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ALASKA COMMON GROUND DEBATE October 14th, 2020

TODAY'S PRESENTATION

PROBLEMS

Broken Primaries
Winners without Majorities
Dark Money

SOLUTION

YES on Measure 2: Commonsense Reform

QUESTIONS



PROBLEM #1

ROKEN PRIMARIE

PROBLEM

Alaskans have to choose a party ballot instead of the best candidates.

...including the 60% of Alaskan voters who are nonpartisan/undeclared

Party primaries incentivize extreme campaigns instead of solutions.



- 1. All candidates for state and US Congressional office compete on the SAME BALLOT used by all Alaskan voters.
- 1. The TOP 4 vote-getters, regardless of party, advance to the general election.

RESULT:

More choice for Alaskans, from the 4 best candidates



PROBLEM #2

WINNERS WITHOUT MAJORITES

PROBLEM

Alaskans aren't governed by majority winners.

Example: No candidate has won a majority of the vote in the general election for a U.S. Senate seat since 2002.

Candidates run negative campaigns instead of building consensus solutions.



BALLOT —				
	1	2	3	4
	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0



- 1. Majority Winners every time.
- 1. More choices, not "spoiler" candidates.

RESULT:

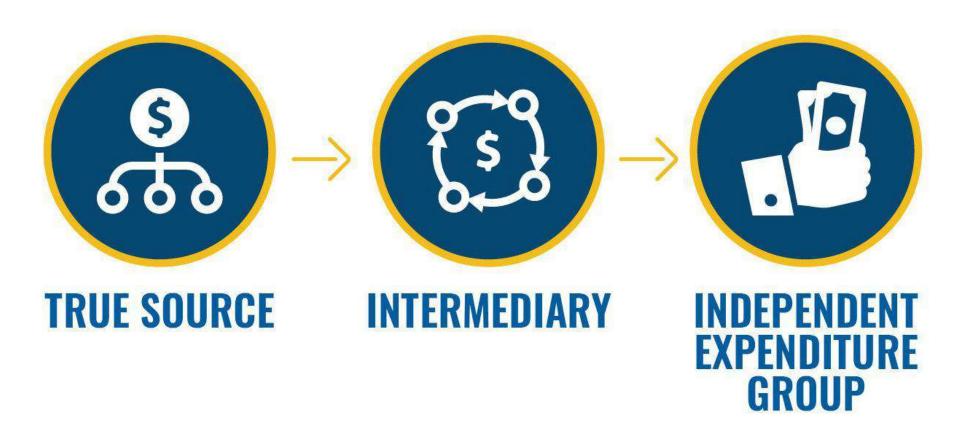
Positive campaigns, bridge building, and competition.



PROBLEM #3

DARK MONEY

PROBLEM





Alaskans deserve transparency in election spending.

81% of Alaskans agree.



- 1. Require campaigns to disclose the <u>TRUE SOURCE</u> of contributions.
- 1. Both donors and recipients are required to disclose contributions **GREATER THAN \$2,000** within 24 hours.
- 1. Any group receiving more than 50% of its funding from OUTSIDE ALASKA must include that information on a disclaimer in all communications.



CONSTITUTIONALITY AND OTHER ?'s

Open Primaries

Washington State Republican Party v. Washington State Grange (2012)

RCV

• Dudum v. Arntz (2011)

Dark Money

Citizens United v. FEC (2010)

Single Subject

Kevin Meyer, et al v. Alaskans for Better Elections (2020)

Questions about length/complexity

 (25 pages and 72 sections = transparent legislative drafting style).

RECAP

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