



RANKED CHOICE VOTING FOR MICHIGAN
MORE CHOICES, MORE VOICES

WHAT IS RANK MI VOTE?

We are a 501c3 nonprofit, all-volunteer organization dedicated to making one simple but powerful improvement in how we vote: Ranked Choice Voting

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An improved way of voting that gathers more information by allowing you to mark your voting choices in rank order, and lets your 2nd choice count if your preferred candidate can't win

What brings us here?

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2. How Ranked Choice does better
3. How Ranked Choice actually works
4. How we get Ranked Choice here

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The Lesser Evil Problem

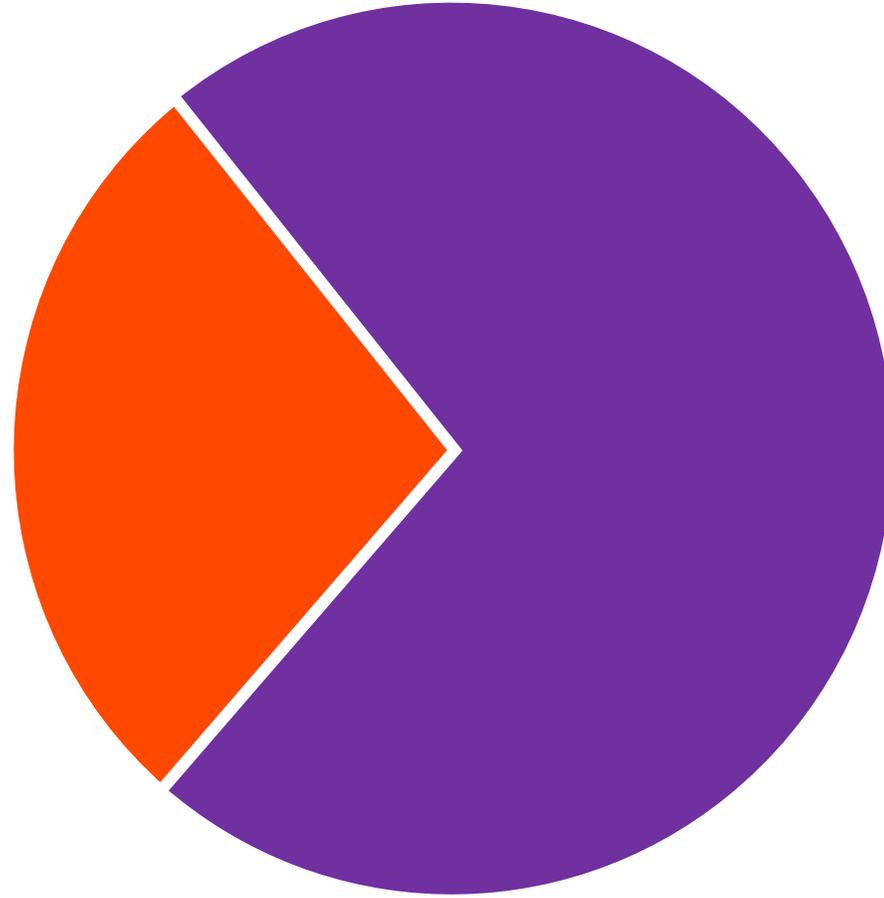
Just vote the lesser evil

Just don't waste your vote

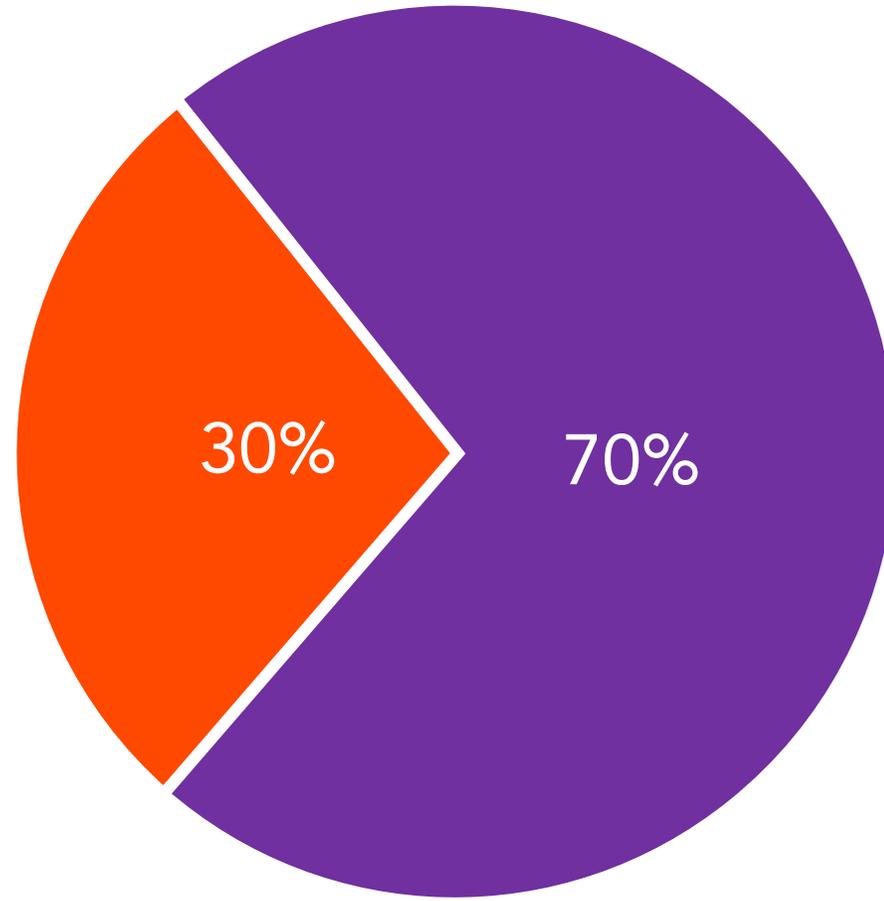
Just hold your nose

NO. JUST RANK YOUR VOTE

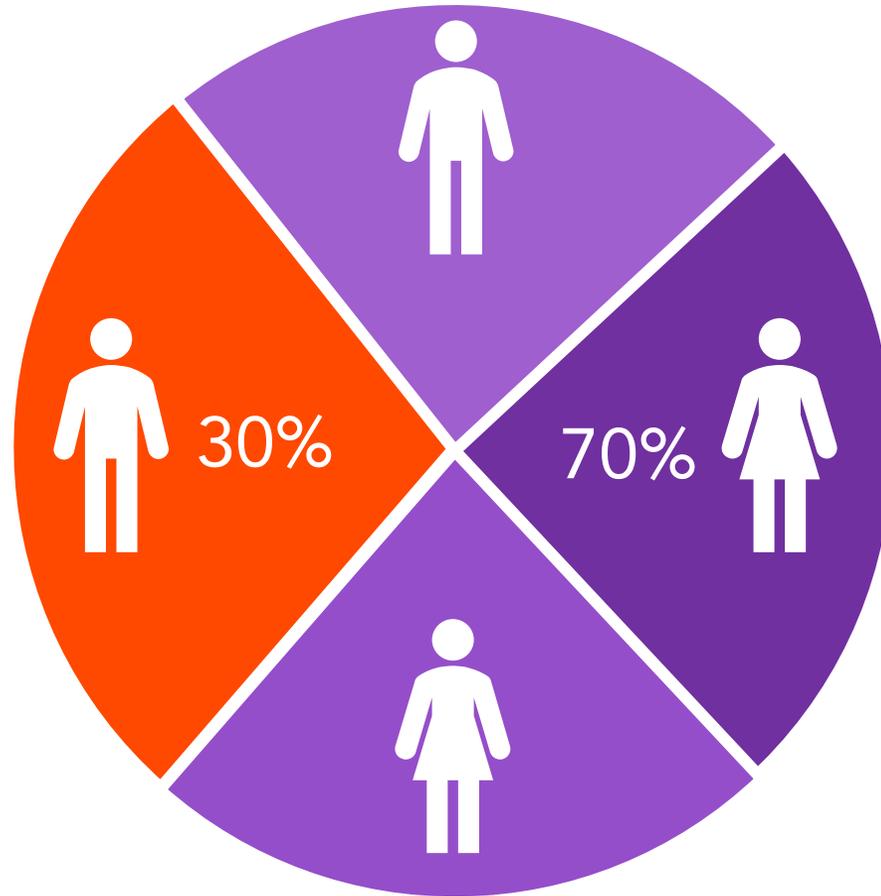
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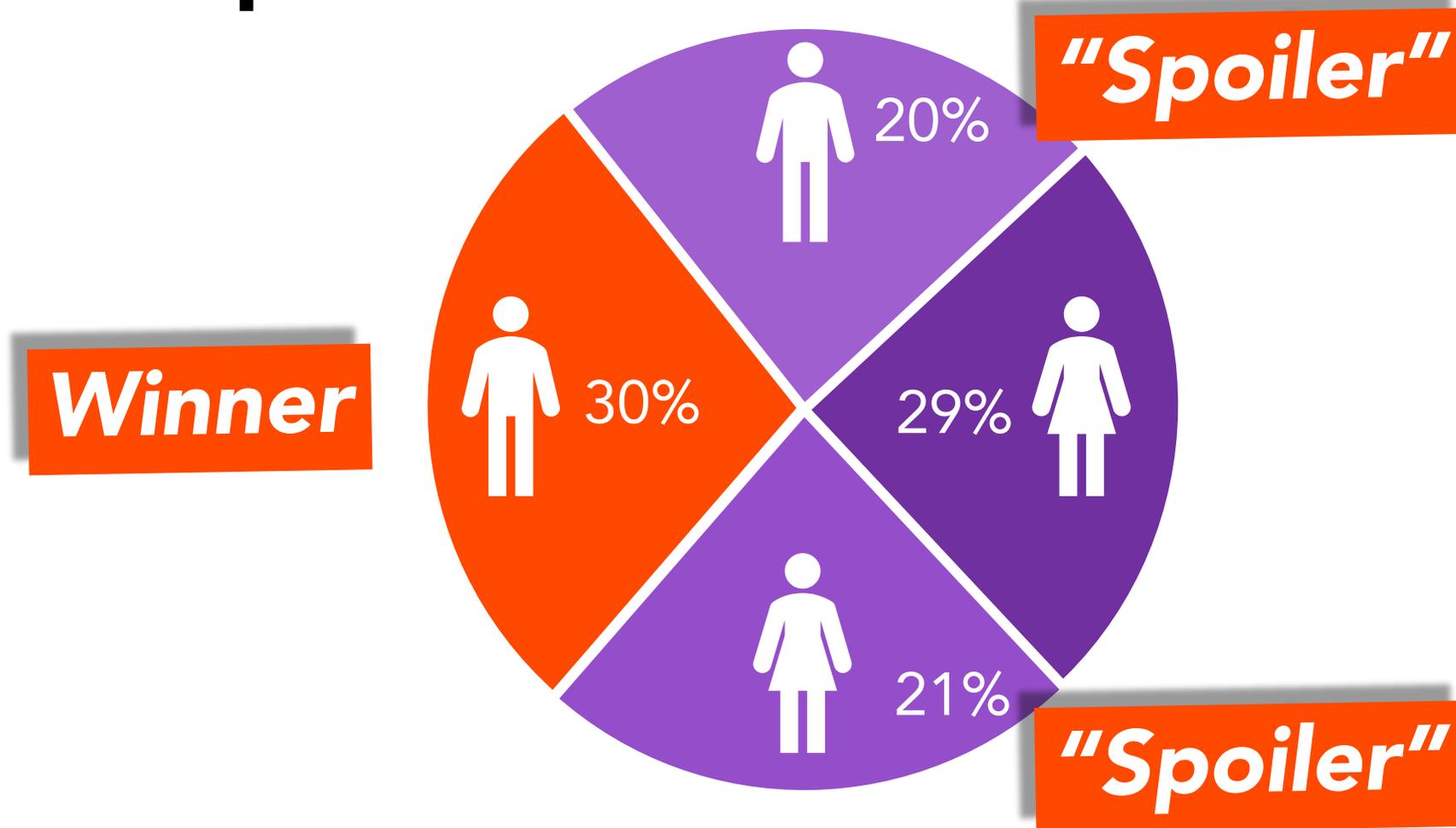
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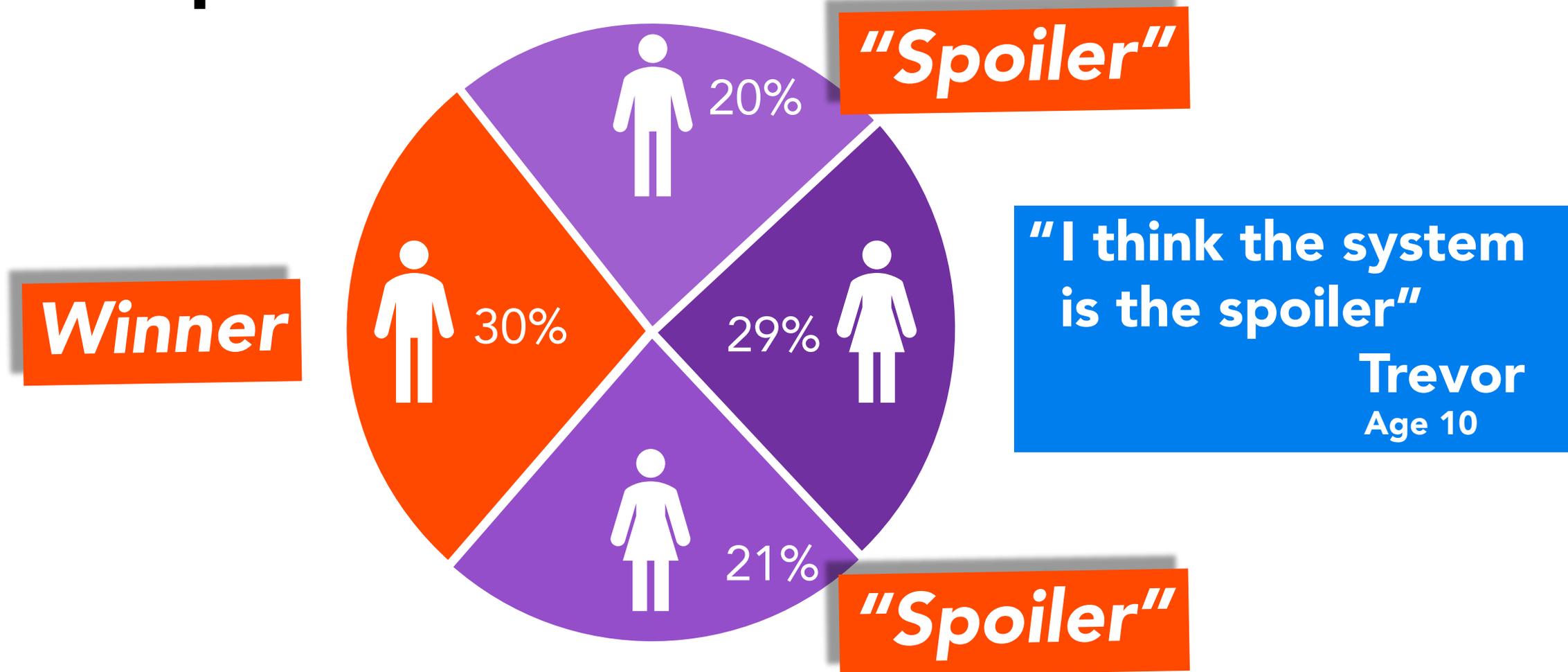
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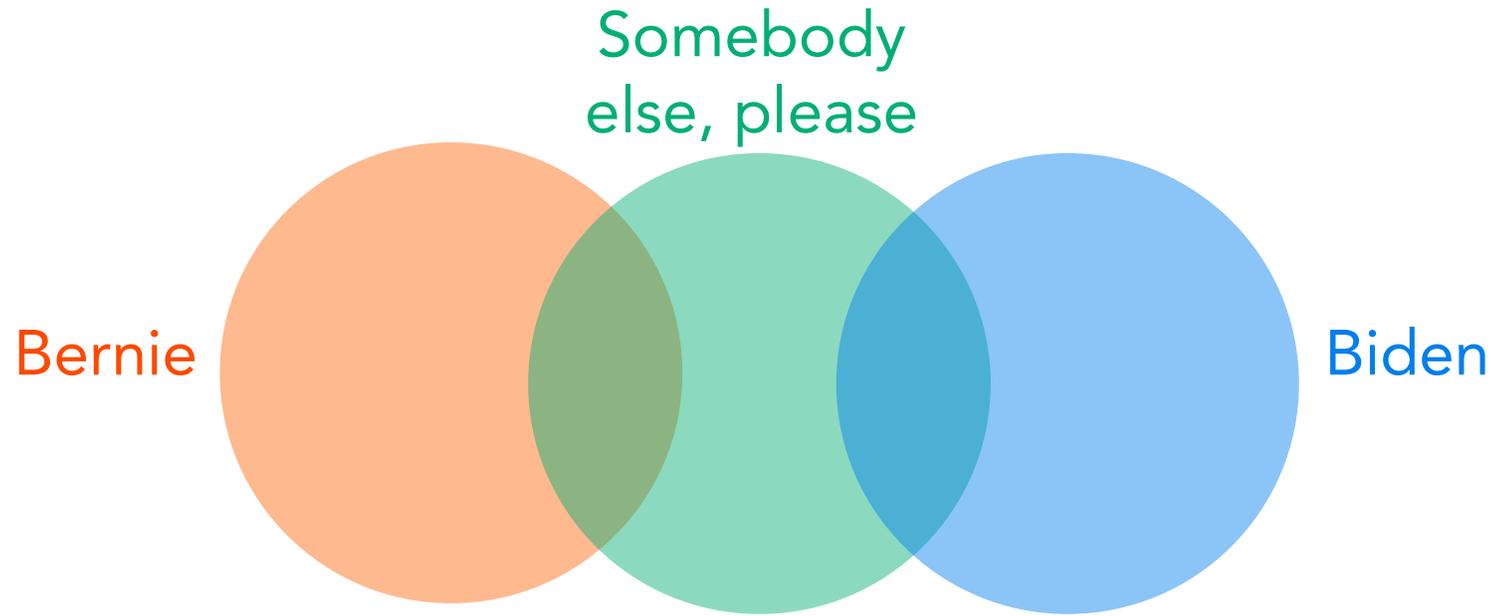


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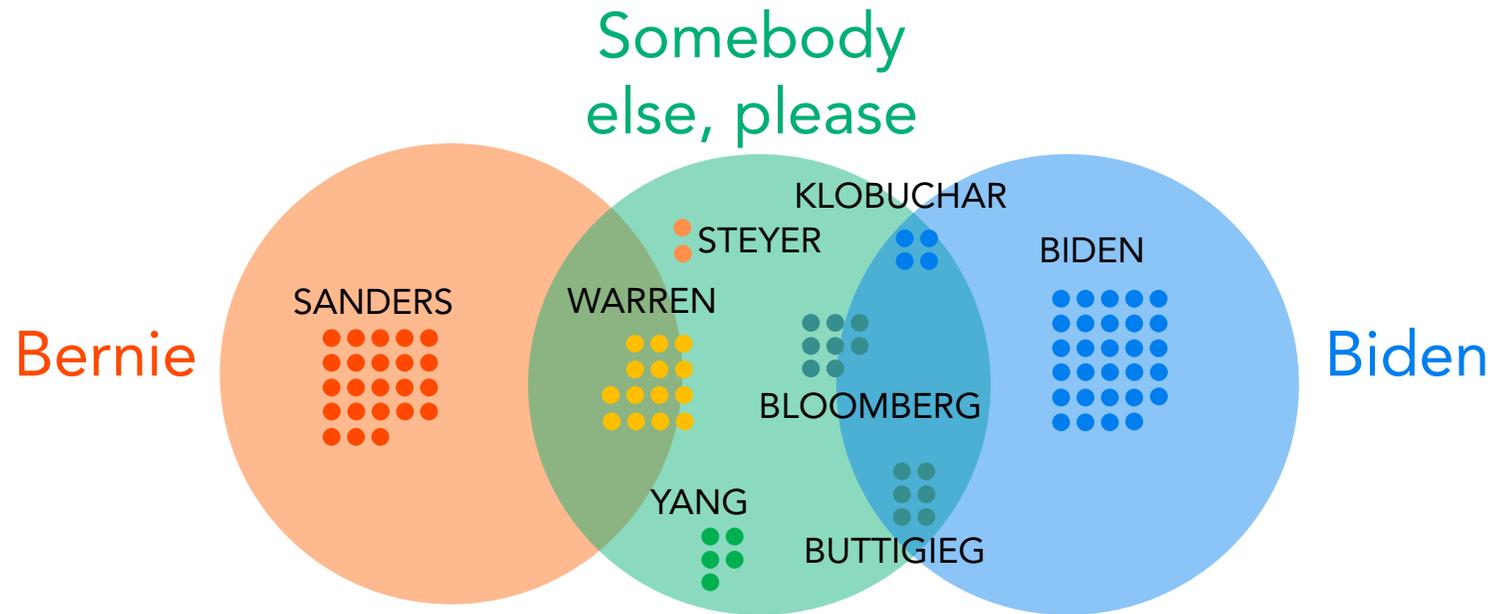


