



What is the Electoral College?

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Michener, James A. *Presidential Lottery: the Reckless Gamble in Our Electoral System*. Dial Press, 2016.

In this eye-opening nonfiction account, world-renowned author James A. Michener details the reckless gamble U.S. voters make every four years: trusting the Electoral College. In 1968, Michener served as a presidential elector in Pennsylvania. What he witnessed that fall disturbed him so much that he felt compelled to expose the very real potential in this system for a grave injustice with history-altering consequences. Incorporating the wide-ranging insight and universal compassion of Michener's bestselling novels, *Presidential Lottery* is essential reading for every American concerned about the ever-growing rift between the people and the political process.

WATCH

Greer, Christina. *Does your vote count? The Electoral College explained*. Animation by Marked Animation, Ted-Ed, 2012.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W9H3gvnN468>

How are votes counted on state and national levels? This video explains swing states, safe states, and the popular vote vs the Electoral College vote.

LISTEN

"Electoral College." *New Hampshire Public Radio*, Civics 101: A Podcast, 10 August 2019. <https://www.civics101podcast.org/civics-101-episodes/electoralcollege>

When we vote for president, we aren't really voting for president. Northwestern Professor of political science Alvin Tillery, University of Texas Professor of political science Rebecca Deen, and former 'faithless elector' Christopher Suprun explore the rationale of the framers in creating the Electoral College, its workings, its celebrations, its critiques, and its potential future.

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