Political Influence

Historically, tobacco companies have used their economic power to wield considerable influence on the political process

<http://www.americanheart.org/presenter.jhtml?identifier=11224>

Cal/Tech MIT tried to measure the accuracy or quality of voting systems

Examining undervotes for president in years 1988 to 2000

- 1.6 percent had over vote or no vote with optical scanners
- 1.8 percent had over vote or no vote using paper ballots or lever machines
- 2.0+ percent had over vote or no vote with punch cards or electronics (DREs)

http://www.cs.duke.edu/~justin/voting/docs/CalTech_MIT_Report_Version2.pdf

Take a look at how each technology performed in North Carolina in 2004:

| Race | DRE | Lever | OpScan | Paper | Punch | Card | Other |
|---------------------------|------|-------|--------|-------|-------|------|-------|
| PRESIDENT | 2.05 | 1.27 | 2.19 | 0.67 | 1.94 | 2.09 | |
| US SENATE | 3.49 | 4.69 | 2.50 | 4.75 | 2.41 | 3.42 | |
| GOVERNOR | 3.03 | 4.93 | 2.00 | 2.45 | 1.96 | 2.91 | |
| LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR | 5.70 | 9.90 | 4.26 | 9.15 | 4.25 | 5.14 | |
| ATTORNEY GENERAL | 6.61 | 12.94 | 5.43 | 8.53 | 5.90 | 6.75 | |
| COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE | 6.50 | 12.08 | 5.09 | 7.37 | 6.20 | 6.07 | |
| SECRETARY OF STATE | 7.48 | 10.51 | 6.09 | 9.95 | 7.12 | 7.49 | |

<http://www.cs.duke.edu/~justin/voting/totals.html>

Hand counted paper ballots had the lowest undervote rate for President. However, the drop off rate (higher undervotes) got worse for lower contests.

While many of us don't care about that - guess what - the folks who decide how we will vote - many of them are affected by the drop off rate. Whether we agree with this or not, it is a political reality.

There were only 3 counties in North Carolina that did hand counting, and the counties only had about 5,000 - 7,000 registered voters living there. I called the directors of these counties, to ask them how it went in 2004. They told me that they had confidence in the HCPB, that if they had teams whose counts did not agree that they could always find the discrepancy. But they also told me that **they had to count through the night and into the next day, finishing about noon.** That is a long night.

And - you might say -it's worth it.

But the challenge is to convince the election officials and law makers - knowing that they will be working all day, all night and part of the next day - it is going to take a lot to engage their support.

And they do hold tremendous sway with lawmakers.

It would take a major upheaval that the entire population of this country was aware of, to bring about the type of radical change that some folks are looking for. Or it could take some patience.

We're only now reaching mainstream media on this!

Lou Dobbs was a big first step into the mainstream or regular media,
and he awoke a good portion of the sleeping public

http://www.votetrustusa.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=1406&Itemid=27

It's a very hard sell.

Look at how hard the battle against tobacco has been

And that has taken decades!

Everyone has seen TV ads about how cigarettes cause cancer!

Have you seen any ads that say electronic voting loses votes or
can be rigged?

So anything that sets the bar high is a good step, whether you are for paper ballots
scanned by optical scanners, or if you are for hand counted paper ballots

Los Angeles County, California has **2,952,983** registered voters.

Cook County, Illinois has **1,383,712** registered voters.

Harris County, Texas has **1,920,875** registered voters.

It would be interesting to know what these elections officials' reactions would be to organizing
and overseeing hand counts in these counties.

While our ballot is extremely complicated, even with optical scan -
we could hand count all of the ballots for the presidential contest.

A precinct usually has about 1,500 ballots.

AT the end of the election night, when the polls close:

We could manually count those 1,500 ballots for the Presidential Contest.

If sorted out by that 1 contest, it would not take more than
about an hour max to count it twice and record the number.

If our ballots were made easier to read, we could more easily
count them.

Additionally, the ballots could then be sorted by other
contests, and counted that way.

But I don't preclude hand counting, but we might have to prioritize
it to the presidential election.

Chuck Herrin gave a great HCPB speech at our rally at the state capitol in November 2004.