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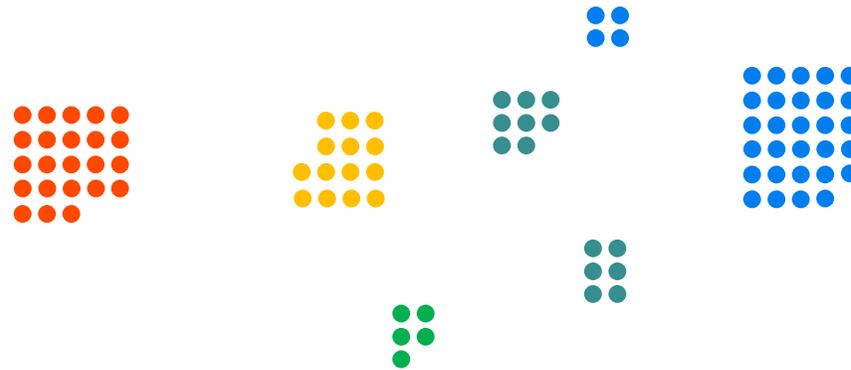


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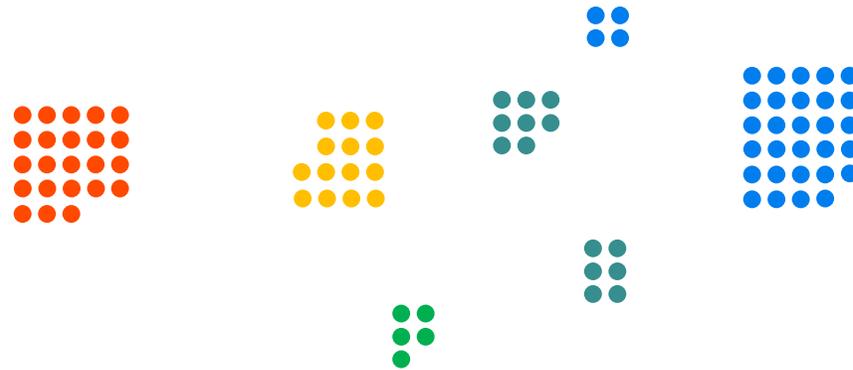


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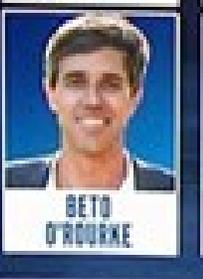
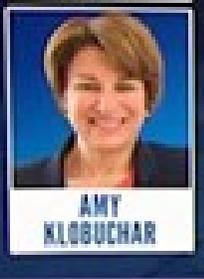
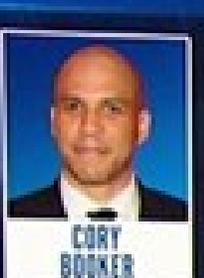
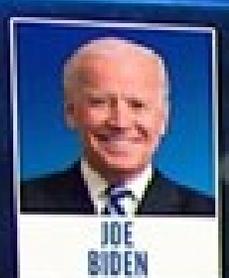
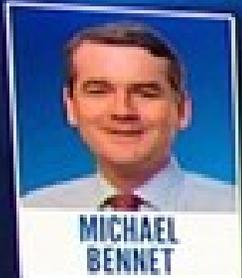
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★ 2020 DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE



★ 2020

ENTIAL DEBATE



MICHAEL BENNET



JOHN HICKENLOOPER

2020 presidential election calendar

- Primary election
- Presidential debate
- Rep. convention
- Dem. convention
- General election

Ballots Printed

Candidates drop

We vote

Absentees vote



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NATIONAL POLITICS

'Ghost candidates' blamed for siphoning votes in Florida Senate races

By **CNN staff** | November 24, 2020 at 6:49 AM CST - Updated November 24 at 6:49 AM

(CNN) - Officials are calling for an investigation into so-called "ghost candidates" in Florida.

These mysterious candidates appear to run for office solely to take votes away from a competitor and make it easier for a third candidate to win.

Incumbent Democrat Jose Javier Rodriguez lost his Florida State Senate seat by

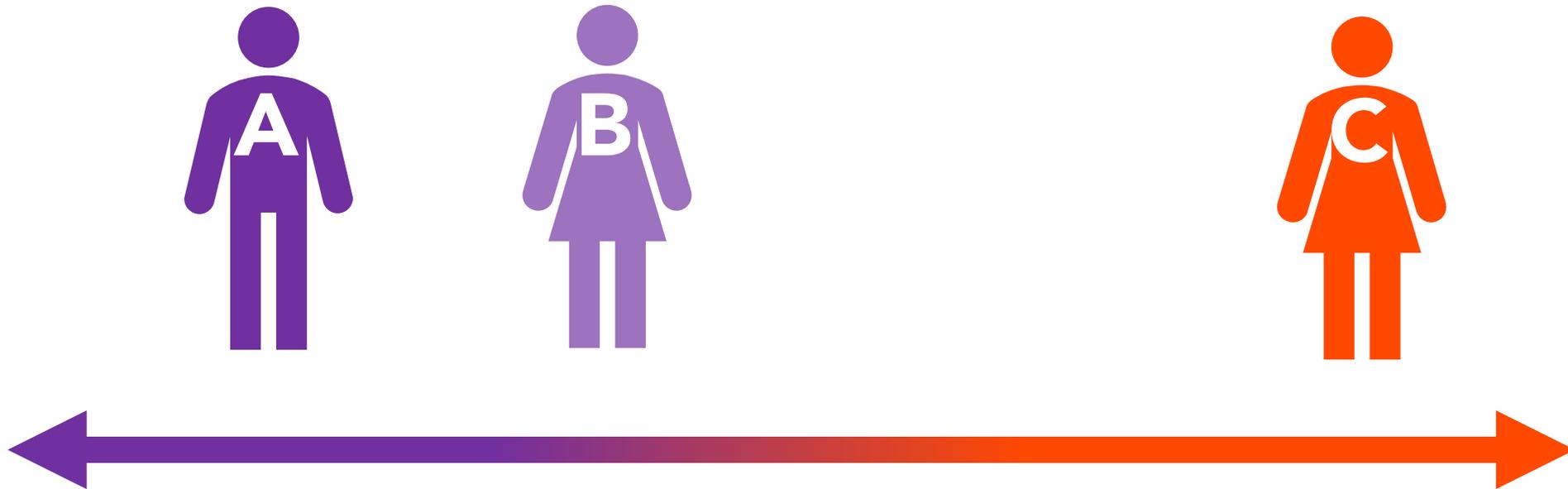
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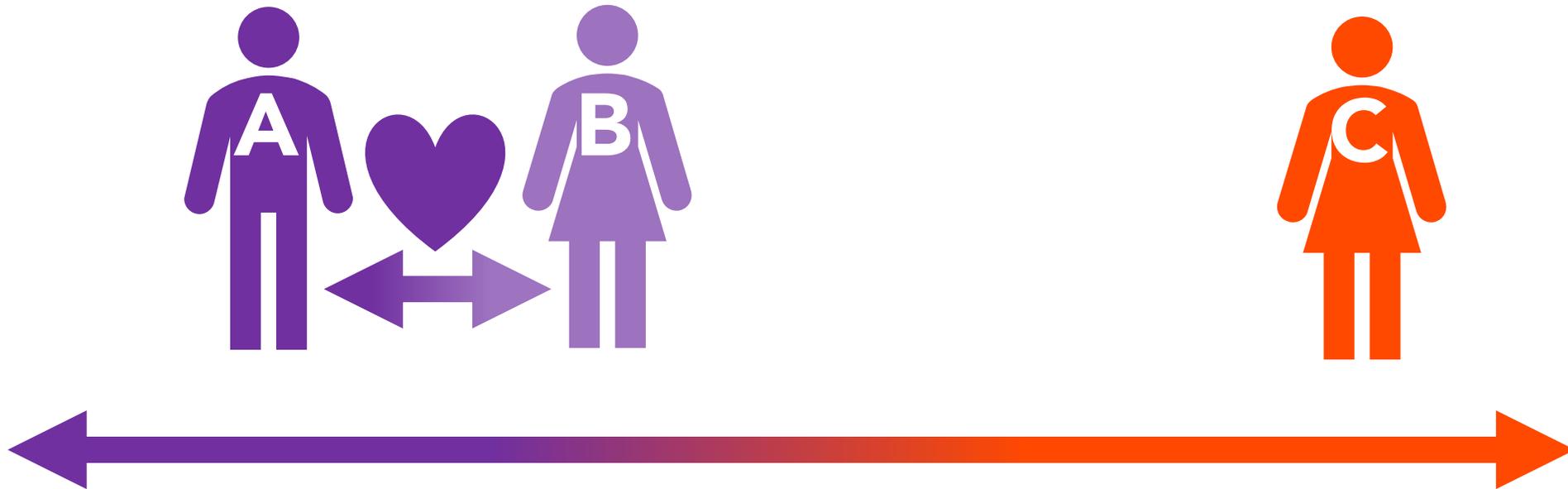
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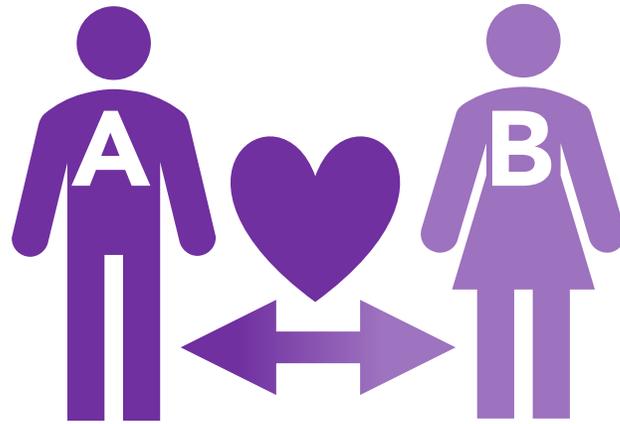
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Candidate Civility and Voter Engagement in Seven Cities with Ranked Choice Voting

BY SARAH JOHN AND ANDREW DOUGLAS

In a ranked choice voting (RCV) election, voters rank candidates in order of preference. The tally of RCV votes simulates a series of "instant runoffs." In each "runoff," the last-place candidate is defeated and ballots cast for that candidate are added to the tally of the next-ranked candidate on each ballot. This process continues until a winner emerges. This process means that RCV rewards candidates who can win second and third choices from a broad range of voters *in addition* to first choices from a large core of supporters.

In theory, RCV incentivizes campaign civility because, in order to win second- and third-choice rankings, a candidate needs to appeal to other candidates' supporters. The increasing use of RCV in the United States, including in four Bay Area cities in California and Minnesota's Twin Cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis, enables rigorous testing of the effects of RCV on the civility of election campaigns.

