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First Arnold Family Lecture

Chaotic elections: why don't we elect whom voters really want?

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Minnesota voters can appreciate the many troubling events associated with elections. Far more serious things can go wrong in the voting process, but most of us do not know how to look for them. The speaker exposes the many surprising problems that can occur in elections and explains how they are uncovered through the power of mathematics. Expect to leave this lecture troubled about whether the "right person" won in a recent election of importance to you.

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