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**BINARY POLITICS**

*Trump is only the denouement of binary politics.*

The USA has the most binary polity in the world: the electoral system is almost binary, decision-making is always binary. Binary voting is divisive. So the US is now divided.

A major cause is our collective obsession with majority voting. Most scientific instruments seek precision, so they are calibrated, in hertz, degrees or whatever. In politics, the tool is blunt; it has only two readings, ‘for’ and ‘against’. It is Orwellian in its simplicity: this ‘good’ that ‘bad’.

In a four-option poll, in contrast, there are 24 different ways of casting four preferences: ***B-D-A-C, C-A-D-B*** etc. With five options, 120 different opinions or nuances can be expressed. Ah, precision.

And there are many ways of identifying the democratic majority will: e.g,, two-round voting, the alternative vote, the modified Borda count and the Condorcet rule.

The modified Borda count, (I argue), is the most accurate, and therefore the most democratic: in Congress, Parliament or referendum, it can identify the option with the highest *average* preference. It is inclusive, literally. And because it seeks the *average opinion*, it is non-majoritarian and could thus be the basis of bi-partisan, multi-partisan, all-party power-sharing.

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