As part of a broader project funded by the Democracy Fund, the Eagleton Poll at Rutgers University has partnered with the University of Iowa's Caroline Tolbert and Western Washington University's Todd Donovan in conducting two polls—one in 2013 and another in 2014—that explore the impact of RCV on city elections in the United States. Each poll surveyed a random sample of more than 2,400 of RCV in city elections in the United States. Each poll surveyed a random sample of more than 2,400 likely voters, the great majority of whom had voted in their local election that year. (Likely voters are defined as currently registered voters who, when interviewed, expressed interest in local affairs.) The survey included more than 200 candidates from cities in English and Spanish and on

was used for mayor and a city council race; and Cambridge, Massachusetts, where the multi-seat form of RCV was used to elect the city council and school committee. The other half of respondents were from one of seven non-RCV control cities with similar demographics, including Seattle, Tulsa, Boston.

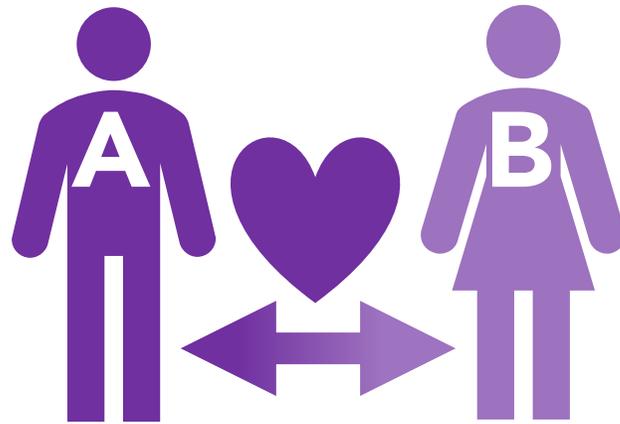
In November 2014, the Eagleton Poll conducted an expanded version of the same survey in eleven Californian cities: the four Bay Area cities that use RCV (Berkeley, Oakland, San Francisco, and San Leandro) and seven control cities. In the 2014 survey, 1,345 respondents were likely voters in one of four cities holding elections with RCV: 685 respondents from Oakland, which used RCV to elect a new mayor and half of its city council and school board; 395 respondents from San Leandro, which used RCV to elect a new mayor and three city councilors in citywide races; 151 respondents from San Francisco, which adopted RCV first in the Bay Area and in 2014 used RCV in one competitive city council election and five less competitive elections in its eleven wards; and 114 respondents from Berkeley, where there were two competitive RCV city council races among its eight wards. The 2014 survey also included 1,111 likely voters in one of seven control cities in California with demographics and social structures comparable to a surveyed RCV city.

Summary of Findings

The data provide evidence of RCV's positive effect on civility, widespread general support for RCV, and voters' ease with voting on a RCV ballot. Here is a summary of the key trends and findings of the 2013 and 2014 surveys. In addition, data is presented from a survey by Tolbert and John in 2011 to 2013 and from

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This paper examines if electoral systems affect how people perceive campaigns and elections. We test if the type of electoral system affects levels of negativity in election campaigns by isolating, at least partially, the effects of plurality versus preferential voting. Elections in nearly all US cities are conducted under a variant of plurality, winner-take-all rules, where each voter expresses a preference for a single candidate. We compare these to ranked choice voting, where voters express a preference for multiple candidates.

office (e.g. a single-member districted city council position, a single city-wide city council position, the office of mayor, etc.). In standard plurality elections a voter can cast one vote for a candidate seeking a position, and that vote is non transferable. Preferential voting systems such as RCV in contrast, allow voters to express ranked preferences for multiple candidates seeking a single office.¹ We propose that there are reasons to expect that these electoral systems affect incentives candidates have to engage in negative campaigning and that this affects voter perceptions of campaign tone. Consider the incentives that Candidate X might face campaigning for office under different electoral systems. At the very least, Candidate X under plurality voting has weak incentives to court weak supporters of

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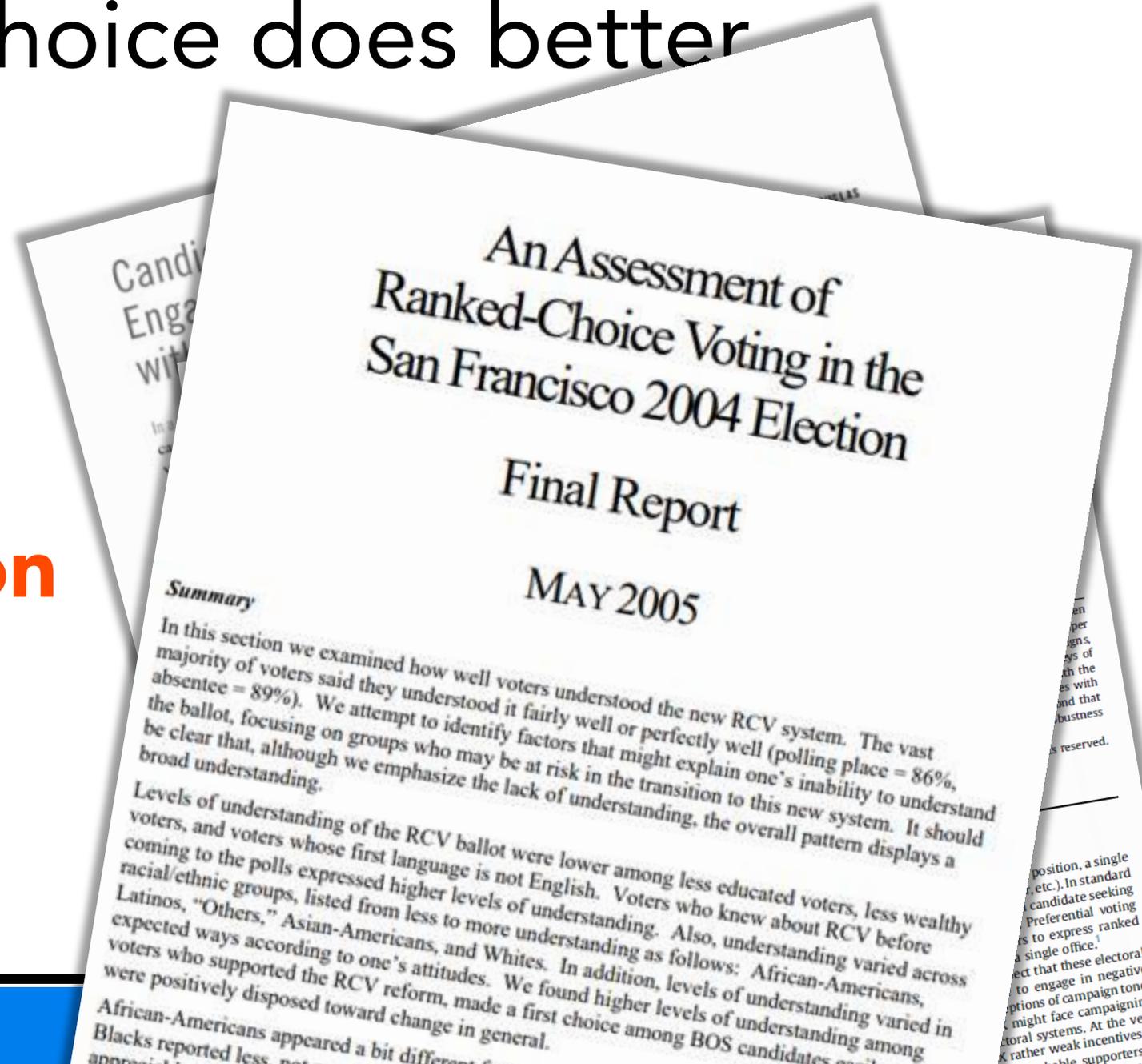


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3. How Ranked Choice works: Voting

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SAMPLE BALLOT

A. To vote, fill in the OVAL ○ to the right of the candidate of your choice like this ● .

B. If you wrongly mark, tear or spoil the ballot, return it and get another.

Candidate A	<input type="radio"/>
Candidate B	<input type="radio"/>
Candidate C	<input type="radio"/>

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- Rank candidates in order of preference.
- Fill in the ① next to your first choice.
Fill in the ② next to your second choice.
Fill in the ③ next to your third choice.
- Do not fill in more than one oval per candidate. Do not fill in more than one oval per column.
- Ranking a 2nd, 3rd, etc. choice candidate will not hurt your first choice candidate.

	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice
Candidate A	①	②	③
Candidate B	①	②	③
Candidate C	①	②	③

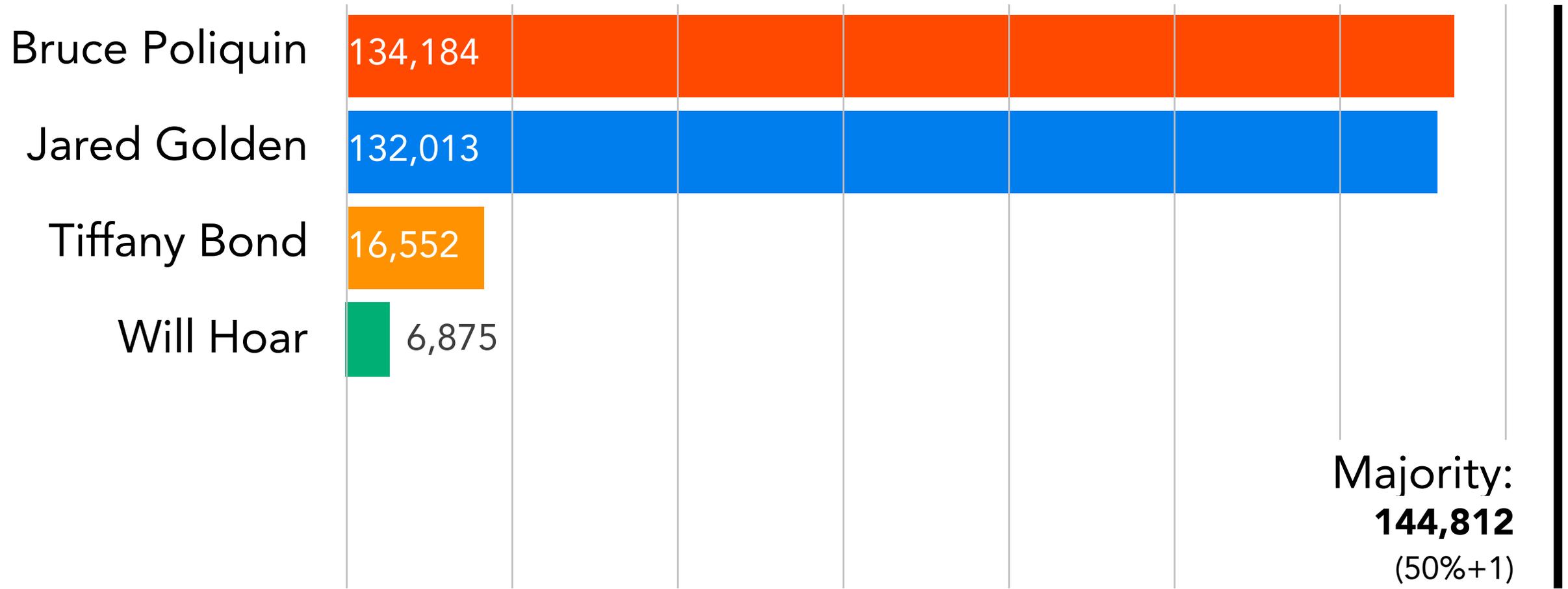
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Rep. to Congress District 2	<i>1st Choice</i>	<i>2nd Choice</i>	<i>3rd Choice</i>	<i>4th Choice</i>	<i>5th Choice</i>
Bond, Tiffany L. Independent	<input type="radio"/>				
Golden, Jared F. Democratic	<input type="radio"/>				
Hoar, William R.S. Independent	<input type="radio"/>				
Poliquin, Bruce Republican	<input type="radio"/>				
Write-in:	<input type="radio"/>				

