

Electing a president: Simple explanation

In the United States there are two systems that come into play to elect a president and vice president. One being the Electoral College and the other being the popular vote.

The popular vote:

Is where the citizens vote for their preferred candidate. Often the popular vote and the electoral college go hand to hand with the favored candidate. But the popular vote is not necessarily the winning ticket to get into office. Also, typically the state electors use the popular vote to see what candidate is favored in that state so they can vote in the meeting of electors.

How to vote under the popular vote:

Step 1: Registering to vote

Step 2: Look up your voting location

Step 3: Show up with identification (such as an ID or driver's license)

Step 4: vote!

Where this Information was found

[:https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/voterinformation/voterregistration.html](https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/voterinformation/voterregistration.html)

Electoral college:

- Was established in the constitution by the founding fathers
- "The Electoral College consists of 538 electors. A majority of 270 electoral votes is required to elect the President. Your State has the same number of electors as it does Members in its Congressional delegation: one for each Member in the House of Representatives plus two Senators." <https://www.archives.gov/electoral-college/about>

o How the voting takes place in the electoral college:

- Once 270 electoral votes are achieved than that candidate win (Winner-take-all system)

The popular vote historically has aligned with the electoral college, but this is not always the case seen in the 2016 election.

Sources:

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