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Subject: As if we could pretend this wouldn't come around...

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SEALWay to give a link that also includes a strong argument for the opposite of your point. Did you just completely miss the section that refutes what all the anti-electoral college people are saying? Perhaps you should go back and read the .pdf file in its entirety.

Quote:No matter what points you give, the electoral college inflates the importance of some votes and deflates the importance of others

Tell me how ensuring people in lowly populated areas have an equal influence on the election is a bad thing.

Do you want all the elections to be decided solely by whom people in heavily populated areas choose?

You seem to forget that the electoral college facilitates in choosing a president that is satisfiable to all regions of the country.

They explain that pretty explicitly in that .pdf file to which I linked you.

Quote:and it is not a true democratic process.

Considering how our country was never meant to be a democracy in the first place, that's a good thing!

Quote:I love how you assume that my position on the issue is just sheer ignorance, and your position must be correct. You're so fucking arrogant. YES, THERE ARE TWO VALID SIDES TO THIS ARGUMENT. JUST BECAUSE YOU ARE ON ONE END, DOES NOT MEAN THE OTHER END IS "IGNORANT."

Where did I ever say there wasn't another valid side to the argument? YOU seem to have twisted what I wrote into something that never entered my keyboard. Never have I said the electoral college is an infallible institution and that it doesn't have its flaws. Anything humans create have their flaws since humans are naturally imperfect.

I have, however, been saying that a direct popular vote is much more flawed than the electoral college and was one of the things the founding fathers were trying to prevent with the invention of the electoral college (if you read the .pdf file, you'd know that), yet you ignorantly believe that the United States was meant to be a democracy from the beginning and that we should be a democracy now.

I have never even once declared myself the end-all knower of all that is truth, nor have I ever assumed my side of an argument was absolutely correct. Tell me how that is being "arrogant."

Quote:See what kind of ridiculous things the electoral college can cause people to do? If it was a simple popular vote, moving wouldn't make a difference at all.

Yes, it would, even under a direct popular vote.

People would flock to major cities and highly populated areas since the votes of people who live in rural areas would suddenly become inconsequential on the election.

Like I said before, an electoral college ensures that those people still have a bearing on the election.

EDIT: a point I forgot to mention: voter fraud would be much easier to commit with a direct popular vote since it could be committed in a single area and have a drastic effect on the outcome of the

election, while voter fraud with an electoral college would be increasingly more difficult since it has to be committed in as many states as possible to have an equal effect.

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