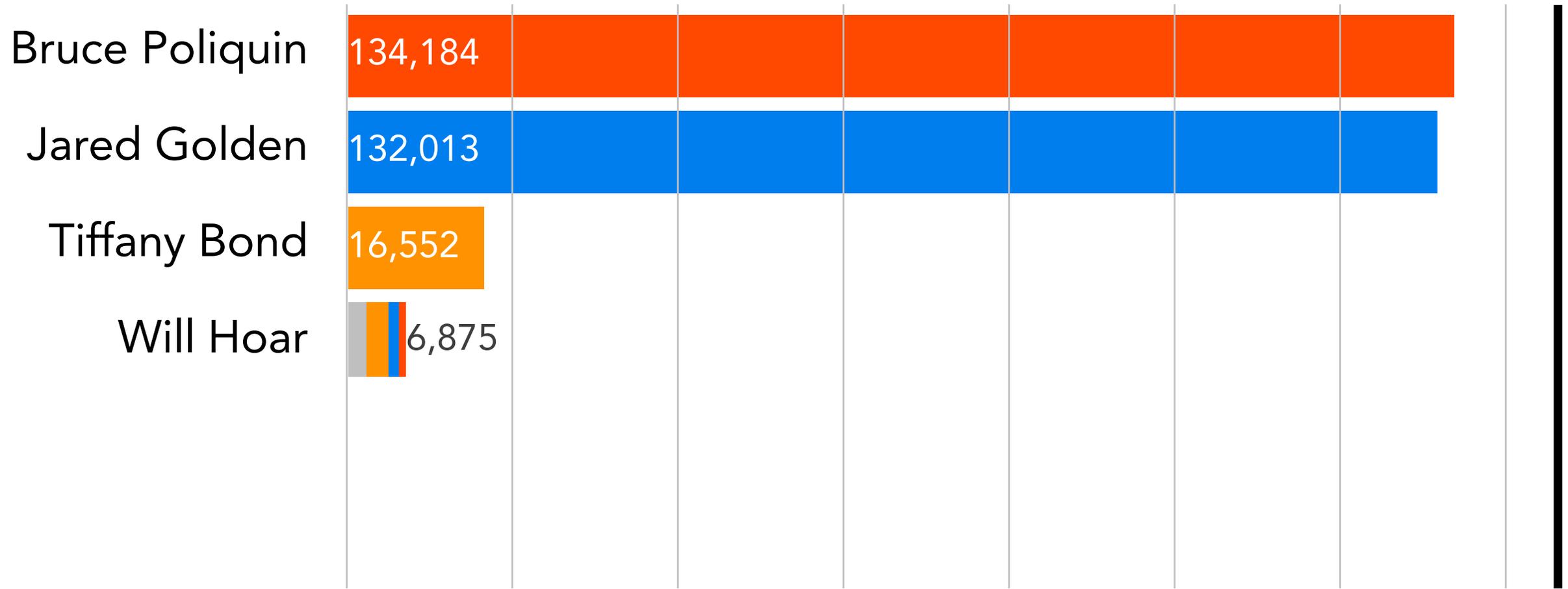
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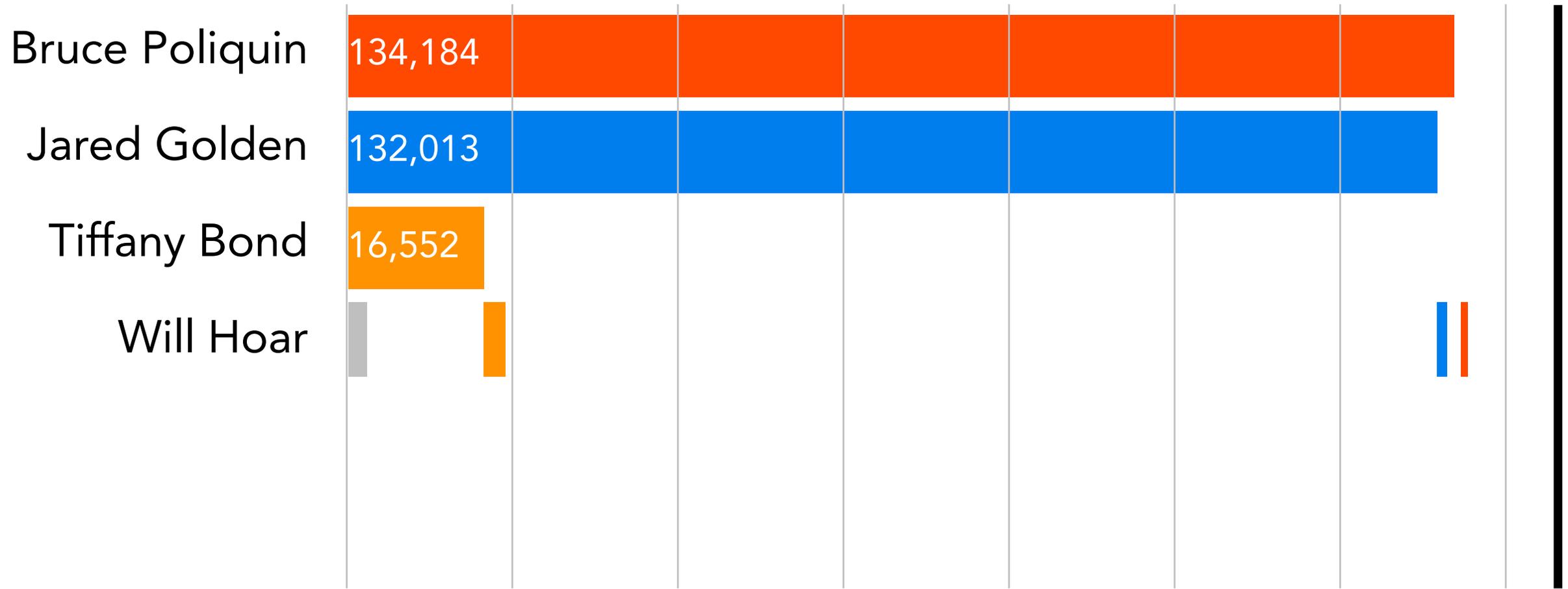
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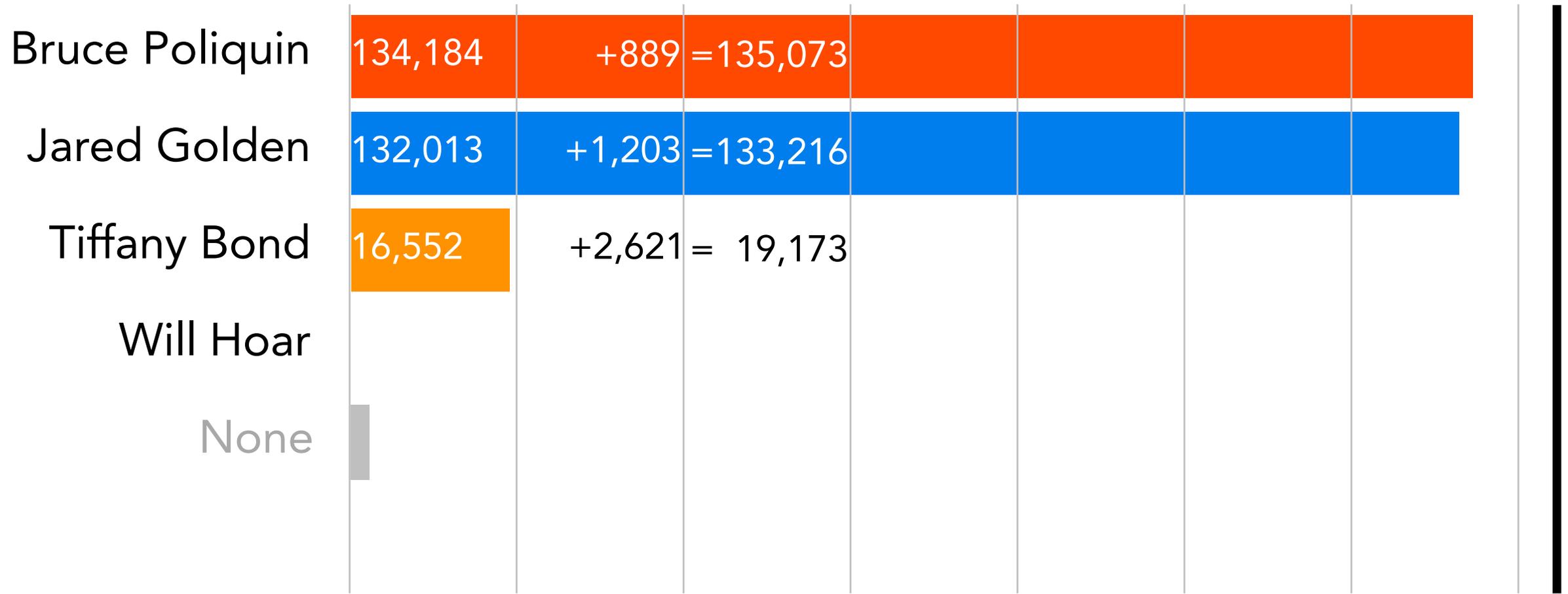
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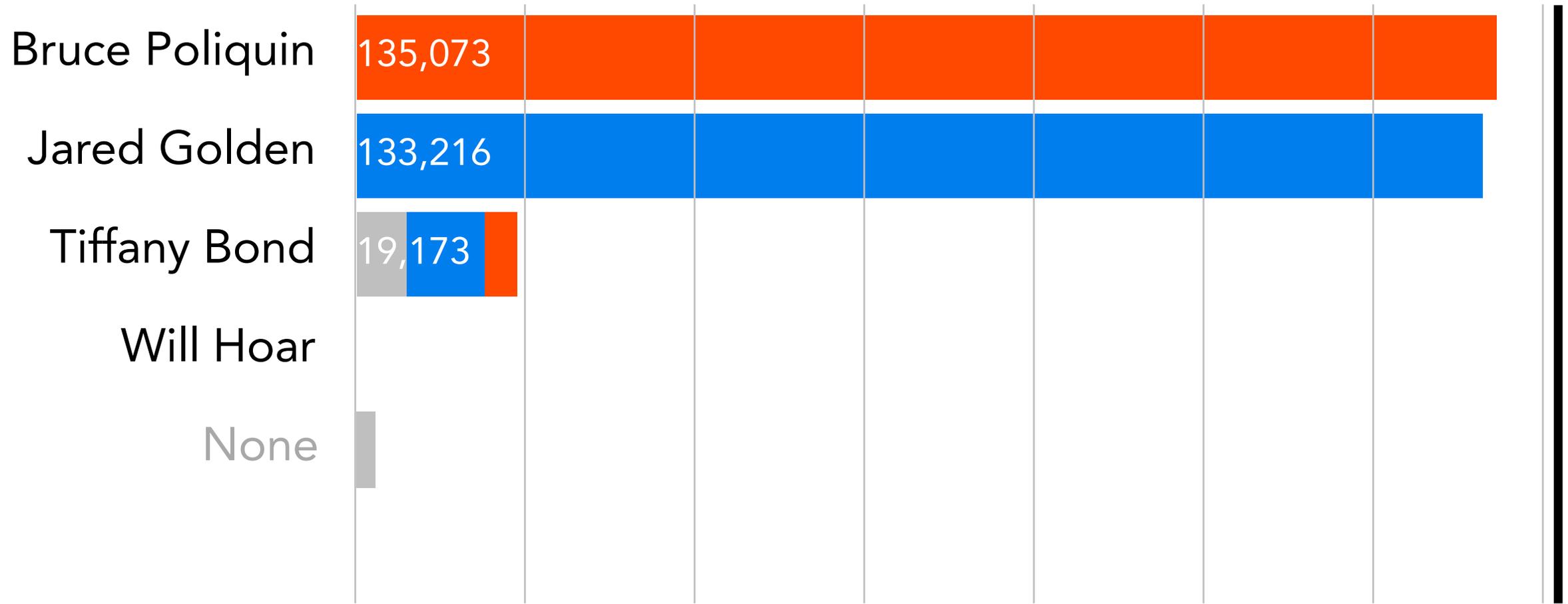
