

Issue # 7: Election/Campaign Finance Reform

The effectiveness of our current Electoral College system has been debated throughout the history of this country. The way candidates raise money has just recently, mostly within the last thirty years at most, come into the spotlight.

The controversial election of 2000 brings the issues to the forefront. Does the Electoral College serve its function properly? Are candidates gaining unfair advantages over each other? Some support the dissolution of the Electoral College and an instatement of a direct election system, whereas others want to keep the system and maintain the liberty to give as much money as they want to whomever they want to. Which of the following best describes you?

1. The Electoral College is a mistake. True democracy calls for direct election. We should place extremely tight restrictions on contributions to candidates and parties.
2. The Electoral College may not be the most democratic method, but we should reevaluate the system before abolishing it. I support moderate to strong restrictions on campaign contributions made by individuals and corporations.
3. We should keep the Electoral College. We should, as a country, review how much any entity can give to a candidate. This might help in giving candidates even an even playing field.
4. We should keep our current campaign contribution limitations and not add any more. That would be a broach on our liberty.
5. We should ban contribution limits altogether. I want to be able to give as much as I want to whomever I care to give to.

Issue # 8: Abortion

Probably one of the most controversial issues our country has ever faced. The case of *Roe v. Wade*, ended in 1973, upheld the legality of abortion under some circumstances. However, only states have the final say in legalizing abortion. Human rights advocates and religious groups primarily have been at war over abortion. The stances are clear. Which one do you pick?

1. Woman has an inherent right to her body. I support abortions. I am pro-choice.
2. I support a woman's right to have an abortion, but I think there should be some restrictions, like parental consent for minors.
3. We still haven't defined what life for a fetus is yet. Let's research to find out when a fetus can live outside the womb, and then establish abortion restrictions for when the fetus actually can live.
4. Besides for those cases of rape, incest, and endangerment of the mother's life, I think we should ban abortion.
5. No abortions under any circumstances. Innocent lives are at stake.