

Should We Abolish The Electoral College?

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Just to state this quick fact, the Electoral College is indeed considered to be of a process in which it is not a place. This is what our Founding Fathers had gotten together to create in the Constitution which compromises between the elections of the President by a vote in Congress and by the election of the President by popular votes. This Electoral College whole process involves the selection of electors, in which they meet where they then vote for the Vice President, and count the electoral votes from Congress.

This Electoral College was actually created for two reasons. The first reason for the creation of the Electoral College was to create what is known to be a buffer between what is population and the actual selection of the President. The second reason for the creation of the Electoral College was to help the structure of the government which would potentially give extra or more power to those unfortunate smaller states. Hamilton and many other of the founders believed that the chosen electors would almost be able to guarantee that only a very highly qualified person would become the President. They felt as if with this Electoral college no one would ever be able to manipulate the citizens of the US. You honestly can't blame Hamilton and the other founders to not trust the people who made up the population to actually make the correct choices. The founders of the Electoral College also believed that this had an advantage of not being able to be manipulated throughout the course of our future by foreign governments.

Voters in the United States do not actually get to vote for the President which potentially does ultimately have an impact on Elections. The people who are voting are technically and are voting for the

electors when they attend the polls. The selected electors who supposedly pledged to support the parties runner up or the candidate for president. In a lot of states the list for the ballots list only contains the names of the candidates and does not contain the names of the following electors, this makes a lot of people think that they are initially voting for the president. A lot of the parties in which I mean majority of them want the winner-take-all system for the electors. This winner-take-all system means that whatever state who receives the most popular votes wins all of the states electoral votes. Every state except for Maine actually puts the winner-take-all system to use.

I view the popular vote as being the viable alternative. 1 person would then equal 1 vote. A voting process could not be much more straightforward than such one. This makes it better for us to actually know our own voter counts. Having the Electoral College in place you could absolutely vote for whoever you wanted to, and it wouldn't even matter because we all know our state's electoral votes are going to be granted to the democratic candidate. In the eyes of this presidential election during the election in which Al Gore had for sure won the popular vote. George W. Bush had indeed won the electoral vote. We should be calling an end to the Electoral College. Having the Electoral College in place just shows that parties seem to care more about your vote all depending in which area you live in. Stats show that there have been more proposals to change the Constitutional Amendments to change the Electoral College in face than to change any other subject.

We should for sure abolish the Electoral College. When this whole constitution was written, the voters back then had very few opportunities to learn about their candidates in which we studied in class. So instead of the voters being able to choose the president with their lack of knowledge the job was then given to the Electoral College. These consist of highly informed electors who are looked at by their states. They for sure are better educated than any average american citizen. In todays society, we have

so much different information around us to typically be largely informed about the candidates running for office. We have universal education about politics, Television in which the campaigns are televised to try and influence our vote, radio's in which they play a big role as being another part of the whole media communication to inform, Newspapers, and we also have the internet in modern society. Today's society gives these voters the chance to learn about the candidates on their own. In which we should be trusted to elect our president.

The Electoral College in my point of view is very unfair, first of all this gives a lot more weight to votes put into the small states. The reason being for this is actually because each electoral vote the state has are 100% equal to the number of the members that are in the House and Senate. Second reason being, because this Electoral College is a winner-take-all in all the states except for Maine & Nebraska, the citizens who actually disagree with the rest of the people in their state are not represented. Finally to conclude why the Electoral College is unfair, is because this system actually allows the election of the President who actually does not have the support of many of the voters who participated.

Not having the Electoral College in place would lead to candidates actually having to campaign to get as many individual votes as they possibly could in all of the states. Instead, of them focusing on the big states that provide the most electoral votes. Each vote they receive would really make a difference and the people who are voting would feel that they are actually important in the matter of the elections. That itself would increase voting all around country. With the system of direct election, all of the votes would technically be equally important. My plan is to abolish the Electoral College and turn the presidential elections to one person, one vote.