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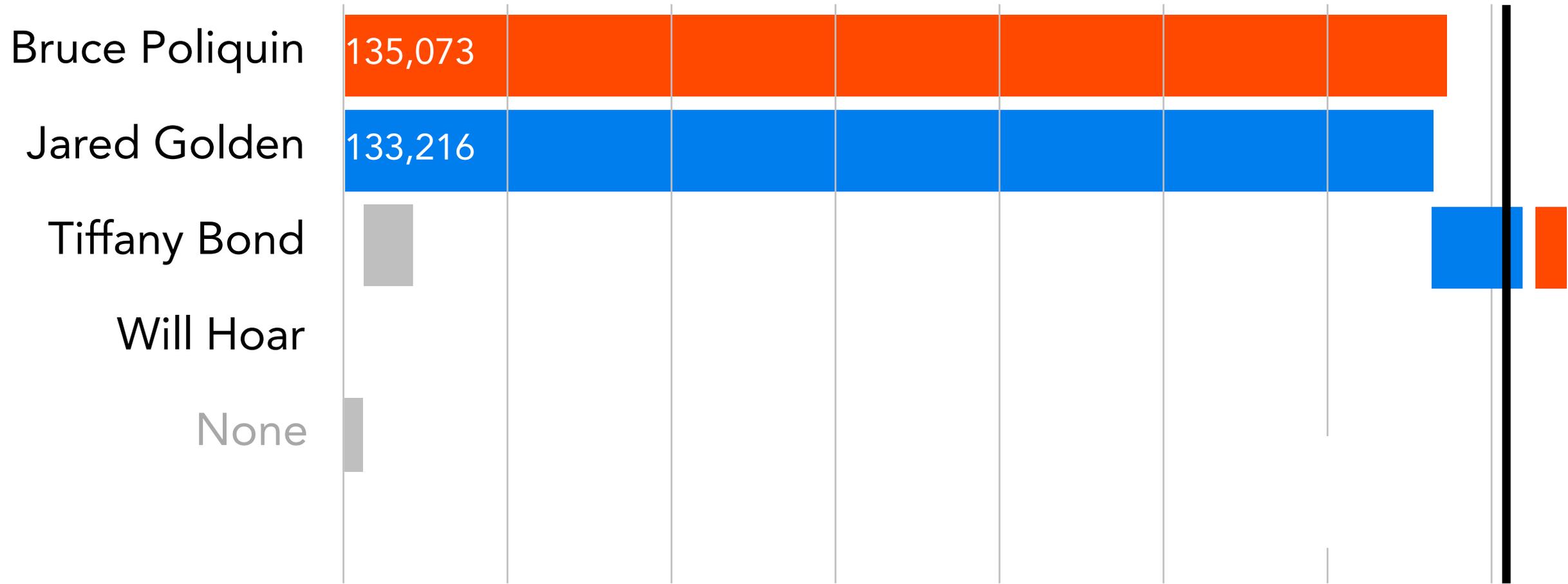
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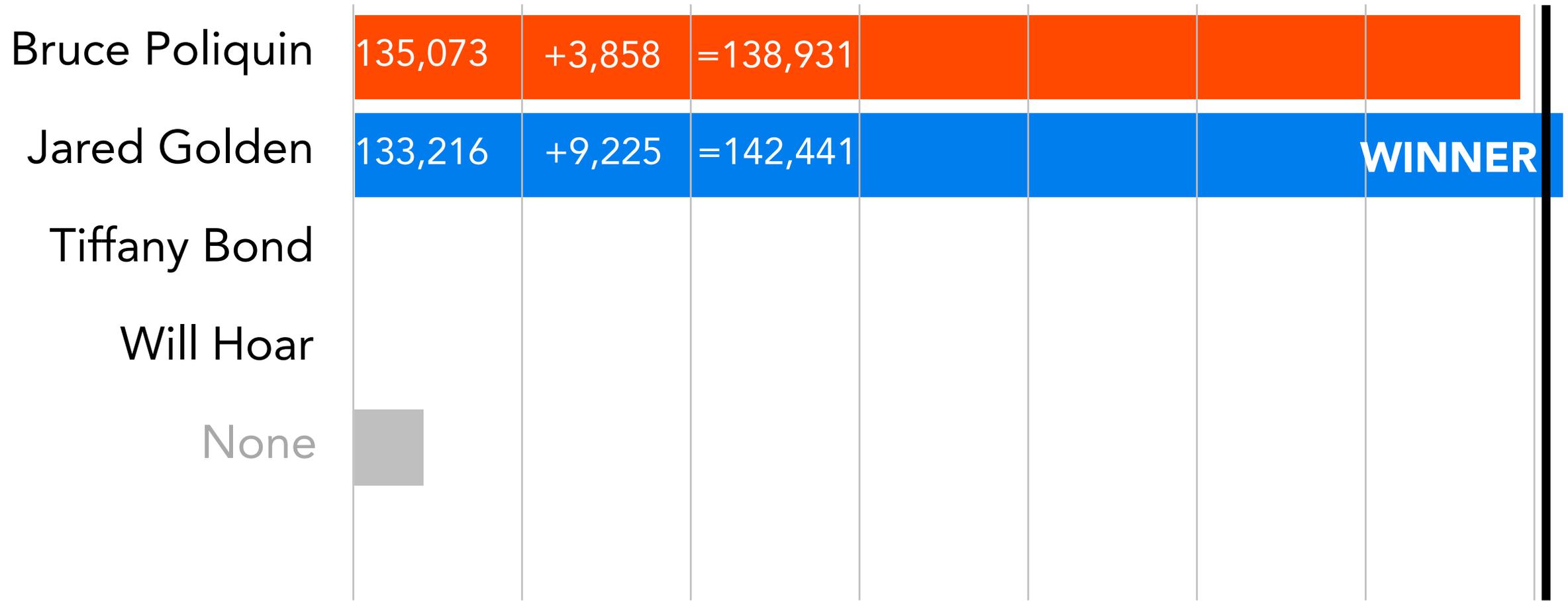
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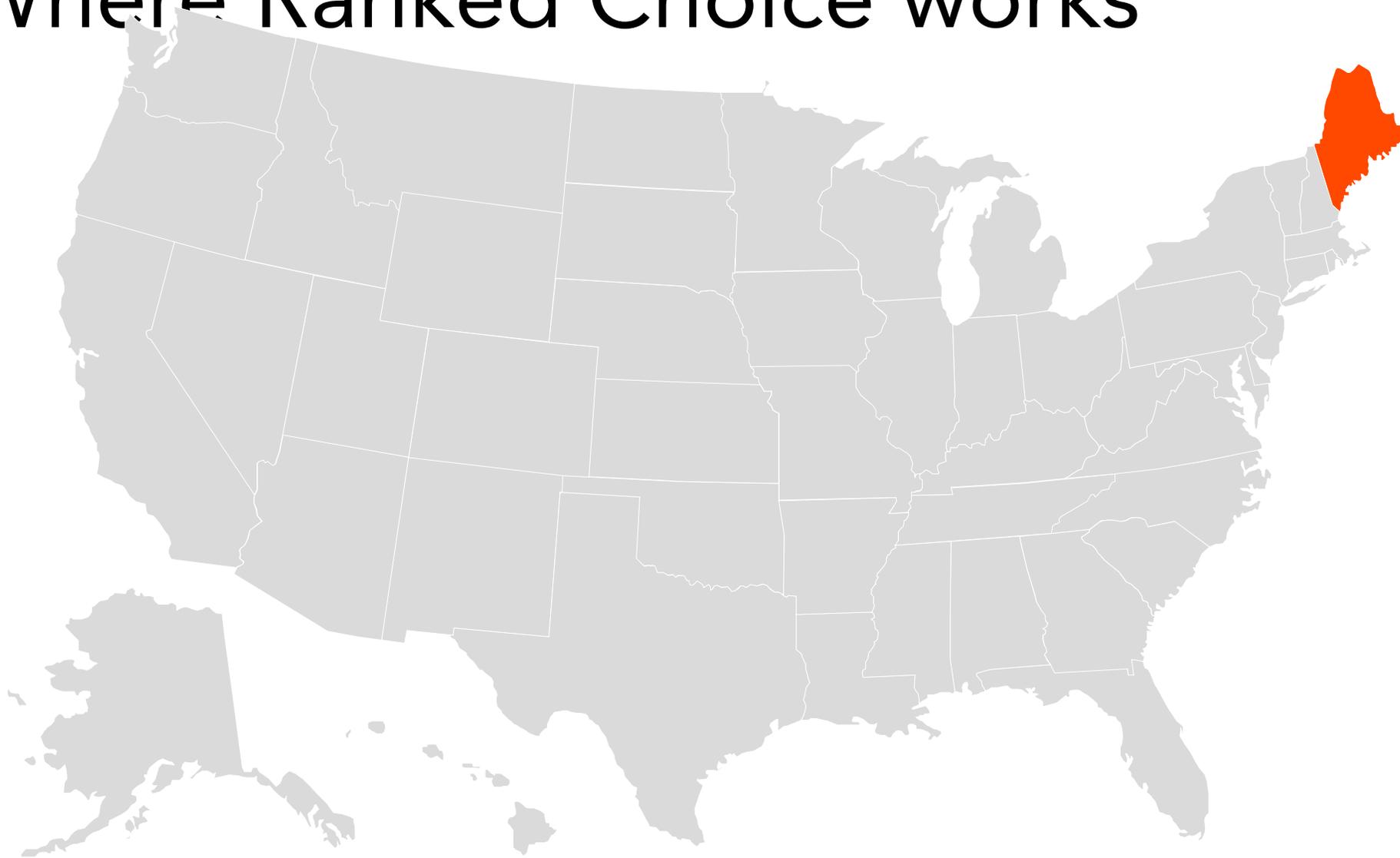
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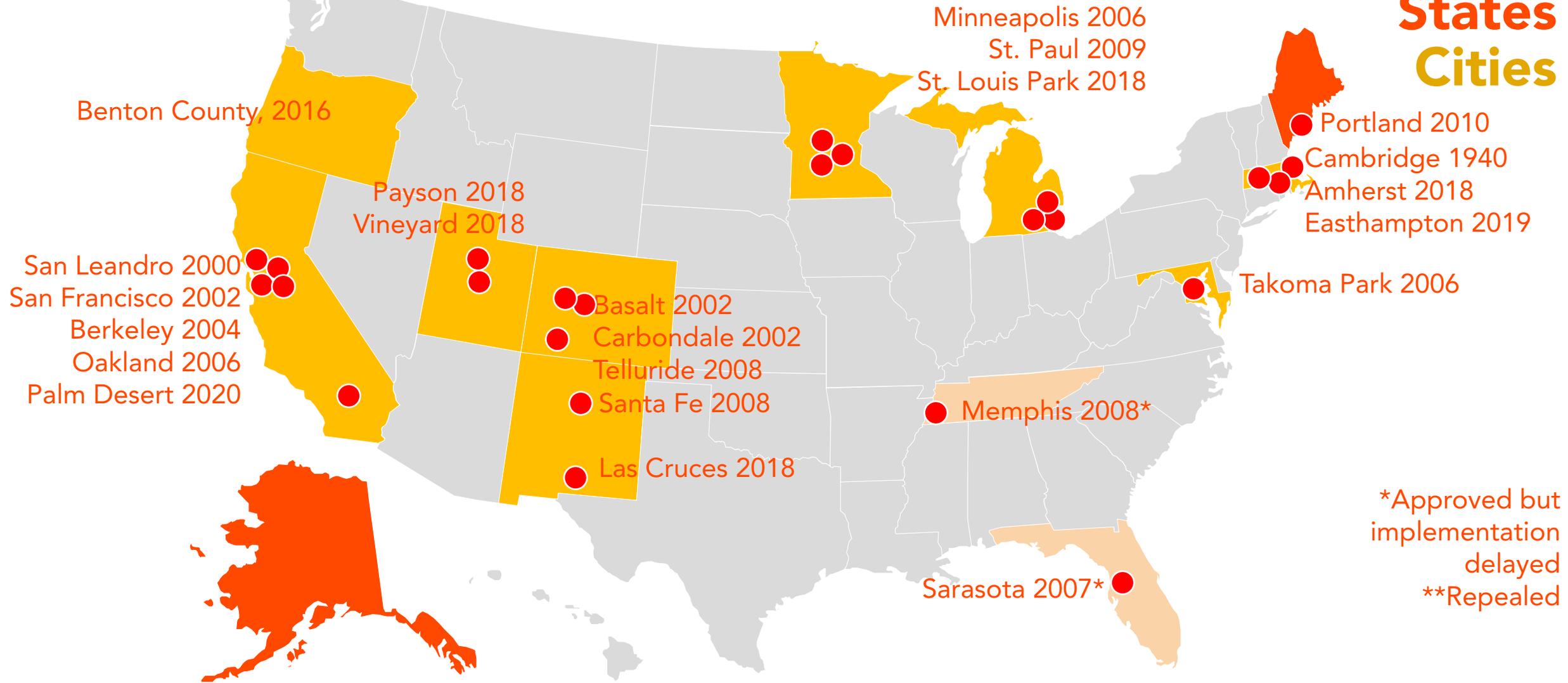
