

DO YOU AGREE THAT:

- ✓ Whoever gets the most votes nationally should win the presidency?
- ✓ Every vote in every state should be equal and relevant?
- ✓ Candidates should have to campaign in all 50 states?

The **National Popular Vote bill (NPV)** guarantees the presidency to the candidate who receives the most popular votes in all 50 states and D.C. — without abolishing or changing the Electoral College.

- + No more 2nd place winners.
- + No more battleground states.
- + No more spectator states — 35 to 45 states will no longer be ignored.

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THE NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE GIVES A VOICE TO MAINE VOTERS

Candidates will campaign in Maine for every vote because every vote in every state will *actually* count.

Every vote cast will matter. In Maine, District 1 typically swings democratic, while District 2 swings republican. With NPV, the votes in District 1 for the republican and in District 2 for the democrat will no longer be ignored. In 2020 alone, over 330,000 votes for both parties were ignored.

More campaign money will flow into Maine. In 2020, over \$1 billion dollars were spent in post-convention advertising. How much went to just 6 major battleground states? \$884 million — 88% of that 1 billion!

Big cities won't dominate. Big cities are only 19% of the population, and no city or town is 100% democratic or republican. All cities, state capitals, and college towns across the U.S. combined are just 30% of the population. You can't win the White House on just city votes.



WHAT IS THE NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE BILL?

The NPV is an interstate agreement that works within the Electoral College to make sure the candidate who wins the most votes across all 50 states and D.C. wins the presidency.

NPV is nonpartisan. NPV favors voters, not parties, land, geography, factions, or states. NPV changes nothing about the Electoral College itself.

States joining the NPV agree to award their electors to the winner of the national popular vote. States can leave the agreement anytime, except during the 6 months before Inauguration Day.

CURRENT STATUS OF THE NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE BILL:

NPV will go into effect when states representing 270 electoral votes join the agreement. Fifteen states, including 4 small states, and D.C. have joined, representing 195 votes. We have 75 to go!

The League of Women Voters of Maine believes that it's critical to our representative democracy that every vote be equal and relevant, and the NPV achieves that objective.

WORKS WITHIN THE CONSTITUTION AND ELECTORAL COLLEGE

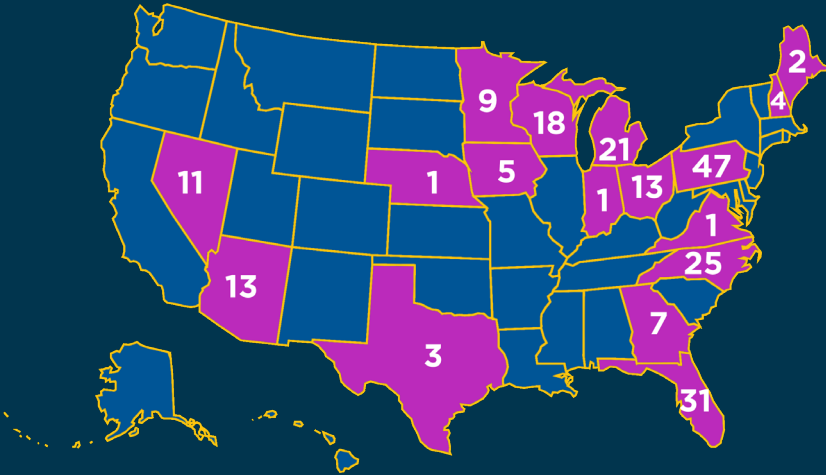
The presidential candidate who wins the national popular vote should be president. Period. However, under the current system of state-by-state, winner-take-all, the candidate who lost the national popular vote has become president in two of the last five elections.

EVERY VOTE EQUAL — NO MATTER WHAT STATE YOU LIVE IN

The winner-take-all system results in a small number of votes in battleground states determining the election. This makes those votes worth much more than the votes from non-competitive states.

In 2020, President Biden almost lost an election — that he won by 7 million votes nationally — by just 22,000 votes across 3 states.

2020 GENERAL ELECTION VISITS



In 2020, Maine received only 2 campaign events from the presidential candidates.

RURAL AND SMALL STATES WILL NO LONGER BE IGNORED

Rural and small states have virtually no influence in presidential elections. They're almost all decidedly red (republican) or blue (democratic), so they are ignored just like other spectator states. Over the last 4 general elections, Maine had *only* 7 candidate visits. Compare that number to Ohio's 196, Pennsylvania's 188, and Florida's 146. Election after election, 38-45 states are ignored because they are not competitive, battleground states.

MYTH BUSTING:

Americans vote when they know their votes matter! Battleground states' voter turnout has been 9-16% higher than turnout in spectator states over the last 4 elections. About 20% of eligible Maine voters did not vote in the 2020 presidential election. Only 67% of Americans voted nationwide in a record turnout year.

TAKE ACTION:

Let your legislators know that you support the National Popular Vote and that you expect them to support NPV, too. We're confident that the National Popular Vote will pass in Maine by 2024. With your help, we'll be helping Mainers all across the state understand NPV works, and ensures that every vote in every state is equal and politically relevant.