

2012

Minimum Percentage of Popular Vote to Win Election = 21.09%

2020

Minimum Percentage of Popular Vote to Win Election = 21.56%

2016

Minimum Percentage of Popular Vote to Win Election = 21.32%

2000

Minimum Percentage of Popular Vote to Win Election = 22.13%

This shows that the popular vote doesn't influence the electoral vote. Even if the majority supports one candidate, the other could be elected based on how the electoral votes are distributed and winning a majority in a few states. I once heard that the founding fathers created this system because they thought most of the public would be uneducated and shouldn't be allowed to choose who ran the country. But now times have changed. The popular vote system seems fair, but it is unfair since you would need much money and fame to win over a country as large as the US.