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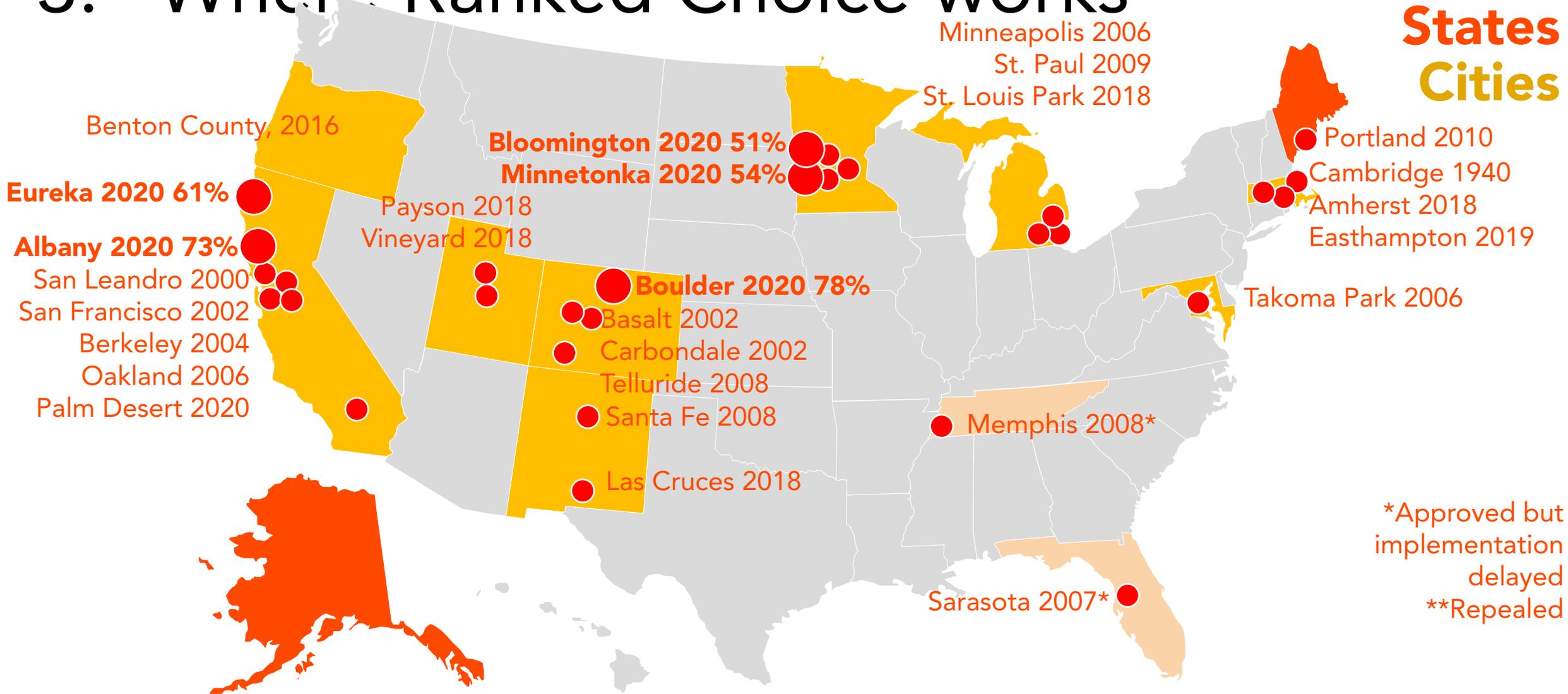
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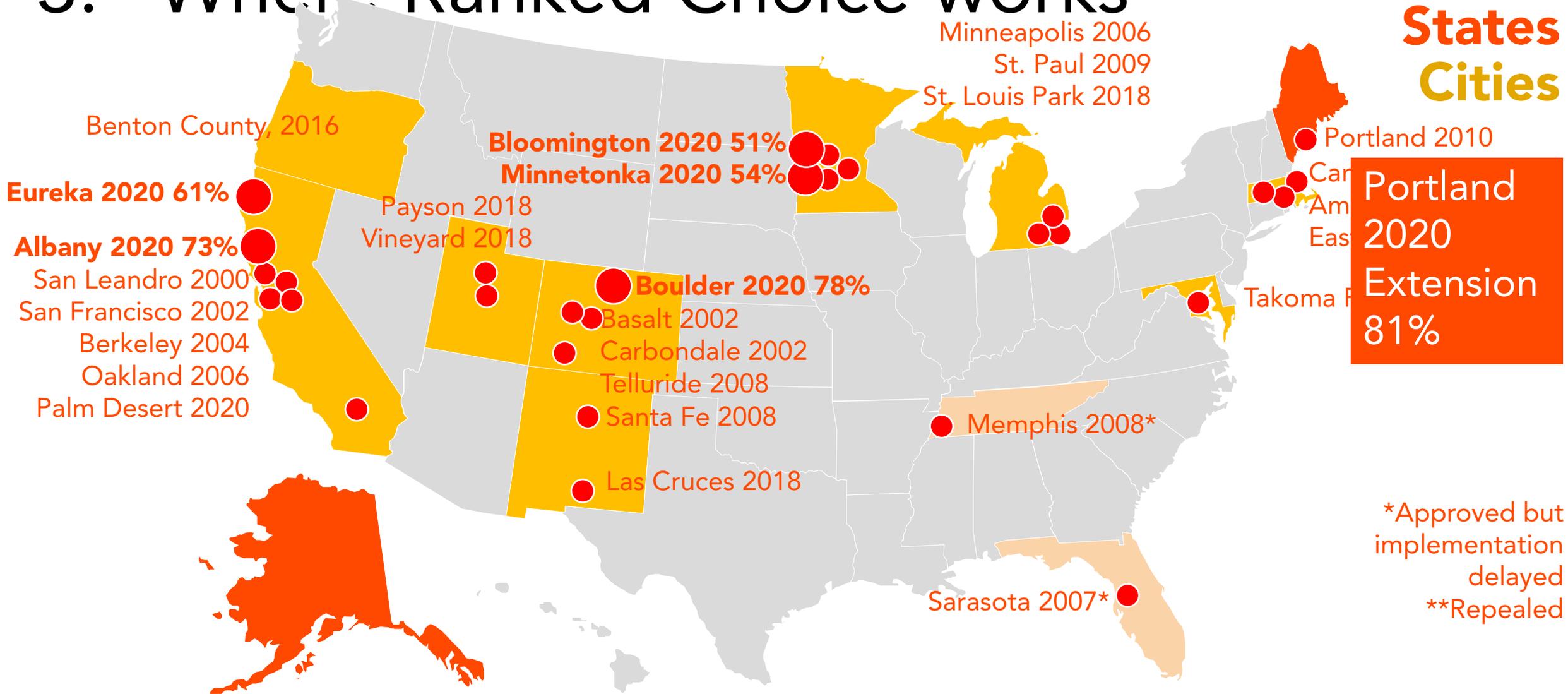
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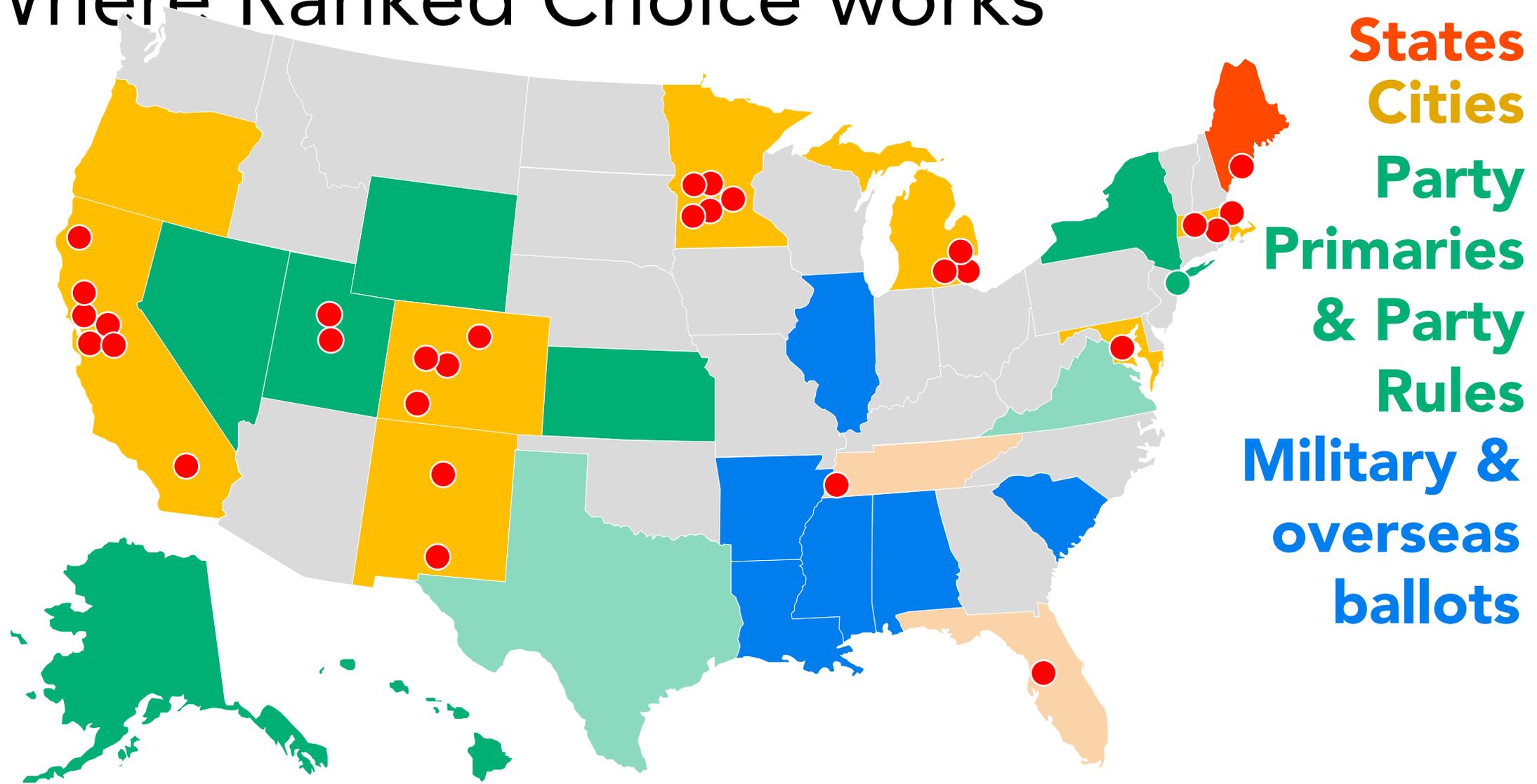


