On the Question of Strategic Voting Matthew Silk

What is the purpose of voting? Why do we think it's important or morally good for someone to register their vote? Does voting merely to oppose one candidate communicate a meaningful preference?

Is all voting ultimately strategic? What are the downsides of voting strategically? What are the upsides of voting for first-choice candidates?

Strategic voting seems to require that we have a good sense of candidates' "electability," but is this what democracy should be based on? Is voting strategically morally defensible? Who can say what "electability" looks like? Who should have a say in determining what "electability" looks like?