Raleigh, NC 12/12/2004

My name is Chuck Herrin, and I'm going to start with something that you might not want to hear.

I'm not up here fighting for a Kerry presidency. John Kerry, who promised to fight for every vote, sent his 10, 000 lawyers and 52 million dollars elsewhere and then quietly gave up the next day. That's not the leader who is going to solve America's problems. Now, don't get me wrong- I'm no Bush fan either, since I am a true compassionate conservative who still believes in quaint ideas like fiscal responsibility, not engaging in nation building, and personal responsibility. If there were any justice in the world, McCain would have won in 2000 or barring that, Clark in 2004. We would have put someone who actually SHOWED UP for duty in charge of our nation in a time of war. But that didn't happen, both parties ran the wrong horses, and so here we are. **There were very obviously problems in the recent election**, but I would like to say that the recent election was not THE problem. **The recent election is a SYMPTOM of the real problem, which is the shocking lack of integrity of our electoral process..**

more here.. <http://www.chuckherrin.com/paperballots.htm>

Chuck's presentation to the North Carolina State Legislature:

My recent PowerPoint given to the NC Joint Select Subcommittee on E-Voting, January 7th, 2005. The first part talks about what we do in business vs what we do in e-voting, and the second part rips apart Diebold's vote tabulation software, showing it for the criminal piece of crap that it is. <http://www.chuckherrin.com/GEMSDemo.pps>

Also by Chuck

The Effect of Computers on Vote Tabulation -

Part of my testimony to the state of NC. Slideshow.

<http://www.chuckherrin.com/ComputersVoteTabulation.pdf>

Here is a German Ballot from December 2, 1990

für die Wahl zum Deutschen Bundestag im Wahlkreis 165 Esslingen am 2. Dezember 1990

Sie haben 2 Stimmen

hier 1 Stimme
für die Wahl
**eines/einer
Wahlkreisabgeordneten**
Erststimme

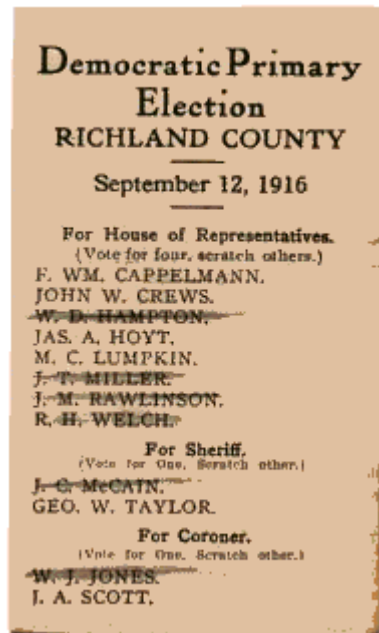
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| 1 | Hauser, Otto Bundestagsabgeordneter Esslingen am Neckar Böttgerstraße 32 | CDU | Christlich Demokratische Union Deutschlands | <input type="radio"/> |
| 2 | Mosdorf, Siegmur Landesgeschäftsführer Hochdorf Wilderstraße 44 | SPD | Sozial- demokratische Partei Deutschlands | <input type="radio"/> |
| 3 | Kehrer, Thomas Rechtsanwalt Esslingen am Neckar Brötcherweg 13 | FDP/ DVP | Freie Demo- kratische Partei/ Demokratische Volkspartei | <input type="radio"/> |
| 4 | Özdemir, Cem Student Ead Urach Lange Straße 10 | GRÜNE | DIE GRÜNEN | <input type="radio"/> |
| 5 | | | | <input type="radio"/> |
| 6 | | | | <input type="radio"/> |
| 7 | | | | <input type="radio"/> |
| 8 | Donnerstag, Dietmar Rechtsanwalt Stuttgart Zaunhölzer Straße 14 | REP | Die REPUBLIKANER | <input type="radio"/> |
| 9 | Brützer, Ulrich Förderer Karlshöhe Lamprechtstraße 8 | NPD | National- demokratische Partei Deutschlands | <input type="radio"/> |
| 10 | Daubner, Stefan Auszubildender in der Altenpflege Esslingen am Neckar Schulstraße 27 | ÖDP | Ökologisch- demokratische Partei | <input type="radio"/> |

hier 1 Stimme
für die Wahl
einer Landesliste (Partei)
- maßgebende Stimme für die Verteilung der
Sitze insgesamt auf die einzelnen Parteien -
Zweitstimme

