



DEMYSTIFYING THE MYSTERIOUS: CALIFORNIA'S ELECTION LAWS

Part 5: The Top Two—California's Top Two (Jungle) Primary

In June of this year, Californians experienced another Primary Election, so they thought. But did they really?

In a true Primary, the members of each political party cast their votes only for those seeking the nomination of their party, and the candidate getting the largest vote count advances to the General Election ballot as the representative of the party.

In a **Constitutional Republic** (a form of government guaranteed to ALL U.S. citizens by the Guarantee Clause of the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution), minority voices and rights are protected. All points of view are represented and heard.

The results of a true Primary in a Republic would be that every party puts forward a candidate in the General Election, protecting those in the political minority and giving them equal representation on the General Election ballot.

IN CONTRAST---

In a **Democracy**, 51% of the people can tell the other 49% to sit down and shut up. 51% of the people can oppress, steal from and trample all rights of the other 49%. In a Democracy, minorities have NO protection of their rights.

MEANWHILE, IN CALIFORNIA---

California's primary process is called Top Two, colloquially known as a "Jungle Primary".

The California Top Two Primary process is inconsistent with a republican form of government. In California's primary, every voter can vote for any candidate, regardless of party, and only the top two will be reflected on the General Election ballot. As a result:

- No minor party will EVER be represented on the General Election ballot (which qualifies as voter suppression)

- In MANY places, only ONE party will be represented for certain offices (more voter suppression)
- In essence, the voices of everyone but those in the majority party are oppressed and trampled
- The Top Two Primary system decimates the republican form of government and ushers in an unconstitutional democracy.

CALIFORNIA’S TOP TWO “JUNGLE” PRIMARY MUST BE ABOLISHED!

If voters understand what this 2010 Legislature-generated initiative has done to the Golden State and its citizens, they will support a change.

The Top Two “Jungle” Primary is one of the 20+ laws whose constitutionality is being challenged by EIPCa’s [Federal Lawsuit](#), currently before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Please consider [contributing to EIPCa](#) to ensure the lawsuit can proceed all the way to the Supreme Court if need be.

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