

The Declaration of Independence says “All men are created equal”, but today in the United States that's not really true. We use the Electoral College when electing our president. Although it was created so everyone had a say in who should be our president, it values some votes more than others, contradicting democracy.

States get a certain amount of Electoral College votes, which the citizens vote what to do with. Every state is guaranteed three votes, and the rest are distributed proportionally. The problem is small states end up getting proportionally more votes than bigger states, so a citizen's vote in some states matters less than others. Based on its population, Ohio should have 20 electoral votes, but it receives 18. The missing votes go to smaller population states. This means a state with a population of 1 million people should have about 2 votes, but instead receives 4. This causes issues. For example; one citizen's vote from Vermont is worth three votes in Texas. One citizen's vote in Wyoming is Californian's. This isn't fair, it gives individuals more power based on where they live! The point of the Electoral College is to hear all voices, but by doing this you silence the majority. In democracy the majority of people make the decisions, and the Electoral College contradicts that!

There are many more problems. For one, the Electoral College has a relatively high fail rate! There have been 5 times a president won that didn't have the popular vote. Since there have been 45 presidents, that means there is a fail rate of just over 11%! When you're talking about one of the most important governing people of the world, that's way too high of a risk!

One more problem is that of United States territories. Around 3.6 million citizens currently live in territories, Puerto Rico making up for 3.2 million of them. If they were a state they would have the 29th largest population out of all of them. Territories are not given Electoral votes even though they can vote in primary elections. The people living in U.S. territories are considered citizens of the same status as those living in the states, so they deserve to be heard in presidential elections.

To finish off, the Electoral College is not a good system because it results in inequality. People living in large states don't have as much of a say as people in small states, and people living in territories don't have presidential votes at all. This is why the United States should adopt an absolute majority popular vote system for all United States citizens regardless of where they live in the country. It would be simpler to run, use, and understand. It would also have a 100% success rate because it simply counts the majority. Then every vote would have the same worth as every other vote, and the candidate more people decide on would become President.