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| 1 | CDU | Christlich Demokratische Union Deutschlands Dr. Wolfgang Schulte, Mathias Wiseman, Dr. Lutz Steverwagen, Anton Fleiter, Udo Ehrbar | <input type="radio"/> |
| 2 | SPD | Sozialdemokratische Partei Deutschlands Dr. Herta Dübler-Gmelin, Harald Schiller, Hans Martin Burg, Wolfgang Roth, Dr. Lothar Harzenstein | <input type="radio"/> |
| 3 | FDP/ DVP | Freie Demokratische Partei/ Demokratische Volkspartei Dr. Helmut Hoffmann, Georg Galka, Martin Günther, Dr. Wolfgang Wang, Dr. Olaf Feilmann | <input type="radio"/> |
| 4 | GRÜNE | DIE GRÜNEN Christa Vornagel, Olegel Metzger, Ursula Eid Simon, Dr. Thilo Weichert, Monika Klocke | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| 5 | LIGA | CHRISTLICHE LIGA Die Partei für das Leben Karl Sieplendorfer, Bettina Schega, Ewald Jakob, Walter Schmidt, Marion Gotthardt | <input type="radio"/> |
| 6 | CM | CHRISTLICHE MITTE Anny Stirk, Peter Belle, Michael Platt, Erika Schürmann, Werner Keller | <input type="radio"/> |
| 7 | DIE GRAUEN | DIE GRAUEN heißt vom Senioren- Schutz-Bund „Graue Panther“ e.V. („SSB-GP“) Wolfgang Höflner, Martha Elisabeth Flecher, Marga Höfgen, Walter Meyer, Dr. Ursula Köber | <input type="radio"/> |
| 8 | REP | DIE REPUBLIKANER Dr. Rolf Schläger, Leo Thann, Michael Herbrich, Arnold Bräutigam, Dietmar Donnerstag | <input type="radio"/> |
| 9 | NPD | Nationaldemokratische Partei Deutschlands Jürgen Schützinger, Wilfried Mühlberg, Dr. Michael Franck, Siegfried Hönig, Erwin Müller | <input type="radio"/> |
| 10 | ÖDP | Ökologisch-Demokratische Partei Hella Heuser, Maria Opitz, Bernd Richter, Hermann Bentsch, Herbert Alexander Gohardt | <input type="radio"/> |
| 11 | PDS/Linke Liste | Partei des Demokratischen Sozialismus/Linke Liste Dr. Helga Frank, Gernot Königshof, Dr. Theodor Bergmann, Dr. Heidi Knake-Werner, Dr. Günter Kahner, Ina Wenzel-Ott, Rüdiger | <input type="radio"/> |
| 12 | Patrioten | Patrioten für Deutschland | <input type="radio"/> |

M. W. K.

Here's a hand counted paper ballot in the US – it's an "Australian Ballot" from a 1916 Democratic primary in South Carolina.



2006 and 1988 Mexican ballots

Here is a picture of a 1988 Mexican ballot that was among piles to be burned –

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| ENTIDAD GUERRERO | | DISTRITO ELECTORAL Nº VI | |
| CIRCUNSCRIPCION PLURINOMINAL Nº | | MUNICIPIO O DELEGACION | |
| BOLETA PARA ELECCION DE | | PRESIDENTE DE LA REPUBLICA | |
| PARTIDO ACCION NACIONAL  MANUEL DE JESUS CLOUTHIER DEL RINCON | PARTIDO REVOLUCIONARIO INSTITUCIONAL  CARLOS SALINAS DE GORTARI | | |
| PARTIDO POPULAR SOCIALISTA  CUAUHEMOC CARDENAS SOLORZANO | PARTIDO DEMOCRATA MEXICANO  GUMERSINDO MAGANA NEGRETE | | |
| PARTIDO MEXICANO SOCIALISTA  HEBERTO CASTILLO MARTINEZ | PARTIDO DEL FRENTE CARDENISTA DE RECONSTRUCCION NACIONAL  CUAUHEMOC CARDENAS SOLORZANO | | |
| PARTIDO REVOLUCIONARIO DE LOS TRABAJADORES  ROSARIO IBARRA DE PIEDRA | PARTIDO AUTENTICO DE LA REVOLUCION MEXICANA  CUAUHEMOC CARDENAS SOLORZANO | | |
| Si desea votar por alguna fórmula no registrada, escriba aquí sus nombres completos. | | | |
| Presidente de la Comisión Federal Electoral  LIC. MANUEL BARTLETT DIAZ | | Secretario de la Comisión Federal Electoral  LIC. FERNANDO ELIAS CALLES | |

