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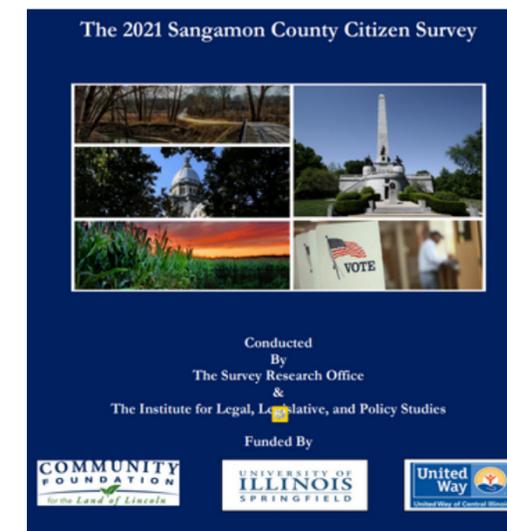
- >20 total sessions
- >60 total panelists
- Live and recorded views

Experiential Learning



- **MOST** student employment on campus
- 255 Graduate Public Service Interns
- 191 real world placements
- 13 IL Legislative Staff Interns
- 1,000 child protection investigators trained
- 550 police cadets trained

Citizen Engagement



- Numerous Community Voices
- 956,426 NPR Illinois listeners
- Sangamon County Citizen Survey



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Research

Ranked-Choice Voting and the Potential for Improved Electoral Performance of Third-Party Candidates in America

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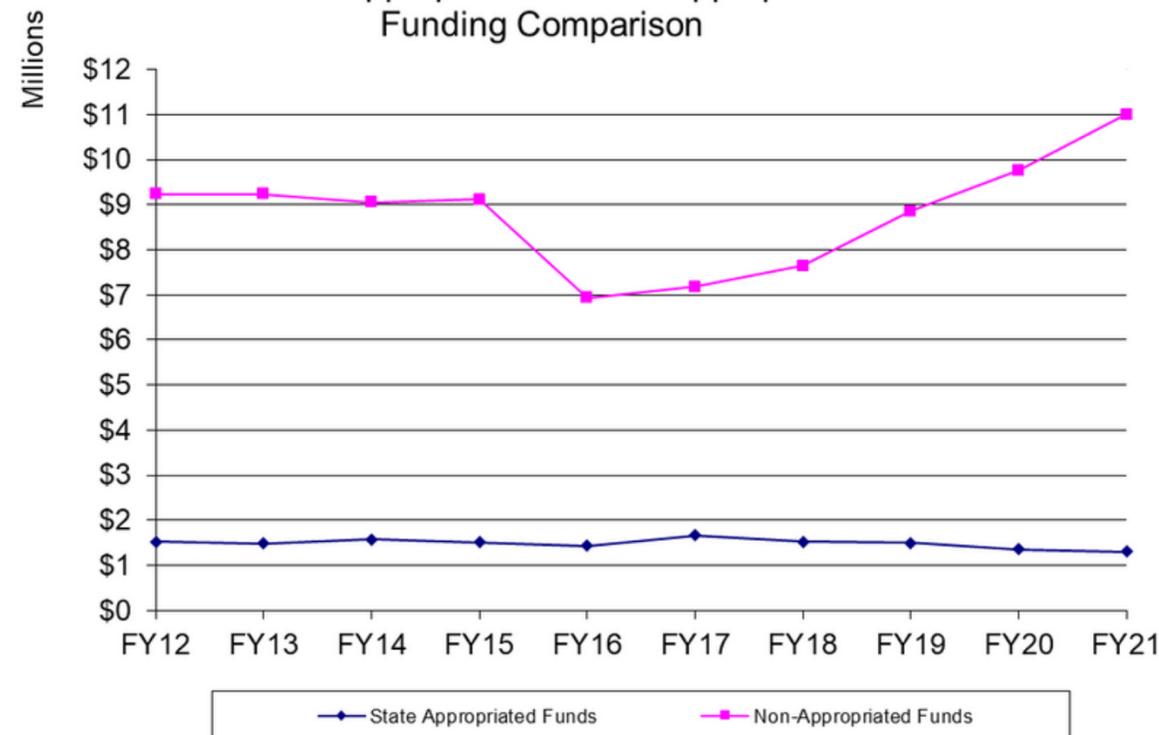
Abstract

Proponents of ranked-choice voting highlight a number of arguments for why such an approach to elections should be adopted. One major argument is that ranked-choice voting will encourage voters to support more third-party or independent candidates and break the electoral stranglehold of the two main parties in America. Considering approximately two-thirds of Americans want a third major party this argument may prove appealing to American voters, but there is currently no empirical evidence to support such claims. In this project, we explore a theory of why ranked-choice voting may increase voter support for third-party or independent candidates and test the argument that ranked-choice voting (RCV) will improve the fortunes of third-party candidates using data from the 2020 US House of Representatives election. We find that ranked-choice voting increases support for the claim that ranked-choice voting in

- 40 academic and non-academic publications
- Webinars, trainings and conferences
- 12,000 survey completes
- > 65 External agreements
- 25 key projects

Funding

10 Year Appropriated vs Non Appropriated Funding Comparison



- \$720,000 federal appropriation
- \$3 M IIP state appropriation
- State legislative initiatives

Connections

- Non-profits
- State government
- Local government
- Community based organizations
- Private Sector
- Academic Institutions
- Public policy centers
- Coalitions

- > 200 partners
- New partners



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