

# The Electoral College hurts our democracy.

## WHAT IS IT

The Electoral College is a group of 538 people who elect the President and Vice President. Each state has a number of electors, equal to their seats in Congress. Candidates need a majority, or 270 votes, to win.

## THE PROBLEM

The Electoral College is an **antiquated system** created as a compromise to satisfy slaveholders that decreases voter turnout.

Additionally, 63% of Americans believe that the president should be elected by a direct popular vote.\*

\*Pew Research Center, *Majority of Americans continue to favor moving away from Electoral College* (Aug. 5, 2022)

Since 1970, the League of Women Voters has believed that the Electoral College should be abolished in favor of a direct popular vote.

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# Eliminating the Electoral College

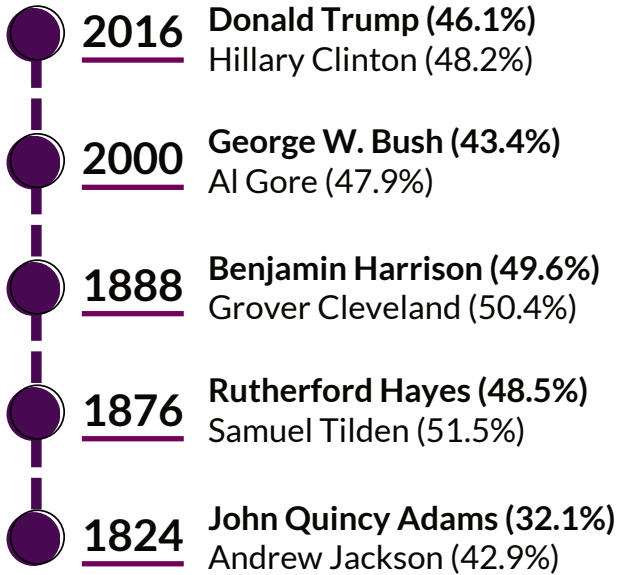
ELECTING THE PRESIDENT BY POPULAR VOTE

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# WINNERS INTO LOSERS

## The Problem

The Electoral College allows a candidate with fewer votes from the people to win the Presidency. **This has happened five times in US history.**



Elected by Electoral College  
Data Source: Federal Election Commission

## The Solution

A **direct, popular vote** ensures that the candidate with the most votes from the people becomes President.

# VOTER TURNOUT

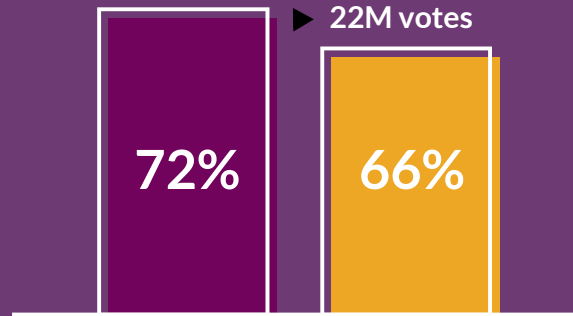
## The Problem

The Electoral College has been shown to decrease voter turnout because of its heavy emphasis on so-called "swing states" and the belief of voters in other states that their votes don't matter.

M: Millions of votes

Swing States\*

"Safe" | Non-Swing States



## 2020 Voter Turnout

\*Swing states based on Politico reporting  
Data Source: The United States Election Project, Michael P. McDonald, PhD, University of Florida dept. of Political Science

## The Solution

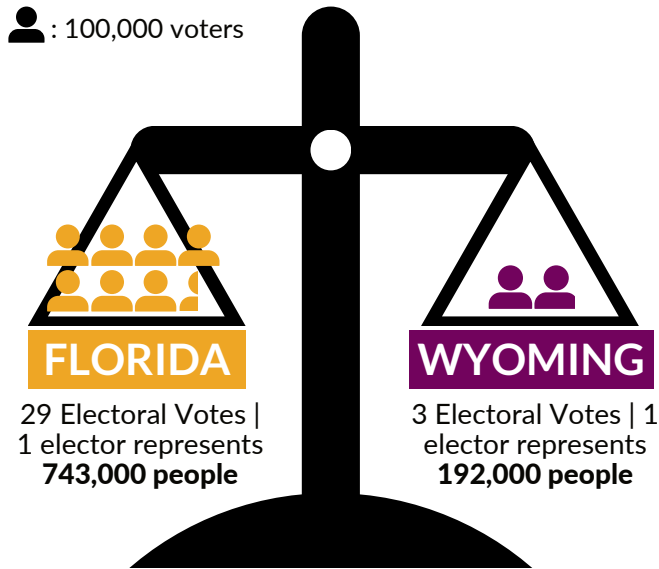
A direct, popular vote would increase voter turnout across the nation.

# ONE PERSON, ONE VOTE

## The Problem

No matter how many people live in a state, it gets two electoral votes based on its two senators. Votes from smaller states weigh more, **violating the principle of "one person, one vote."**

👤: 100,000 voters



$$743,000 / 192,000 = 3.86$$

Approx. 4 popular votes in FL = 1 popular vote in WY

## The Solution

A **direct, popular vote** ensures that one person gets one vote, no matter where you live.

Data Source: 2020 Census