

Electoral College
v.
National Popular Vote
Interstate Compact

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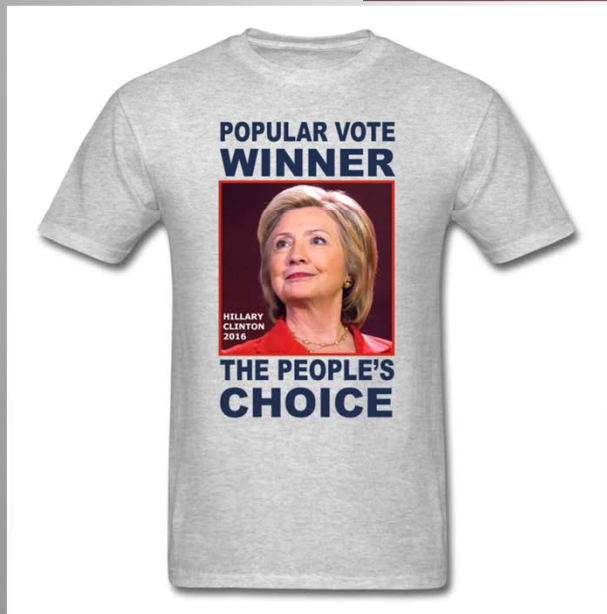
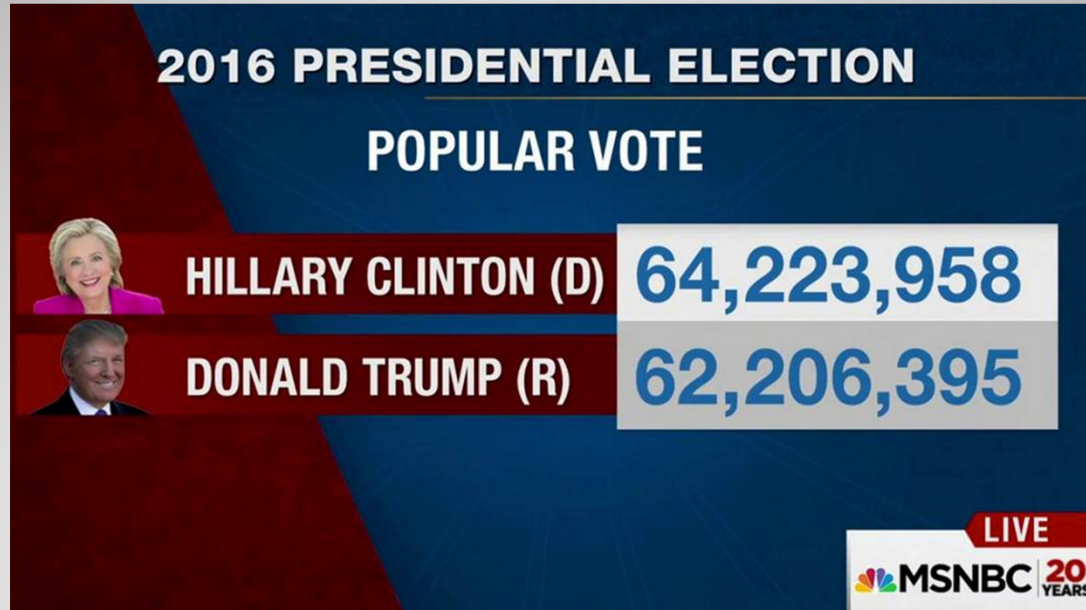
Electoral College

- US Constitution
- Article II Sec. 1
 - Each State given Electors (Senate + Congressional Representatives = #)
 - State Legislatures say how Electors are appointed

Electoral College

- US Constitution – 12th Amendment
- Election of President
 - Electors in their states vote by ballot for President and Vice President
 - All States except Maine & Nebraska allocate all Electoral votes according to popular vote within the state
 - State Electors reflect the State's Vote

Who Won 2016 Popular Vote?



HOW ELECTORS ARE CURRENTLY CHOSEN

State Legislature decides how Electoral Votes are cast- CURRENTLY
Generally, the parties either nominate slates of potential Electors at their state party conventions
or they chose them by a vote of the party's central committee
or by ballot.

