



What is wrong with the electoral college? - Quiz

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Q1. What was the main controversy in the 2016 US presidential election regarding the Electoral College?

- A. Hillary Clinton won the popular vote but lost the Electoral College
- B. Donald Trump won both the popular vote and the Electoral College
- C. The Electoral College vote was tied
- D. Neither candidate received enough electoral votes

Q2. Which state's voters have more weight per vote compared to California?

- A. Texas
- B. Wyoming
- C. Florida
- D. New York

Q3. Why did the Founding Fathers establish the Electoral College?

- A. To ensure the president is elected by a popular vote
- B. To balance power between large and small states
- C. Due to limited communication and information management in the 18th century
- D. To prevent foreign interference in elections

Q4. Which of the following is a criticism of the Electoral College?

- A. It guarantees the popular vote winner becomes president
- B. It gives some states disproportionate influence in elections
- C. It simplifies the election process
- D. It ensures equal campaign attention for all states

Q5. In the 2016 election, where did candidates spend most of their campaign time?

- A. Only in California and Texas
- B. In all 50 states equally
- C. In 11 states, with 75% of rallies in four states
- D. Exclusively in swing states

Q6. What is required to abolish the Electoral College?

- A. A presidential executive order
- B. A majority vote in Congress
- C. A constitutional amendment
- D. A Supreme Court ruling

Q7. Which president won the Electoral College but lost the popular vote before Donald Trump?

- A. Barack Obama
- B. George W. Bush
- C. Bill Clinton
- D. Ronald Reagan

Q8. What is one argument in favor of the Electoral College?

- A. It ensures the popular vote always decides the winner
- B. It prevents large states from dominating elections
- C. It simplifies the voting process
- D. It guarantees equal campaign attention for all states

Q9. Which communication method did NOT exist when the Electoral College was created?

- A. Print media
- B. In-person speeches
- C. Social media
- D. Newspapers

Q10. What is the most practical option for changing the Electoral College system?

- A. Abolishing it entirely
- B. Reforming it without complete abolition
- C. Ignoring its results
- D. Letting states decide their own electors

Answer Key

1. Q1: A
2. Q2: B
3. Q3: C
4. Q4: B
5. Q5: C
6. Q6: C
7. Q7: B
8. Q8: B
9. Q9: C
10. Q10: B