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Washington Survey Results

Q1 How do you think we should elect the President: should it be the candidate who gets the most votes in all 50 states, or the current electoral college system? If you think it should be the candidate who gets the most votes in all 50 states, press 1. If you think it should be the current electoral college system, press 2.

Candidate who gets the most votes in all 50 states ....77%   *Current electoral college system* 23%

Q2 Do you prefer a system where the candidate who gets the most votes in all 50 states on a nationwide basis is elected President, or one like the one used in Nebraska and Maine where electoral voters are dispensed by Congressional district, or one in which all of the state's electoral votes would be given to the statewide winner? If you think it should be the candidate who gets the most votes in all 50 states, press 1. If you think electoral voters should be dispensed by Congressional district, press 2. If you think all electoral votes should be given to the statewide winner, press 3.

Candidate who gets the most votes in all 50 states 73%

Electoral votes dispensed by Congressional district 16%

All electoral votes to statewide winner 11%

Q3 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

Women ....54%   *Men* 46%

Q4 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If other, press 3.

Democrat 40%

Republican 28%

Other 32%

Q5 If you are white, press 1. If you are African American, press 2. If other, press 3.

White ....87%   *Other* 10%

African American 3%

Q6 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1 now. If you are 30 to 45, press 2. If you are 46 to 65, press 3. If older than 65, press 4.

18-29 ....10%   *46-65* 36%

30-45 ....21%   *Older than 65* 33%

Crosstabs

		Gender	
	Base	Women	Men
Change System			
Candidate who gets the most votes in all 50 states	**77%**	85%	67%
Current electoral college system	**23%**	15%	33%

		Gender	
	Base	Women	Men
Preferred System			
Candidate who gets the most votes in all 50 states	**73%**	79%	66%
Electoral votes dispensed by Congressional district	**16%**	10%	22%
All electoral votes to statewide winner	**11%**	11%	12%

		Party		
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Other
Change System				
Candidate who gets the most votes in all 50 states	**77%**	88%	65%	73%
Current electoral college system	**23%**	12%	35%	27%

		Party		
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Other
Preferred System				
Candidate who gets the most votes in all 50 states	**73%**	82%	61%	72%
Electoral votes dispensed by Congressional district	**16%**	10%	22%	18%
All electoral votes to statewide winner	**11%**	8%	17%	11%

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Crosstabs

		Race		
	Base	**White**	**African American**	**Other**
Change System				
Candidate who gets the most votes in all 50 states	**77%**	78%	45%	71%
Current electoral college system	**23%**	22%	55%	29%

		Race		
	Base	**White**	**African American**	**Other**
Preferred System				
Candidate who gets the most votes in all 50 states	**73%**	74%	54%	64%
Electoral votes dispensed by Congressional district	**16%**	15%	40%	21%
All electoral votes to statewide winner	**11%**	11%	6%	15%

		Age			
	Base	**18-29**	**30-45**	**46-65**	**Older than 65**
Change System					
Candidate who gets the most votes in all 50 states	**77%**	73%	76%	76%	78%
Current electoral college system	**23%**	27%	24%	24%	22%

		Age			
	Base	**18-29**	**30-45**	**46-65**	**Older than 65**
Preferred System					
Candidate who gets the most votes in all 50 states	**73%**	74%	72%	70%	75%
Electoral votes dispensed by Congressional district	**16%**	17%	13%	19%	14%
All electoral votes to statewide winner	**11%**	8%	15%	11%	10%

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