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The Perfectly Constructed Electoral College

The Electoral College was created by the founding fathers to ensure that the most qualified candidate be elected as the next president of the United States. However, in the article, *Why we should abolish the Electoral College* written by Tyler Lewis it is argued that the Electoral College be abolished; the forefathers knew that with presidency comes great power, so a failsafe would need to be created to protect the government from corruption; thus, this near-perfect system of the Electoral College was created to prevent problems with how easily voters can be misinformed, a populist president appealing directly to the people leads to the minority being ignored, and corruption.

People can be easily misinformed, especially with how easy it is to create fake news; with the number of websites and information found online differentiating fake news from real news can be a challenging task. Highly regarded news channels sometimes mix up details regarding politics and broadcast to millions of people. The information given to voters during election times can easily be falsified, which can change their view on even the most qualified candidate. For those reasons, putting trust into an individual that was picked by elected officials than the misinformed voters can reduce corruption and save people the guilt of electing a candidate into office they otherwise never would have.

If it was based on popular vote then the candidate would have to go to just a few major cities and convince them for their vote; this ignorance towards the minority of the population would lead to chaos by the states being forced to succumb to the majority. The majority holding all the power over the minority would be fundamentally against the ideals of the founding fathers. If the president were to be selected solely based on popularity then half of the population and their needs would be ignored.

Keeping the Electoral College the way it is will prevent corruption for numerous reasons. In article II clause 1 section 2 of the Constitution it states that electors must not be allowed to have a position in government. Allowing elected officials that the people voted for to represent them in congress means that they will nominate a trusted elector who has no political incentive to elect a corrupt politician, to vote for the people as they wish. These electors would have a deeper understanding of the government and when they go for their meeting in December would allow them to decide which candidate is right for the office.

The Electoral College is the fail-safe that was created by the Founding Fathers to ensure the president of the United States be free from corruption; thus, the Electoral College was created by days of compromise and thoughtful planning for the safeguard of electing the most qualified candidate into the presidency. Through knowing that the people can be easily misinformed, the majority vote towards on candidate would lead to massive chaos, and having electors be people with no governmental power ensures that the United States government always elects the right person to be the leader of the United States.

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