

Don't Mess with the Constitution in Electing a President!

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The Declaration of Independence, United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights (the first 10 amendments) constitute the greatest freedom documents created, admired and emulated around the world. They establish the goals: promoting life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness (Declaration) and structure of a limited government encapsulated in the U.S. Constitution for ourselves and future generations.



Our genius founding fathers created this system, by their own admission, under the inspiration of Divine Providence. Now, some politicians and others running for President of the United States, think they know better than the Framers and want to overthrow the Electoral College system? Madison, Washington, Franklin and others analyzed, argued, debated, and compromised to create a legislative branch to make laws based on population (House of Representatives) and Senate (based on equal representation of the states) to balance power in Congress. They wisely created an independent judiciary system to interpret the law and created an executive branch to govern nationally and enforce the law. They set up a system to elect the President of the United States to represent all of the people in all states not just regionally or in a few populated cities. The Electoral College makes sure that every citizen in every state has a voice in electing our President in a balanced system created by the Founders which ensures that the President is elected by a majority of states not just a few cities or a region of the nation.

Abolishing the Electoral College system would place electing the President in either a few populated cities such as New York City, Chicago, and Los Angeles or a regional President on the East and West coasts, representing their interests rather than the entire country. This short-sighted “feel good” proposal would endanger a system that has worked successfully (not perfectly) for over two hundred years. Hamilton, Madison and Jay wrote the Federalist Papers to educate citizens about the Constitution. Read Federalist Papers #68 and #10 that explains their reasoning.

Do these current crop of politicians think they know better than the Founding Fathers on how to run our government? I think not! Don't let them tear down a system that has worked for over two hundred years! Don't mess with the U.S. Constitution in how to elect a President!

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