## CONTENTS

## Acknowledgments vii

- 1. Fixing Politics 1
- 2. Parties and Reforms 17
- 3. "Somebody's Gotta Go": Campaign Finance in Colorado 34
- 4. Polarization without Parties: Nebraska and the Nonpartisan Legislature 59
- 5. The Nonpartisan Legislature in Minnesota 84
- 6. The California Recall: "A Sprint with No Primary" 104
- 7. Wisconsin's Adoption of the Direct Primary 127
- 8. Quit Fixing It: You're Only Making It Worse 150

Appendix: Network Modeling in Nebraska 169

References 175

Index 187