**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