

-Example of the failure of the current electoral college approach.

Imagine a club with 50 members at its annual officer elections. The members are seated in five columns of ten rows, so each column has 10 members. The vice chair, secretary, and treasurer are elected by popular vote.

But the election for chair, by club bylaw, is based on "electoral columns." Votes are cast and the results show that Barb has won columns A and D, while Sally won columns B, C, and E. Sally is declared the winner and new Chair.

However, the popular vote shows the problem inherent in the electoral column.

Column A: Barb wins 9-1

Column B: Sally wins 6-4

Column C: Sally wins 6-4

Column D: Barb wins 9-1

Column E: Sally wins 6-4

So, clearly the electoral column election did not reflect the will of the club members: Barb received 30 votes and Sally received 20 votes. In a simple example, this illustrates the major problem with the electoral college system with 49 winners, take all and two states with electoral votes by congressional district.

In a recent national survey by state, broken out to democrats, independents, and republicans, a majority of republicans favored the NPV (only Washington DC republicans had a minority – 49%). In every state, all groups favored NPV election of president by large margins. Overall, American voters favored the NPV by around 70%.

Until 2016, the NPV movement has been completely bipartisan, with as many of the leaders being republican as democrats favoring the national popular vote. In our increasingly tribal partisan nation, more vocal opposition to the NPV has occurred from a minority of republicans. Please be reminded that the newly elected presidential candidate, on November 16, 2016, on 60 Minutes, indicated his belief that the NPV was the correct way to elect a president.

I had planned to testify on Tuesday, February 12, 2019, but health concerns prevent my appearance. Please accept this point of view, and please vote for Colorado to continue its leadership among states by making the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact.

Thank you.  
Respectfully submitted.

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I am not a paid lobbyist or consultant. My testimony is offered as an individual and member of the Colorado voters.