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Abolish the Electoral College

We can change the future of our country, there is only one thing holding us back the Electoral College. The Electoral College is a way to vote on the president or vice president currently there are many people who want to get rid of this method.” No amendment effort has been more consistent than that for reform of the Electoral College, which is used to select presidents and vice presidents. More than 850 proposals have been offered in Congress, making this topic second in overall numbers only to the Equal Rights Amendment. The Twelfth Amendment and the Twenty-third Amendment have both formally modified the Electoral College” (Vile 1). This method is that your representatives cast in a vote for the president after the popular vote. the person with the most votes in the electoral college becomes president. **In order for the united states to function with a better government the electoral college must be abandoned.** The factors are that the Electoral College is unfair, most people want the college to be abolished and it limits people's rights.

The Electoral College went against the people and is unfair. ” Gallup trends show that Republicans were far less supportive than Democrats of abolishing the Electoral College in late 2000, when Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush had lost the popular vote, but was fighting a legal battle to win Florida and therefore the Electoral College. Since then,

however, Republicans have gradually become less protective of the Electoral College, to the point that by 2011, a solid majority of Republicans were in favor of abolishing it. (Saad 10)” The Electoral College has failed us in a way because although Al Gore won the popular vote, but Bush won the electoral vote and became president. This is against the people because the popular vote is the people's vote and the people wanted Al Gore to be president. “In the 2012 election, more than 99 percent of major-party television ad expenditures and post-convention campaign rallies was targeted at voters in just 10 states” (Vanden 4). This is unfair because ads are targeted at a fraction of the population. This is not about the people's votes it's about winning over representatives, “The NPVIC is about common sense and fairness, about upholding the principle of one person, one vote how the U.S. conducts presidential elections. Voters in Springfield, Ohio, should not matter more than voters in Springfield, Mass” (Vanden 4). The solution is the national popular vote. This will allow the power to the people the people vote on the president and whoever wins becomes president. This method is fair and respects all people's rights by respecting the power of the vote.

Most people want the Electoral College to be abolished. According to a survey conducted by Gallup poll briefing. ”Three in four Americans say that, given the opportunity, they would vote "for" term limits for members of Congress, and 63% would vote to abolish the Electoral College” (Saad 1). This means that people believe that that the electoral college should be abolished. “There is even less partisan variation in support for this proposal than there is for term limits, with between 61% and 66% of all major party groups saying they would vote to do away with the Electoral College if they could” (Saad 7). The majority of people from all political parties believe the Electoral College should be abolished. This means that the people want to do

away with the Electoral College. Similarly, between 60% and 69% of all major age groups take this position” (Saad 7). “People of all ages want the Electoral College to be abolished. Large majorities of Americans are in favor of establishing term limits for members of the U.S. House and Senate, and doing away with the Electoral College” (Saad 11). The majority of people wish for the Electoral College to be abolished.

The Electoral College doesn't serve the people Equally. “This is a reform whose time has come. The current state-by-state, winner-take-all system is not specified in the Constitution, which mandates only that states be allowed to determine themselves how they award their allotted electoral votes” (Vanden 8). The method for the Electoral College is a state system it uses each state to collect votes rather than the whole nation. This is a problem because in order to choose a president we should be focusing on the rights of everyone rather than a few selected states. “The Electoral College rules that govern our presidential elections are the political equivalent of education's standardized test. Just as high school classes devolve into test preparation, not learning, presidential elections descend into swing-state appeal, not national leadership” (Vanden 1). The goal should be to focus on the nation as a whole rather than a few states. It is common sense that we should change this method into something that benefits the people equally. “By far the most popular alternative to the current Electoral College system is that of the direct popular vote suggested at the Constitutional Convention of 1787 and first proposed in Congress in 1816” (Vile 10). The popular vote would allow every person's vote to be counted and whoever wins the majority of votes becomes president. This promotes equality in every vote and is a new up to date election method. The downside to the vote may be that at certain times, the popular votes majority may be too close such as one president getting 48

percent and another getting 52 percent of votes; however the popular vote allows the most direct and democratic vote of the people. This method of the Electoral College is outdated and it is time for a change and that change is the National Popular Vote.

In order for the United States to function as a better government the Electoral College must be abandoned. These factors include that the Electoral College is unfair, most people want it to be abandoned, and that it does not serve the people equally. The solution is to abandon the Electoral College and replace it with the National Popular Vote.

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