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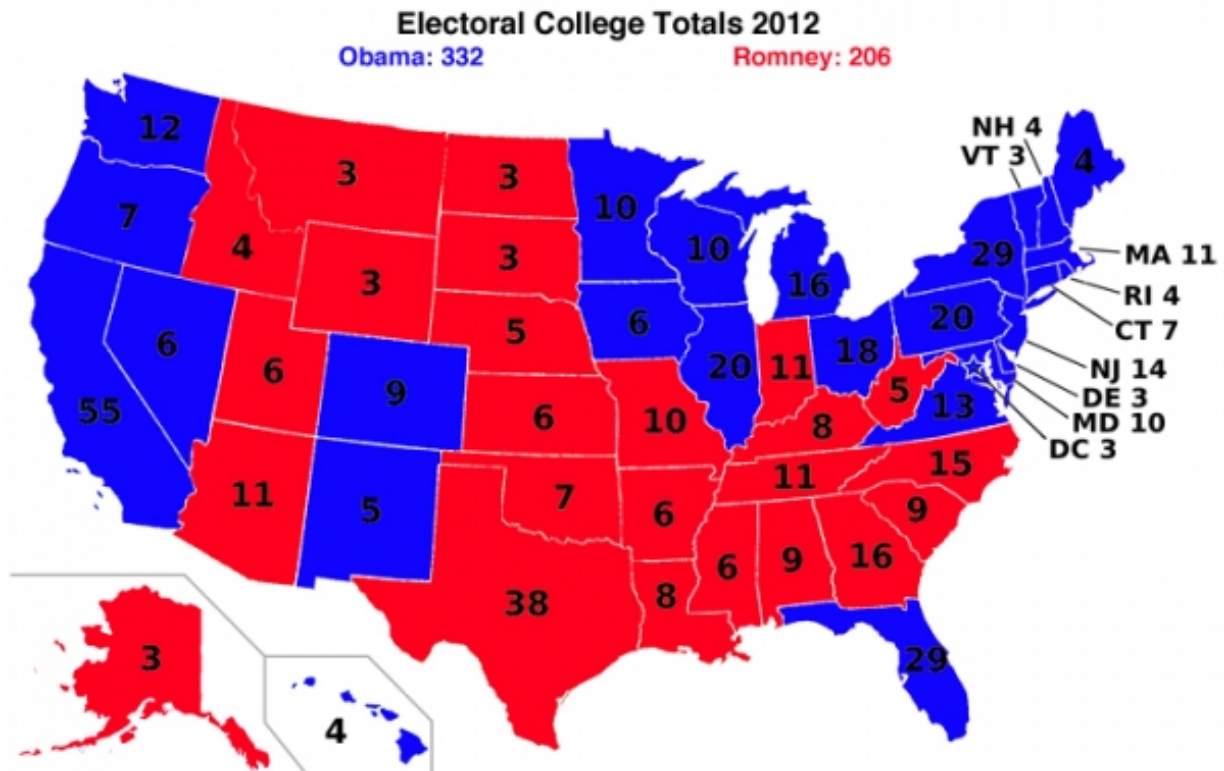


# The Electoral College

*“Electoral College: In Plain English”* – jot down some of the key points of the video clip about how the Electoral College works.

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## 2012 President Elections – Obama vs. Romney



*Electoral College 101 – Article Q/A's*

1. When was the Electoral College formed? How many votes are there total?  
Why that number? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. How many Electoral College votes does a candidate have to receive to win the Presidency? \_\_\_\_\_

3. What are “red” and “blue” states?

- a. Red - \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Blue - \_\_\_\_\_

4. What is a swing state? What is a Battleground state?

- a. Swing State - \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Battleground State - \_\_\_\_\_

5. Name at least 4 battleground states. Circle the one closest to Utah?

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_
- d. \_\_\_\_\_

6. What major change has been made to the Electoral College?

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7. Why do some people criticize the Electoral College? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Electoral College continued...

### Problems with the Electoral College –

Brainstormed Ideas:

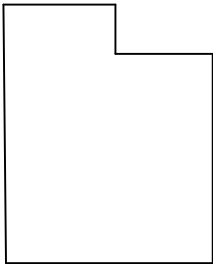
1. Winner Takes All

2. Third-Party Candidates

Ex. \_\_\_\_\_ vs \_\_\_\_\_ in 2000

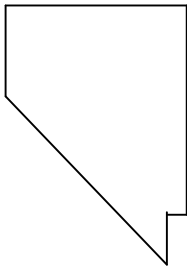
### Alternative Systems –

1. Choose Electors from Congressional Districts



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2. Candidates receive same share of State's electoral votes as they received of the state's popular votes.



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3. Direct Popular Vote