



Electing the President is a Matter of Separation of Powers, NOT of selecting a Better Style of Democracy

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The Electoral College is nothing more than our STATES casting their Votes to elect the President - of the United STATES.

Importantly, it is also nothing LESS.

In this endless assault against our States electing the President of the United STATES, I still think that **the point that trumps all others** is that **the election of the President is one of Checks and Balances – Separation of Powers** and not one of the best handicapping system for a democracy. The Founders were crystal clear that they were NOT going to have a democracy in place for the U.S. Federation of States. If any STATE wished to practice democracy, they remained free to do so, as long as the State did not violate any of the principles that they bound themselves to in the confines of the U.S. Constitution.

But, just exactly how "Romneycare" escaped from the State of Massachusetts in 2010 to become "Obamacare", which was forced upon the rest of the States, so, too, has "DEMOCRACY" escaped out of a handful of States and is being forced upon the other States and the Federation itself.

The Leftists back the NPV because they want to install democracy where it does not exist so that they will be able to permanently control everyone else in the country.

As the Founders themselves profusely told us - that will end the United States and in short order.

Every argument over the National Popular Vote scheme is framed by the Left as a debate over "Which system of democracy is superior to the other - a) Popular Vote or b) Popular PROXY Vote using our States?" Vacuum Cleaner salesmen use the same **False Binary Choice** technique - "Do you want this brand new vacuum a) WITH the attachments or b) WITHOUT?" NPV salesmen - "Do you want this national democracy by a) DIRECT popular vote, or by b) State Proxy vote?" (I personally believe that the EC is far superior to the NPV, HOWEVER, we can only win that argument maybe 55% of the time at best.)

The argument sets as the ultimate (and False) objective - "*What is the BEST way to have the masses of people - AS A DEMOCRACY - choose the President?*" **That completely misses the point** of what our Founders did and WHY they did it. The Left is intentional in missing that point - Because they can implement Socialist Democracy when THAT is the argument.

Review the Vacuum Cleaner salesman again. We don't want the vacuum cleaner at all; nor do we want the democracy for the Federation!! **The Electoral College is not an accommodation, nor is it a handicapping system, nor is it** "the best the Founders could do to achieve their 'supreme goal of DEMOCRACY' because of uneducated populations, travel problems, and 18th Century technology!

The Electoral College IS nothing more than the STATES choosing the CEO of the Federation which they created. Most importantly, it is nothing LESS.

The Bottom 'Bottom Line' is that our STATES are entities. For background, they are legal persons. States act through their **Legislatures** and their Executive offices per laws enacted by the **Legislatures**. States have all of the legal rights that a natural person has. In fact, they are SOVEREIGN entities. They are PERSONS who enter into a contract (called a "compact" or a "pact" when governments enter into them).

The Supreme Compact that they created and are THE Parties to is the U.S. Constitution. As Constitutional Attorney KrissAnne Hall, JD points out, **the Federal government is not a party to that compact - it cannot be because it is the PRODUCT of that Compact**. The sovereign States transferred SOME listed power and authorities to the Federal government and retained all other power and authority.

The STATES created a Federation that today is made up of 50 Members. AS THE PARTIES to the Compact that created the Federal government, the **STATES, in every sense of the word, are THE most significant Check and Balance** against the very runaway and tyrannical Federal government that our Founders feared the most. The United States DOES NOT GET FORMED if the STATES (acting via their legislatures) did not choose the members of the Senate. The United States DOES NOT GET FORMED if the STATES (acting through Electors chosen within each State in a Manner decided by the Legislature) did not also choose the CEO - the President.

Choosing the CEO of that Federation is the strongest tool left to the States collectively to check the burgeoning power of the tyrannical Federal government. The States GAVE AWAY their power over the Legislative Branch in 1914 by ratifying the terrible 17th Amendment. When the argument is confined to "Which is the better form of democracy?", then we can LOSE that argument about half of the time.

When the argument is properly, legally and historically framed as "WHO IS SUPPOSED TO CHOOSE THE PRESIDENT per the Supreme Compact of the United States?", then **we cannot lose that argument even once. The Left is then left with designing and building an entirely new nation - a socialist democracy.**

NOW, let us have THAT debate!

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