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Analyzing the Electoral College's Impact on Vote Equality and Representation Today

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In the United States, American citizens elect their President indirectly through the Electoral College. Within this electoral system, nearly every territory allocates all their electoral votes to the winning candidate and none to the other candidates, despite the margin of success. This vote allocation strategy, commonly known as the “winner-take-all system,” was adopted in the early 19th century in efforts to maximize each territory's influence. Despite this, there is little to no prior research on its effectiveness and implications for American people. Therefore, this report analyzes the 2016 Presidential General Election data to calculate the system's overall performance score today. Each territory's score is determined by *four* separate calculations. The first two, concerned with *vote weight*, quantify each territory's relative influence according to its number of electoral votes and citizens. The last two, pertaining to *vote representation*, calculate how accurately the preferences of each territory's citizens were allocated by the Electoral College in 2016. Without this comprehensive and critical analysis, it is impossible to determine the political equality and representation produced by the electoral college today. Thus, this contemporary analysis enables readers to judge the democratic health of the nation's voting procedures today.

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