Electoral fraud, 1988 Mexican federal elections: sample burnt ballots

These ballots, found in charred piles along a roadside in Guerrero, and marked in favor of Cuauhtémoc Cárdenas and one of the parties belonging to his National Democratic Front (FDN), were incompletely burned because they had been at the bottom of the piles, where oxygen could not penetrate to complete combustion

<http://worldpolicy.org/globalrights/mexico/1988-fraud.html>

Here is a lady holding a Mexican ballot from the 2006 Presidential contest that had been thrown away:



July 5, 2006 Mexico: poll recount demand

Mexico's main leftist party demanded a ballot-by-ballot recount after the closest presidential race ever.

It claimed the voting was manipulated and renewing fears that its fiery candidate will launch violent street protests if he doesn't get his way.

A protester holds up a marked ballot paper she says was found in the street in an outlying district of Mexico City.

<http://www.smh.com.au/news/world/mexico-poll-recount-demand/2006/07/05/1151778994718.html>

Iraq Ballots in 2005 and 2006

Don't know how they counted it.

I believe it is one contest with multiple candidates/parties.



The recent 2006 elections in Iraq presented ballot designers with a unique problem. More than 200 parties or individuals registered to be listed on the ballot, a fact that created a typesetting dilemma for the one-page design. But each party or individual who registered also had to supply a logo by which they could be identified by illiterate voters.

Some logos were turned away, including a drawing of a rifle, a picture of a mass grave, and a representation of a Koran surrounded by a halo.

The result is a very involved ballot; a sample of the 2005 ballot is shown here. More than 72 percent of eligible voters registered so they could put their own very personal "logos"-their fingerprints-on record so they could vote.

