



The National Popular Vote scheme **HOW IT WORKS**

“The Electoral College is nothing more than the 50 sovereign STATES casting their Votes for the offices of the President and Vice President – of the United STATES. **Very importantly, it is also nothing LESS.**”

- John Crawford, *Keep Our 50 States*

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10 Points to Know - How the National Popular Vote Scheme Works

Essentially, the NPV is a Contract among some States to choose their State Electors based upon the votes cast by voters in all Fifty (50) States, plus DC, and to IGNORE the decision made by the voters in their own respective State! The NPV scheme is not a federal law, let alone a proposed Amendment to the Constitution! It was devised by a handful of people who were angry that Al Gore was defeated by the States in 2000.

1) NPV simply CHANGES who is choosing the presidential Electors for the NPV Compact States from State residents to people NOT from the State. The States in the Compact will have 270 Electoral Votes and, thus the control of the election.

It requires a majority of the State Votes, each cast by Electors as provided for in the Constitution, to be elected President. Today, there are 538 Electors and a majority is 270 or more.

2) The President of the United STATES has always been elected by - the STATES. A popular vote tally is not even used as the back-up plan for when an Electoral majority of the States is not achieved. In those very rare cases, the STATES elect the President using their House delegation in Congress to cast the STATE's single Vote!

3) The population of the U.S. has never been assigned the responsibility nor the right to elect the President. No popular vote has EVER been cast for a presidential candidate. That's because the President is not our School Superintendent – he/she is CEO of the U.S. Federation of STATES. Only because individual States have asked us to - popular votes elect the STATE's presidential Electors. We vote for Electors, not for any presidential candidate.

4) Popular voting was considered at great length when they designed the country and it was REJECTED repeatedly and overwhelmingly and for fantastic reasons. The method of electing the President was UNANIMOUSLY agreed to at the Constitutional Convention in 1787 and even unanimously by ALL 50 States!

5) The National Popular Vote is a scheme that is ill-conceived and very poorly written with many defects, but it is also strongly supported by most people on the Left. Its effects will certainly result in the Courts

choosing future U.S. Presidents! Even the law school dean, Vikram Amar, who first dreamed up this National Popular Vote idea 20+ years ago, has publicly distanced himself from this NPV scheme in 2019! (See Handouts page.)

6) The NPV is simply a CONTRACT among a minority of the States (about 20 to 22 - they already have 16) to literally throw presidential elections. At January 2024, they are 76% of the way to their goal!

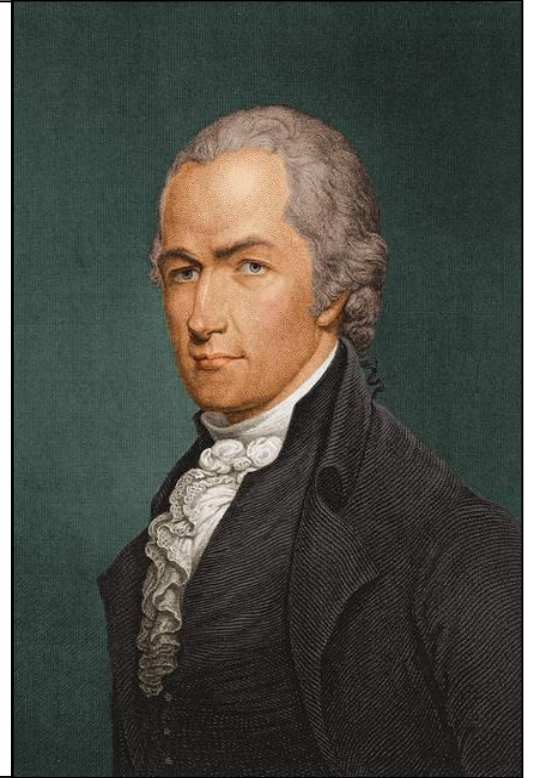
7) There has never been any Constitutional nor federal law requirement for any popular vote for president and, as recently as the 2000 Bush v. Gore decision, the Supreme Court affirmed that any State remains free to STOP popular voting to select their Electors at any time for any reason or for no reason.

Alexander Hamilton March 4, 1788

“THE mode of appointment of the Chief Magistrate of the United States is almost the only part of the system, of any consequence, which has escaped without severe censure, or which has received the slightest mark of approbation from its opponents.

“I venture somewhat further, and hesitate not to affirm, that if the manner of it be not perfect, it is at least excellent.”

Federalist 68 is available at no charge on our Resources/Handouts Page.



8) It wasn't until the election of 1880 that every State had even asked its population to elect their State presidential Electors. Importantly, NO ONE has ever challenged the legitimacy of any President from Washington through Hayes on the grounds that the entire U.S. population did not cast votes in the election!

9) The NPV is a scheme that runs around the Constitution. It simply says that a minority of the States who do join the scam, and who have the 270 majority of Electoral Votes under their control, will literally IGNORE their own State popular voters and will instead cast ALL of their Electoral Votes by naming their State Electors as the ones nominated by the political Party that won a "national popular vote" tally, as computed by the 20, 21 or 22 top elections officers in those NPV States.

10) Most State Constitutions, including the ones in the NPV, restrict voting to State residents. Presidential Electors are STATE officials and the NPV sales pitch brags that they are not changing that fact at all.

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