

The Electoral College is a puzzling system that often has people scratching their heads about how it works and why we use it.

More and more Americans are fed up with this antiquated system and would like to see it abolished.

## The Electoral College hurts our democracy.

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

It's so simple.  
It's so fair.  
It's time for change.

**For more information about why (and how) we should abolish the Electoral College...**



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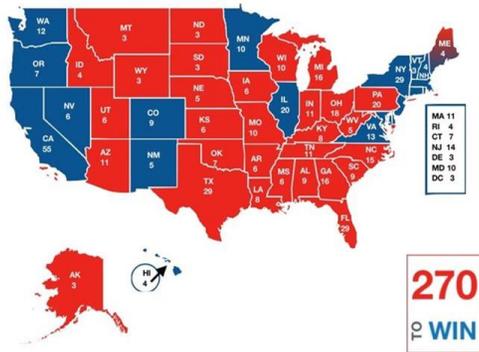
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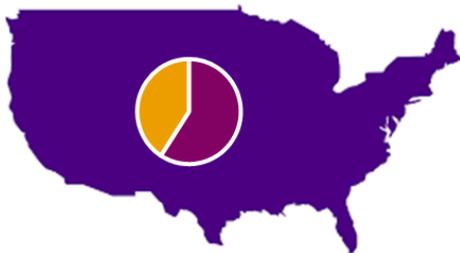
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## Why We Should Abolish the Electoral College

The Electoral College polarizes our electorate and artificially divides our nation into so-called “red” states and “blue” states. It exaggerates our sense of being a nation divided.



If election results looked like this, might we begin to see ourselves as choosing our leader together no matter where we live?

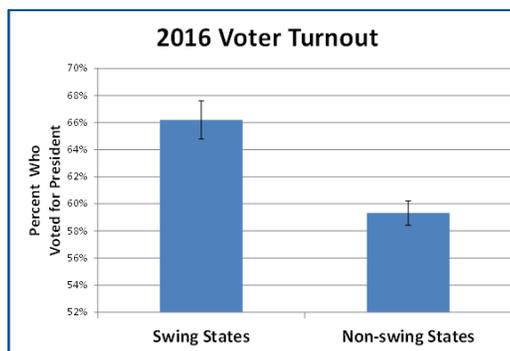


A United Vote

## The Electoral College decreases voter turnout

Part of the League’s core mission is to encourage the informed and active participation of citizens in government.

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.



Voter Turnout

The framers of the Constitution intended the President to be chosen by the people, not the states. The Electoral College was created to bridge the communication gap across large distances.

*None of the founders’ original concerns remain relevant today.*

Five times in our history (twice recently), the Electoral College has given the Presidency to the loser of the popular vote.

In a national popular vote system, EVERY vote from EVERY voter in EVERY state would count equally.

One Person, One Vote