<http://www.logolounge.com/articles/default.asp?ArticleID=265>

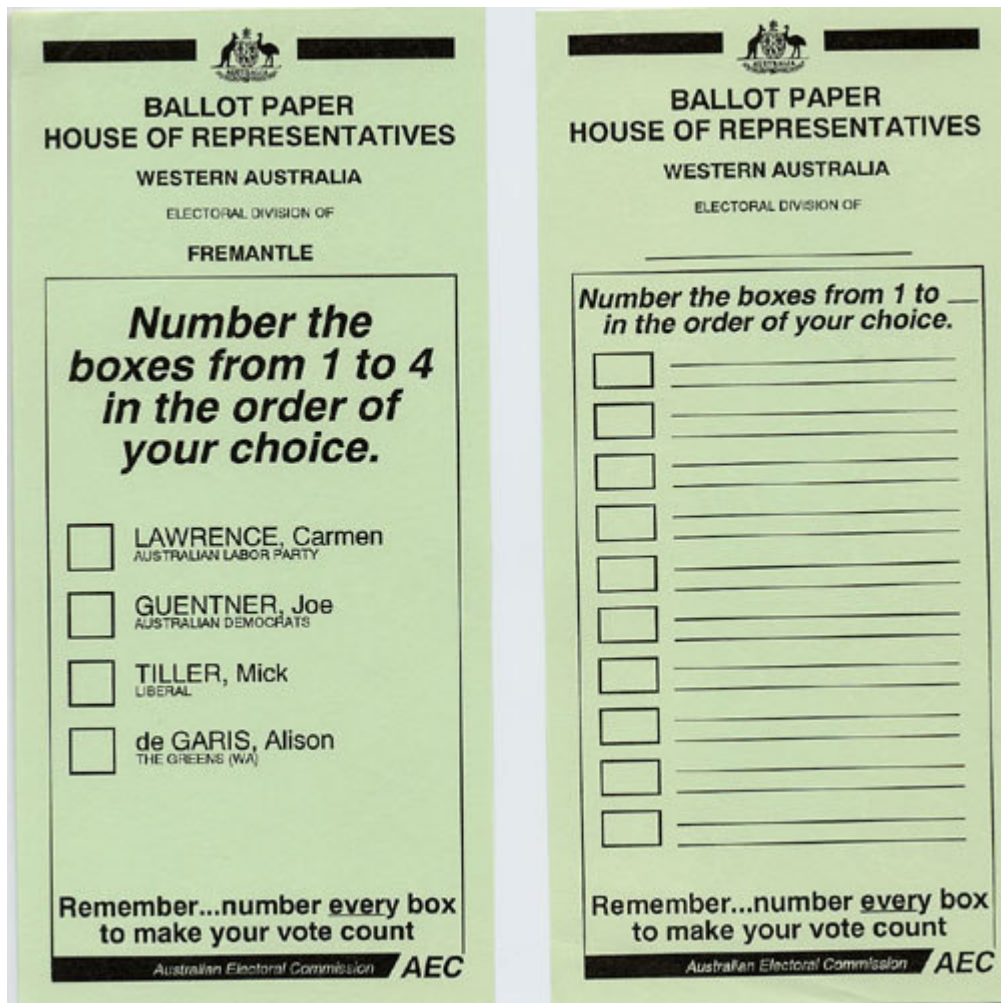
Feb 15, 2005 Iraq election for national assembly. The party winning the majority would select the president.



"When the vote was certified Feb. 17, 2005, the United Iraqi Alliance, which carried the endorsement of top Shiite cleric Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, had won the majority of seats. But the alliance lacked the two-thirds majority needed to select the president, making coalition-building an essential task in forming the new government."

http://www.cbsnews.com/elements/2005/01/24/iraq/whoswho668877_0_0_intro.shtml

Here is an Australian Ballot



More here

http://www.unc.edu/~asreynol/ballot_pages/australia.html

Russian Ballot - 1996

ИЗБИРАТЕЛЬНЫЙ БЮЛЛЕТЕНЬ
 для голосования на выборах Президента Российской Федерации
 26 марта 2000 года

(Подпись члена
 участковой избирательной
 комиссии и печать
 участковой избирательной
 комиссии)

РАЗЪЯСНЕНИЕ ПОРЯДКА ЗАПОЛНЕНИЯ ИЗБИРАТЕЛЬНОГО БЮЛЛЕТЕНЯ

Поставьте любой знак в пустом квадрате справа от фамилии только одного зарегистрированного кандидата, за которого Вы голосуете, либо в квадрате, расположенном справа от строки "Против всех кандидатов".
 Избирательный бюллетень, в котором любой знак проставлен более чем в одном квадрате либо не проставлен ни в одном из них, считается недействительным.
 Избирательный бюллетень, не заверенный подписями членов участковой избирательной комиссии и печатью участковой избирательной комиссии, признается бюллетенем неустановленной формы и его голосов не учитывается.

