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What I believe the main points against the National Popular Vote (NPV) scheme and in favor of the Electoral College are as follows!

I write from Michigan, because this NPV bill directly im[acts us here in Michigan and other Americans across the country.

- The United STATES is a Federation, a Federation of 50 sovereign States, bound to each other by the principle of the Great Compact - the US Constitution
 - The US has never been a democracy - the term "democracy" appears in NO founding documents
 - The term DOES appear on the Minutes of Constitutional Convention of 1787 as the Founders brought up, debated putting democracy in the US and resoundingly REJECTED it multiple times, and for excellent and historic reasons.
 - The Convention AND all 50 of our States have unanimously ratified the Constitution.
 - Our STATES are legal entities and are the Parties to the Constitution
 - The Federal government is NOT a party to the Constitution - it can't be because it is a PRODUCT of it
 - Our States are the collective Boss of the Federal government, not the other way around.
 - **The President of the United STATES is elected by - the STATES**, not by the population.
 - Our States act as States via the Legislature.
 - **James Madison explained that to solve the Self-Governing dilemma**, what they came up with "first a provision to empower government to be strong enough to govern and next, to have government CONSTRAIN itself".
 - (Federalist 51) <https://billofrightsintstitute.org/primary-sources/federalist-no-51>
 - "But the great security against a gradual concentration of the several powers in the same department, consists in giving to those who administer each department the necessary constitutional means and personal motives to resist encroachments of the others. The provision for defense must in this, as in all other cases, be made commensurate to the danger of attack. **Ambition must be made to counteract ambition.** ... (Power set against power. Our States against the Federal government.)
 - " **If men were angels, no government would be necessary. If angels were to govern men, neither external nor internal controls on government would be necessary. In framing a**

government which is to be administered by men over men, the great difficulty lies in this: you must first enable the government to control the governed; and in the next place oblige it to control itself."

- Activating this dangerous NPV Compact scheme NEGATES what Madison discusses in Federalist 51.
- The STATES are the counter-weight to the excesses of the Federal government.
- Having the STATES elect the President is a massive check against the Federals.
 - The US population has NEVER had the role, right nor responsibility to choose the President.
 - Popular voting in presidential campaigns are quite literally 51 (States plus DC) individual STATE legislature decisions, as the Manner in which they decided to choose their presidential ELECTORS.
 - The Founders did that on purpose to avoid the collusion and corruption of an easily manipulated voting population, "who know the least about the MOST important job in this government!", as one 1787 delegate put it.
 - State populations today choose their State ELECTORS and have NEVER cast any votes to elect the President
- **Our State Legislatures must think like sovereign States.** Not like a Republican, nor like a Democrat.
 - If they don't, no one else can.
- **The NPV makes voters UNEQUAL**, despite their claims of the opposite!
 - They create different sets of voter bases in the States, that's why!
 - **The NPV is NOT a national law!**
 - It is a Contract of COLLUSION among a minority of the States - about 21 or 22 of them.
 - It is passed by SOME Legislatures, not CONGRESS.
 - ONLY the Compact States will be using the 158,550,300 voting base (the Nov 2020 results)
 - The Majority of the States will continue to use ONLY their own State voters to decide who their own State Electors will be!
- NPV claims that THEY "are preserving the EC, (which is a laughable assumption of power that they do not have).
 - The Electoral College is actually CONSTRAINING THEM in their quest to do away with it.
 - **Bottom Line – Minnesota's 10 Electoral Votes will ALWAYS be MINNESOTA's 10 Votes!**
 - They belong to NO ONE else!
 - NPV does not change that, because NPV CANNOT change that.
- The National Popular Vote simply **TRANSFERS the CONTROL of Minnesota's 10 Votes for President to people NOT FROM MINNESOTA!**

- Minnesota tallied 3,277,171 total votes in Nov 2020
 - The U.S. cast 158,550,300 votes in Nov 2020
 - Presently, Minnesota voters exert 100.0% of the control over its TEN Votes. ($3,277,171 / 3,277,171 = 100.0\%$)
 - What the NPV Sales Rep wants Minnesota to do, very literally, is have 158,550,300 voters across the US make that choice instead!
 - A stunning 98.0% of the decision of who MINNESOTA votes for will belong to people who are NOT from Minnesota!
 - Math:
 - Minnesota - $3,277,171 / 158,550,300 = 2.0\%$.
 - Everybody else - $155,272,129 / 158,550,300 = 98.0\%$
 - (*WHY would ANYONE think that is good public policy?!*)
- **Now, GET THIS!!** Here is HOW the sales people from National Popular Vote are making your votes terribly UNEQUAL -
- Let's just take MISSOURI. They are not going to join this dangerous scheme at all!
 - Missouri cast 3,025,962 votes in Nov 2020. That is 1.9% of the national popular vote total.
 - Missouri voters, therefore, exert 1.9% of the choice over MINNESOTA's Electoral VOTES under the NPV scheme!
 - Minnesota voters exert just 2.0% of the choice over MINNESOTA's Electoral Votes
 - **Missouri alone gets almost as much say in how MINNESOTA votes as Minnesotans do!**
 - BUT in MISSOURI -
 - **Minnesota's voters will exert 0.0% influence in choosing Missouri's Electors!!**
 - WHY? Because Missouri has chosen to NOT join the devious NPV scheme!
 - In Missouri, the math to decide who Missouri's Electors is
 - $3,025,962 / 3,025,962 = 100.0\%$ of the choice of who Missouri's Electors are remains with MISSOURI voters.
- HOWEVER, the NPV sales people and their minority of States really don't care - THEY CONTROL THE MAJORITY OF THE ELECTORAL VOTES at 270.
- They literally know, in advance, that the NPV Compact States will ALWAYS elect the President.
 - What the majority of the State Legislatures - who DO have the 'plenary right' to decide the Manner in which their State Electors are chosen - will immediately find is that there is NOTHING that the

Legislature in a NON-NPV Compact can do to meaningfully change or adjust how those Electors are chosen.

- It will not matter if a legislature changes to a Congressional District allocation, or not!
- It will not matter if a legislature changes to perhaps have their County Commissions elect their State Electors or not!
- Truly, as far the Legislature goes, it will never matter again if that State even Votes again or not!
- **The NPV Compact States will always have the full majority Votes to always elect the President.**

• Therefore - **LITIGATION anyone?**

- The NPV sales people lead everyone to believe that their 22-State Contract of Collusion will be cheerfully accepted by all 50 States.
 - That is laughable at best.
 - There are already three well-developed legal theories of Constitutional violations that CANNOT be adjudicated before the Left *DETONATES*, er, activates their scheme!
- Does anyone remember the 2000 election and the Supreme Court case of Bush vs. Gore?
 - **If you want to guarantee that the Supreme Court will choose the President of the United States from here on out, enact the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact scheme!**

Thanks for staying with this. There are many more problems with NPV than just these few items listed. Please call, text or e-mail anytime if you have any questions!

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