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IRV is limited to a single ‘instant runoff’ and is formally equivalent to ordinary Plurality Voting with a runoff between the top two candidates in the event the leading candidate is not supported by a majority of votes.

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In what sense is RCV IRV the same plurality?

Plurality - our current voting system - allows us to ‘choose-one’ candidate.

RCV is instant runoff voting - Name RCV - IRV / RCV.

You pick **one** candidate in an election. **One**.

If no **one** wins, then a **runoff** happens and you pick **one** candidate.

RCV IRV is literally the exact same plurality election we have now, repeated, automatically to get a 50% threshold (Artificial majority - illusion of majority).

RCV IRV is worse than Plurality because you must be guessing who might be in that next race with your rankings and sometimes you get it wrong.

Doing more of what doesn't work, doesn't work.

Objection 1

Yes, we are selecting one **loser** to be eliminated - how is it similar to Plurality?

Yes, the final round between two remaining candidates is truly similar to Plurality.

Objection 2

Plurality voting can be viewed as **RCV IRV with ballot length one** (ranking limit = 1): losing candidates are repeatedly “eliminated” (without redistribution) until the candidate with a plurality is declared the winner.