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|--|---|--------------------------|
| ГОВОРУХИН Станислав Сергеевич | 1936 года рождения; место жительства г. Москва; Государственная Дума Федерального Собрания Российской Федерации, депутат, заместитель председателя Комитета по культуре и туризму; выдвинут инициативной группой избирателей | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ДЖАБРАИЛОВ Умар Алиевич | 1958 года рождения; место жительства г. Москва; ООО "Совместное предприятие "Интурист-РадАмер Гостиница и Деловой Центр", советник генерального директора; выдвинут инициативной группой избирателей | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ЖИРИНОВСКИЙ Владимир Вольфович | 1946 года рождения; место жительства г. Москва; Государственная Дума Федерального Собрания Российской Федерации, депутат, заместитель Председателя Государственной Думы; выдвинут избирательным объединением "Либерально-демократическая партия России" (ЛДПР); Либерально-демократическая партия России (ЛДПР), Председатель | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ЗЮГАНОВ Геннадий Андреевич | 1944 года рождения; место жительства г. Москва; Государственная Дума Федерального Собрания Российской Федерации, депутат, руководитель фракции Коммунистической партии Российской Федерации; выдвинут инициативной группой избирателей; Коммунистическая партия Российской Федерации, Председатель Центрального Комитета | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ПАМФИЛОВА Элла Александровна | 1953 года рождения; место жительства г. Москва; Общероссийское общественное политическое движение "За гражданское достоинство", Председатель Президиума; выдвинута избирательным объединением "За гражданское достоинство" | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ПОДБЕРЕЗКИН Алексей Иванович | 1953 года рождения; место жительства г. Москва; Всероссийское общественно-политическое движение "Духовное наследие", Председатель Центрального Совета; выдвинут инициативной группой избирателей | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ПУТИН Владимир Владимирович | 1952 года рождения; место жительства г. Москва; исполняющий обязанности Президента Российской Федерации, Председатель Правительства Российской Федерации; выдвинут инициативной группой избирателей | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| САВОСТЬЯНОВ Евгений Вадимович | 1952 года рождения; место жительства г. Москва; Московский фонд президентских программ, Председатель Правления; выдвинут инициативной группой избирателей | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| СКУРАТОВ Юрий Ильич | 1952 года рождения; место жительства г. Москва; Генеральный прокурор Российской Федерации (временно отстранен от должности Указом Президента Российской Федерации от 2 апреля 1999 года № 415); выдвинут инициативной группой избирателей | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ТИТОВ Константин Алексеевич | 1944 года рождения; место жительства г. Самара; Администрация Самарской области, Губернатор (Глава Администрации); член Совета Федерации Федерального Собрания Российской Федерации; выдвинут инициативной группой избирателей | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ТУЛЕЕВ Аман-Гельды Молдагазыевич | 1944 года рождения; место жительства г. Кемерово; Администрация Кемеровской области, Губернатор; член Совета Федерации Федерального Собрания Российской Федерации; выдвинут инициативной группой избирателей | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ЯВЛИНСКИЙ Григорий Алексеевич | 1952 года рождения; место жительства г. Москва; Государственная Дума Федерального Собрания Российской Федерации, депутат, руководитель фракции "ЯБЛОКО"; выдвинут инициативной группой избирателей; Объединение "ЯБЛОКО", Председатель | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ПРОТИВ ВСЕХ КАНДИДАТОВ | | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Official Results of the Presidential Elections held in 1996

<http://www.aceeeo.org/members/russia/documents.htm>

Ukraine Paper Ballot

A sample of a ballot paper for Parliamentary Elections in Ukraine (year unknown)

ВИБОРИ ДО ВЕРХОВНОЇ РАДИ УКРАЇНИ _____
(дата проведення виборів)

Одномандатний виборчий округ № _____

Виборча дільниця № _____ Підпис члена дільничної виборчої комісії, який видав бюлетень _____ Підпис виборця, який отримав бюлетень _____

(лінійка відокремлення)

ВИБОРИ ДО ВЕРХОВНОЇ РАДИ УКРАЇНИ _____
(дата проведення виборів)

ВИБОРЧИЙ БЮЛЕТЕНЬ
по виборах народного депутата України в одномандатному виборчому окрузі № _____

Виборча дільниця № _____
Підпис члена дільничної виборчої комісії, який видав виборчий бюлетень _____
(підпис)

Зробіть позначку "плюс" (+) або ічику у квадраті проти прізвища кандидата у депутати, за якого Ви голосуєте, або в квадраті проти слів "Не підтримую жодного з кандидатів у депутати". Недійсним вважається виборчий бюлетень, в якому: поставлено більш ніж одну позначку проти прізвищ кандидатів у депутати, а також виборчий бюлетень, в якому не поставлено жодної позначки.

КАНДИДАТИ У ДЕПУТАТИ:

Прізвище,
ім'я, по батькові

рік народження, посада (заняття), місце роботи та
проживання, партійність

Не підтримую жодного з кандидатів у депутати