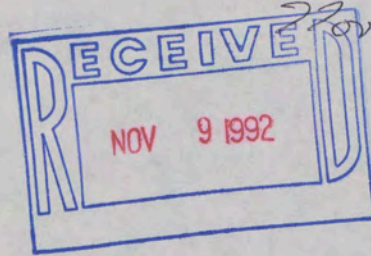


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Dear Brian -

Consider for your next discussion of the electoral college system, this alternative (which I do not necessarily endorse) which has not been discussed. That is, in essence that the ~~winner~~ winner of each state is allocated the two votes representing the "Senate" electoral vote. This would have given Clinton a 60-40 victory here, then 1 vote for winning each congressional district. Clinton's margin (assuming it was the same as the congressional vote, and that Saunders is counted as a Democrat) would be 269-187, for a total of 329-227 as compared to 370-178 of the electoral college. It's a little closer to the popular vote but does a few (perhaps important) things to campaigning.

1. Concentrations of one particular population group (say mormons) would not necessarily take all the votes of a state, while others (say blacks or Hispanics) may gain influence.
2. Campaigns could not count on ~~these~~ population concentrations to carry all state votes.
3. Closely fought states would reflect their popular vote more accurately while 100% "safe" states would make it worthwhile to be a Democrat in Wyoming or a Republican in Minnesota.

Assuming again for the moment, that each district voted for President as it did for Congress, this is the change in the "big 10".

State	EC Result		ALT. Result	
	D	R	D	R
1. Cal.	54		27	27
2. N.Y.	33		20	13
3. Tex.		32	22	10
4. Fla.		25	10	15
5. Pa.	23		10	13
6. Ill.	22		14	8
7. Ohio	21		13	8
8. Mich.	18		10	8
9. N.J.	15		9	6
10. N.C.		14	8	6
TOTALS	186	71	143	114

Ties or Reversals of E. C. system:

Cal; 27-27; Colo. 4-4; Ind. 7-5; Iowa 3-4;
Miss. 5-2; N.C. 8-6; Okla. 4-4; Pa. 10-13;
Tex. 22-10; Va. 7-6.

One effect of this plan may be to tie congressional candidates more closely to their national ticket, but that's a good point to debate.

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Sincerely,

P.S. Too bad your "call-in" is so dominated by retirees, coupon-clippers, and those who have little useful to do in the middle of the day. Other wise, good job!