**Day 6 – Electoral College**

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* Process for electing the Prez and V.P.
	+ Not a popular vote (most votes in US)
* How it works:
	+ Candidate with the most votes in a state – wins the state
		- Winner-take-all
			* Favors a Two Party System
	+ Each state is worth a certain amount of points
		- Points are based on population
			* State with a lot of people = a lot of pts (NY)
			* State with a few people = few pts (Hawaii)
				+ Virginia = 13 pts. (11 reps + 2 Senators)
	+ 1st candidate to 270 points wins (51% of pts possible - 538)
* Problems:
1. Candidates only care about states with large populations
	* (TX, CA, NY)
2. Democrats that live in states that always vote Republican
	* Why vote democrat in Alabama? Can’t win.
		+ Result: Less People Vote