

# Electoral College System

Lesson 18

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Bellwork

Which Southern states did Harris win in 2024? Which did Trump win? 2020, Biden won and Trump won?

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## How Electoral College Works

Electoral votes = \_\_\_\_\_ seats (2) + \_\_\_\_\_ seats + \_\_\_\_\_

- Total votes in Electoral College: \_\_\_\_\_
- Need this many to win: \_\_\_\_\_
- Most states use: \_\_\_\_\_ system
- Exceptions (split by district): \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

## Key Vocabulary - Define These

**Electoral College:**

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**Electoral Vote:**

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**Apportionment:**

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**Faithless Elector:**

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## The Southern Pattern - Key Finding

Every Democrat who WON won \_\_\_\_\_ or more Southern states.

Every Democrat who LOST won \_\_\_\_\_ or fewer Southern states.

## Why Does This Matter?

- The South = \_\_\_\_\_ electoral votes (\_\_\_\_\_ states + DC)
- Population: \_\_\_\_\_ million people
- To win presidency need \_\_\_\_\_ votes
- Therefore: \_\_\_\_\_

## Recent Election Results - Fill in the Data

2024 Harris: \_\_\_\_\_ Southern states won - Result: \_\_\_\_\_ (Won/Lost)

Which states: \_\_\_\_\_

2020 Biden: \_\_\_\_\_ Southern states won - Result: \_\_\_\_\_ (Won/Lost)

Which states: \_\_\_\_\_

2016 Clinton: \_\_\_\_\_ Southern states won - Result: \_\_\_\_\_ (Won/Lost)

Which states: \_\_\_\_\_

## ARGUMENTS FOR the Electoral College

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_  
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## ARGUMENTS AGAINST the Electoral College

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_  
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## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. Why is the South so important in presidential elections?

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\_\_\_\_\_

2. Does the Electoral College seem fair? Why or why not?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. What would change with a national popular vote?

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## KEY TAKEAWAYS

- The Electoral College is based on \_\_\_\_\_, not direct popular vote.
- Regional voting patterns, especially the \_\_\_\_\_, shape candidate strategy.
- Valid arguments exist for both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the system.