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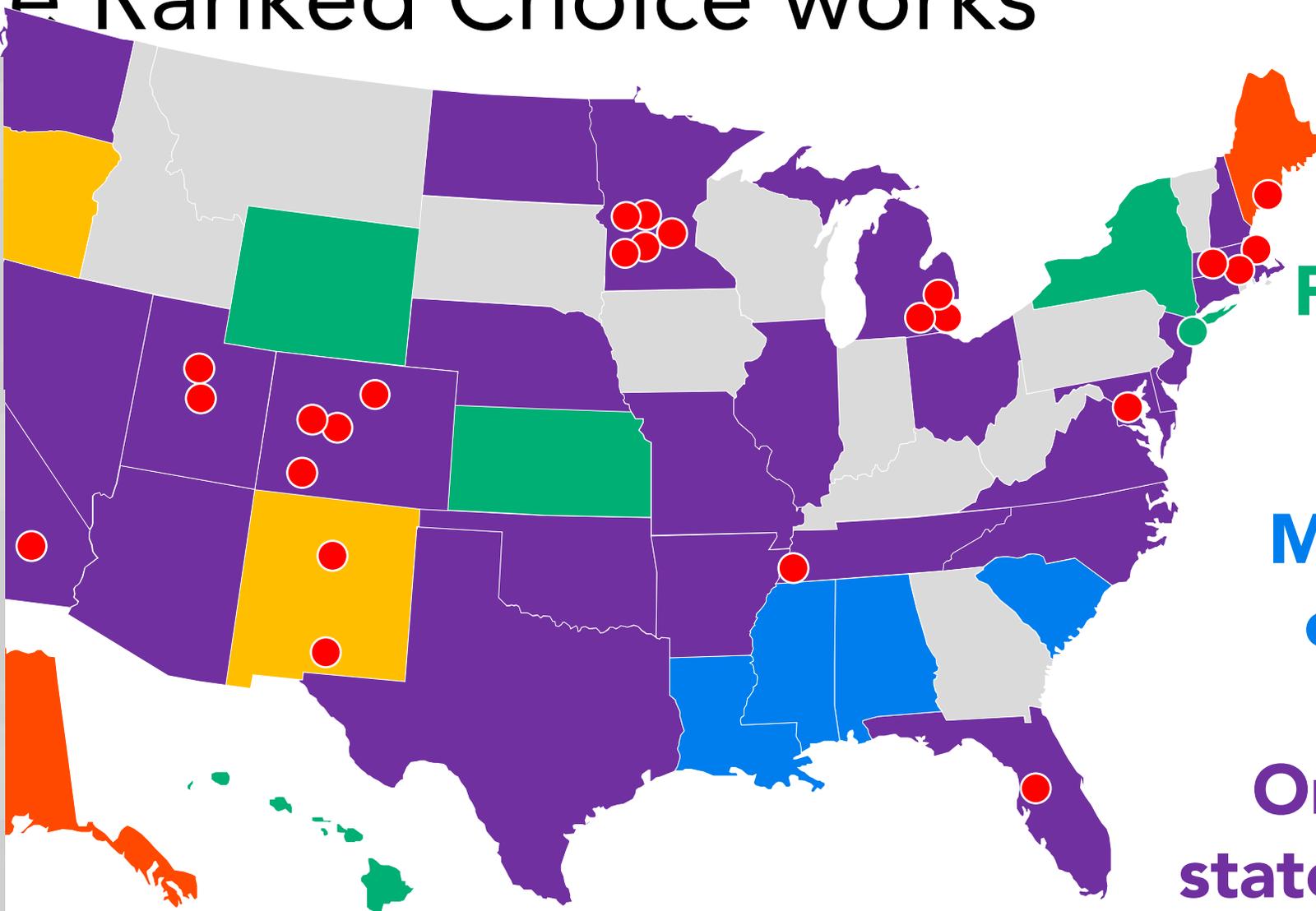


