

# Abolishing the Electoral College

The electoral college is the system of voting in the United States. It was first made to make the voting system more fair -- it aimed to give states more or less power in the presidential election based on the state's population. The problem is, all the electoral college has done is unnecessarily complicate election day. That's why we should amend the constitution to abolish the electoral college and institute a nationwide majority vote in its place.

One reason why the electoral college should be abolished is because it doesn't take voter turnout into account. This means that states with low voter turnout will get the same amount of electoral votes as a state of the same size that has a high voter turnout. For example, Colorado and Missouri both have ten electoral votes. The thing is, according to [statista.com](https://www.statista.com), Colorado has the second highest voter turnout out of all the states (in the 2020 election) at 76.4%, while Missouri is ten percent lower, at 66.3%. That means that while Colorado and Missouri both have 10 electoral college votes, Missouri has around 600,000 less voters. By counting population, not voters, the government is also not encouraging state legislatures to increase voting percentages in their state.

Another reason why the electoral college should be abolished is because the American people agree. The Pew research center says that "Nearly two-thirds of U.S. adults (65%) say the way the president is elected should be changed so that the winner of the popular vote nationwide wins the presidency." This shows that it is time for the United

States to become a majority vote country. If a large majority of the public thinks we should change the way our country elects a president, that should warrant a change to the policy.

In conclusion, abolishing the electoral college will make the election much simpler and more representative of the people. By abolishing the electoral college, every citizen's vote will be equal, no matter the state they live in. If we want our country's voting system to match the ideology of its citizens, then we need to switch our voting system to a majority vote. A majority vote would also make election day simpler, erasing the need to track each state's votes. These are all of the reasons why we should amend the constitution to abolish the electoral college.

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