

True Democracy Project Documentary Treatment

Winter 2026. Illinois' gerrymandered 9th Congressional District.

Seventeen candidates compete for a single nomination. The crowded field isn't the problem. **The way we choose the winner is.**

This documentary follows an unusually diverse cast of candidates — from seasoned politicians to first-time challengers — as they campaign in one of the most distorted districts in America. **But the film isn't about who wins.** It's about whether our electoral system can actually deliver leaders with broad public support.

The Problem

A deeply unpopular candidate can win with a small fraction of the vote. This isn't a rare edge case — it has shaped American politics for over two centuries, including presidential elections where winners lacked majority support or even lost the popular vote.

The result is leadership without consent — and voters who increasingly feel disconnected from outcomes they didn't meaningfully choose.

The Film's Approach

- Real candidates out campaigning in Midwest winter
- Voters who support, oppose, or opt out entirely
- Musicians and artists interpreting democratic themes in unexpected ways
- Simple, accessible demonstrations — from sports MVP voting to ice cream flavors — showing how **majority-based outcomes** work when designed correctly

We also visit **a parallel fictional world** to illustrate, with clarity and humor, how structural reform can remove corrupt leadership **without chaos or extremism.**

The Solution

The film introduces a practical reform framework culminating in the **Equal Voter Amendment** — a constitutional principle ensuring that every voter has an equal opportunity to influence election outcomes and that winners reflect **true majority support.**

Why This Matters Now

The Illinois 9th primary takes place on March 17. The film unfolds in real time, creating urgency, relevance, and a rare opportunity to connect systemic reform to a living election.

Why Support This Film

Donors aren't just funding a documentary. **They are helping launch:**

- A new way to explain electoral reform without partisanship
- A public conversation grounded in fairness, not ideology
- A concrete constitutional idea with the potential for national impact

This is a film that informs, entertains, and leaves audiences with something actionable — not just outrage.

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