

Comparison of Open List electoral systems

	Block Vote	Single Non-Transferable Vote	Open List PR with limited vote	Open List PR with free vote
what type of system is it?	plurality/majoritarian	plurality/majoritarian, but often with a reasonably proportional result	proportional	proportional
how many candidates can a voter vote for?	as many as there are seats to be filled in the district	one	one	as many as there are seats to be filled in the district
can a voter vote for candidates from more than one party?	yes	no	no	yes
can a voter vote for a party instead of or as well as voting for a candidate?	no	no	yes	no
how is it decided which candidates win seats in a district?	the candidates who win the most votes win the seats	the candidates who win the most votes win the seats	the candidates with the most votes win the seats that the party has been allocated	the candidates with the most votes win the seats that the party has been allocated
degree of voter choice	high	moderate	low to moderate	high
risk of significant number of votes not counting for elected candidates	high	moderate to high	low	low
degree of difficulty for the voter – risk of invalid votes or incorrectly marked ballots	high	low	low	high
effect on party structures and leadership	seriously weakens	seriously weakens	slightly weakens	seriously weakens
cost of running election in governorate sized districts	high	high	moderate	high
how can the system <i>guarantee</i> representation of women?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mandatory quota of women candidates • reserved seats • seats allocated to best losers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mandatory quota of women candidates • reserved seats • seats allocated to best losers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mandatory quota of women candidates • reserved seats • seats allocated to best losers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mandatory quota of women candidates • reserved seats • seats allocated to best losers
how can the system <i>guarantee</i> representation of minorities?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mandatory quota of minority candidates • reserved seats • seats allocated to best losers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mandatory quota of minority candidates • reserved seats • seats allocated to best losers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mandatory quota of minority candidates • reserved seats • seats allocated to best losers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mandatory quota of minority candidates • reserved seats • seats allocated to best losers