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## **The Electoral College Should Be Abolished**

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You vote every four years, you get a say in who will rule over the country for the next couple of years. The United States is special because we get to vote for president, unlike other countries. Currently our voting system is the electoral college. We think that we should abolish this system because; things have changed since America was founded, we need to adjust to the new age. Also, the Electoral College system is unfair. When voting for something this important, we want it to be fair. Our final reason to abolish the Electoral College is that the popular vote would be a lot better, it would be equal and overall much better for America in our opinion.

We can get rid of the Electoral College because times have changed since America has been founded. The Electoral College was first created because no one had a way to find out about the candidates. But now we can find out about the candidates via electronics and television. Also, now people have more knowledge about politics. Back then, it was hard for people to get to voting places. So, they would have one person vote for a whole location. We should also get rid of the Electoral College because now we have cars so we don't need electors to get to the polls.

The next reason why we should abolish the Electoral College is because it is unfair in several ways. We think "the winner gets all votes" method is unfair because if it is a tight election in the state and all of the electors votes got to that one person because of one vote. For example, let's say, you have an election where there is two candidates. Everyone in your state votes. There is only 809,997 people allowed to vote. After the votes are all tallied up, you see

that the 404,999 voted for the Republican and 404, 998 voted for the Democrat. It's a tight election. This means that the votes were really close and all Electoral College votes still go to the Republican. Another reason why the winner gets all method is unfair is because sometimes the winner of the popular vote doesn't win the election. This shows that sometimes the Electoral College method is unfair.

The last reason is everyone's vote is equal in the popular vote but not in the Electoral College. One reason is all the votes would go to the most popular candidate and some people may feel like their vote doesn't count. For example, if you are a Republican living in a Democratic state you may feel like your vote doesn't count. To change this, we could go to the popular vote. Then, you would feel like there were other Republican votes that would go with yours. The next reason is that all people get a say. Why this supports that the Electoral College should be abolished is that in the Electoral College system, representatives take over the people. Without it we will be able to say who we want because the representatives don't have to go off of our opinions. For example, if the state decides to vote for the Democrat, the Elector can still vote for the Republican. The last reason is bigger states have a more fair system. If you live in a big state, you will most likely have your candidate picked. You get a better chance if you live in those states. But with the Electoral College, votes in small states count more than votes in big states, like California.

In conclusion, the Electoral College should be abolished because it is not necessary any more. We think "winner gets all the votes" is unfair, so everybody's vote should go to the

popular vote and NOT the Electoral College vote. It should be every vote goes to the candidate that they people want. Vote for the popular vote!