This first part of the process results in each Presidential candidate having their own unique slate of potential Electors.

Then after General Election Winning Presidential candidate's slate of Electors are appointed as the state's Electors—
except in Nebraska and Maine, which have proportional distribution
state winner receives two Electors and
the winner of each congressional district receives one Elector

NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE INTERSTATE COMPACT Changes this –
State's Electoral Votes determined by National Popular Vote.

National Popular Vote Interstate Compact

- NPVIC Goal

 - Destroy State Influence on Presidential Elections
 - U.S. Popular Vote would decide President

- NPVIC Plan

 - Persuade State Legislatures to pass laws

 - Electors allocated based on National Popular Vote

 - Once Laws are passed in States totaling 270
Electors the Compact takes effect

 - States no longer cast Presidential in accordance with
the State Vote Totals

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Can This REALLY HAPPEN?

10 States have passed the NPVIC laws

= 165 Electoral Votes

8 States have pending NPVIC legislation

= 97 Electoral Votes

IF pending legislation is passed

Total will be at 262 Electoral Votes

Only 270 are Needed to trigger NPVIC – YIKES!

How it Stands Now

Jurisdiction	Electoral Votes	Year Enacted
Maryland	10	2007
New Jersey	14	2008
Illinois	20	2008
Hawaii	4	2008
Washington	12	2009
Massachusetts	11	2010
DC	3	2010
Vermont	3	2011
California	55	2011
Rhode Island	4	2013
New York	29	2014
Total EV	165	
Percentage of 270	61%	

Pending Laws

Pending NPVIC Legislation		
Jurisdiction	Electoral Votes	Bill Reference
Alaska	3	HB 175
Georgia	16	HB 531, SB 64
Kansas	6	HB 2024, SB 148
Minnesota	10	HF 42, HF 44, HF 845, SF 10, SF 16
North Carolina	15	SB 440
Ohio	18	HB 25
Pennsylvania	20	HB 189, SB 270
South Carolina	9	H 3173
Pending EV	97	
Enacted EV	165	
Total	262	

What Can We Do?

- Pass Resolutions supporting Electors representing the State Presidential Vote and in opposition to National Popular Vote Interstate Compact.
- Educate your Legislators
 - Your state should influence Presidential Elections
 - Advocate opposite to any pending NPVIC legislation
 - Advocate for repeal of any NPVIC law

Why is this Important?

Take California and New York out of
Vote Total

**TRUMP BEATS CLINTON
BY 3.2 MILLION VOTES!**

Take New York City and Los Angeles
County out of Vote Total

**TRUMP BEATS CLINTON
BY 463,00 VOTES**

The 2016 Vote in NY & CA

Difference in 2016 Votes		
New York	Entire State	New York City
Clinton	4,379,783	2,090,950
Trump	2,527,141	453,626
Difference	1,852,642	1,637,324
California	Entire State	Los Angeles Co.
Clinton	8,753,788	2,464,364
Trump	4,483,810	769,743
Difference	4,269,978	1,694,621
Total Diff	6,122,620	3,331,945

US Popular Vote	
Clinton	65,853,516
Trump	62,984,824
Difference	2,868,692
Clinton over Trump	
Total NY CA Diff.	6,122,620
US Popular Vote	2,868,692
Difference	3,253,928

Taking New York and California out of Popular Vote, Trump beats Clinton by 3.2 Million in 48 States and D.C.

US Popular Vote	
Difference	2,868,692
Total New York City & L.A. Co.	
Clinton	4,555,314
Trump	1,223,369
Difference	3,331,945
Clinton over Trump	
Total NYC <u>LACo</u> Diff.	3,331,945
US Popular Vote	2,868,692
Difference	463,253

Taking out just New York City and Los Angeles County votes, Trump Beats Clinton by 463,253.

National Popular Vote Interstate Compact

- Do we want New York City and Los Angeles County deciding who our President is?
- No, Then Take Action
 - Pass Resolutions
 - Educate your Members and Legislators
 - Oppose NPVIC Laws
 - Repeal Existing NPVIC Laws

Electoral College

- The Electoral College assures that a President is elected with a more broad citizen support.
- It also assures that Presidential Candidates defer to the opinions of a more diverse group of voters.

Thank you for your time and all the work you do!!

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