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STATE RCV GROUPS

Join the movement for ranked choice voting by finding your own state or local group. Contact us and we will help you find a group or start one. info.rankmivote.com

ASSOCIATED WITH THE RCV	COFOUNDED BY RANK MI VOTE	ALL STATE GOVERNMENT
Alaska for Better Elections Logo: Alaska for Better Elections Co-founded by Rank MI Vote	Arizonans for Ranked Choice Logo: Arizonans for Ranked Choice Co-founded by Rank MI Vote	Open Primaries for Business Logo: Open Primaries for Business Co-founded by Rank MI Vote
FairVote California Logo: FairVote California Co-founded by Rank MI Vote	Ranked Choice Voting for Colorado Logo: Ranked Choice Voting for Colorado Co-founded by Rank MI Vote	Ranked Choice Government Logo: Ranked Choice Government Co-founded by Rank MI Vote
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States
Cities
Party Primaries & Party Rules
Military & overseas ballots
Organized state groups

3. Where Ranked Choice works



SCOTLAND
Local elections
since 2007



NEW ZEALAND
Local elections
in early 1900s
and since 2019



IRELAND & NORTH IRELAND
National Irish elections since 1921
Northern Irish Assembly since 1973



MALTA
National elections
since 1921



AUSTRALIA
National elections
since 1948

4. How we get Ranked Choice here



Our Goal

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Our Proposal

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in cities that want it,
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Our Path

Work with cities

Work with parties

Work with voters

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Your Help

- 1** Let us stay in touch (leave info in chat)
- 2** Follow us on social media (  )
- 3** Donate \$10 (and buy a t-shirt too)



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Local Chapters, Social Media, Graphic Design, Communications



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Get in touch with us!

<http://rankmivote.org>

Tell everybody you know!

Consider how you can help!

And many thanks for your attention!