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## Electoral College

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Is the professor going to talk more about the Electoral College. Who is in it, how they are selected, what rules/procedures they need to follow?

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I do not know how much more Prof. Amar will discuss this. You can get some general details here: <http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/electoral-college/about.html> . I have scanned 6-10 general "explanatory" sites and what sticks out is that none of them discuss the ties to slavery and the 3/5 provisions. It is a bit like some of our general history texts at grade and high-school levels. Very important details get edited from the discussions, unless committed teachers work to ensure more complete perspectives.

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As a follow-up to my remarks, you can read some of Prof. Amar's take on the Electoral College via the freely accessible paper: [http://digitalcommons.law.yale.edu/fss\\_papers/790/](http://digitalcommons.law.yale.edu/fss_papers/790/) . The abstract:

"Even now, six years after the very odd presidential election of 2000, it is hard to look back without fixating on Florida and the courts. But these absorbing soap operas should not obscure the other historic headline of that election: The national popular vote loser nonetheless won the electoral college vote. Is this a flaw in our Constitution? Should we scrap the electoral college in favor of direct popular vote? Practically speaking, can we do so? My analysis proceeds in three parts. First, I shall critique standard historical accounts of, and justifications for, the electoral college. Next, I shall consider, and try to counter, prominent contemporary apologies for the current system. Finally, I shall show how Americans in the near future could, without amending the Constitution, implement a system of

national popular election."

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