



# **FLORIDA REGISTERED VOTERS' ATTITUDES ABOUT THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE**

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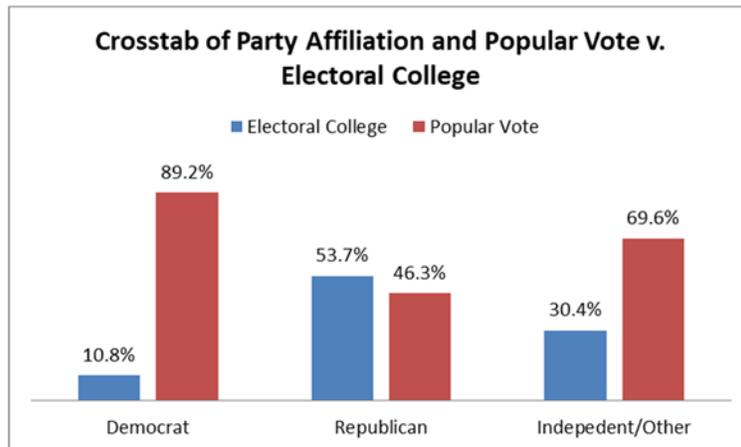
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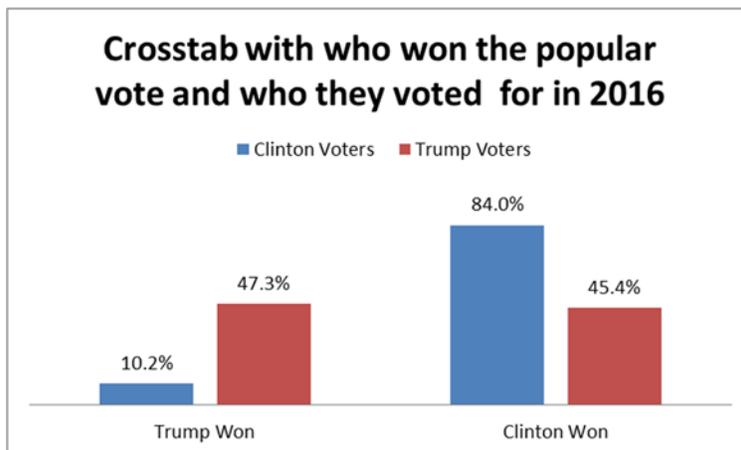
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## Executive Summary

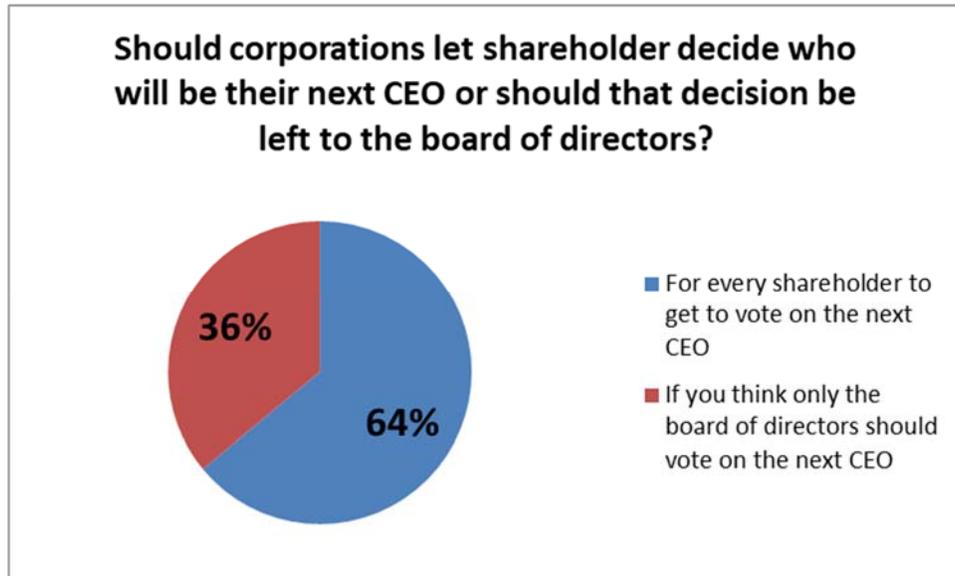
- There is overall support among registered voters for a national popular vote
  - When asked how they thought the country should elect the President, **68%** said it should be the candidate who gets the most votes in all 50 states and **32%** said the current Electoral College system.
  - When asked which system you think the United States should use to elect the President, **33%** said the current system that gives greater weight to residents or less populated states and **60%** said a revised system that counts all American's votes as equal, no matter where they live.
  - Party Affiliation is the most significant demographic influencing the attitude of voters about how to choose a President with **89%** of Democrats in favor of the popular vote and **54%** of Republicans in favor of the Electoral College.



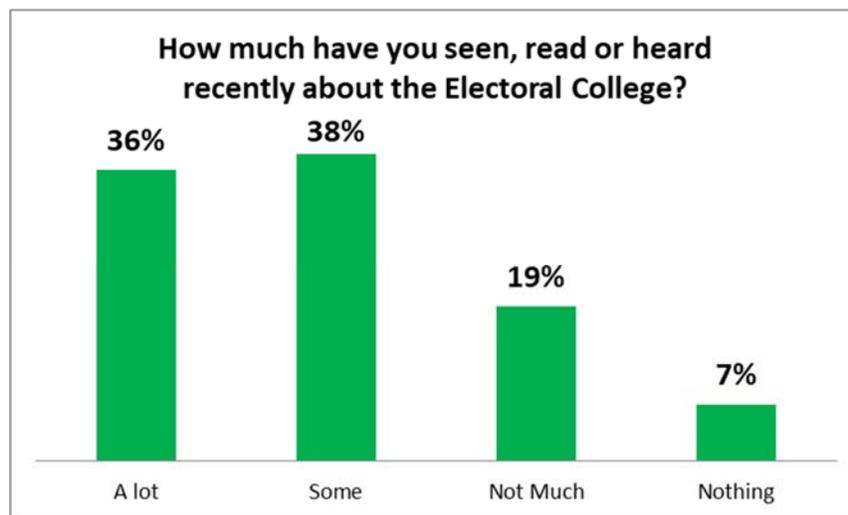
- **64%** of registered voters were able to identify Clinton as the winner of the 2016 Popular Vote.
  - Trump voters were split with **47%** identifying Trump as the winner of the popular vote and **45%** identifying Clinton.



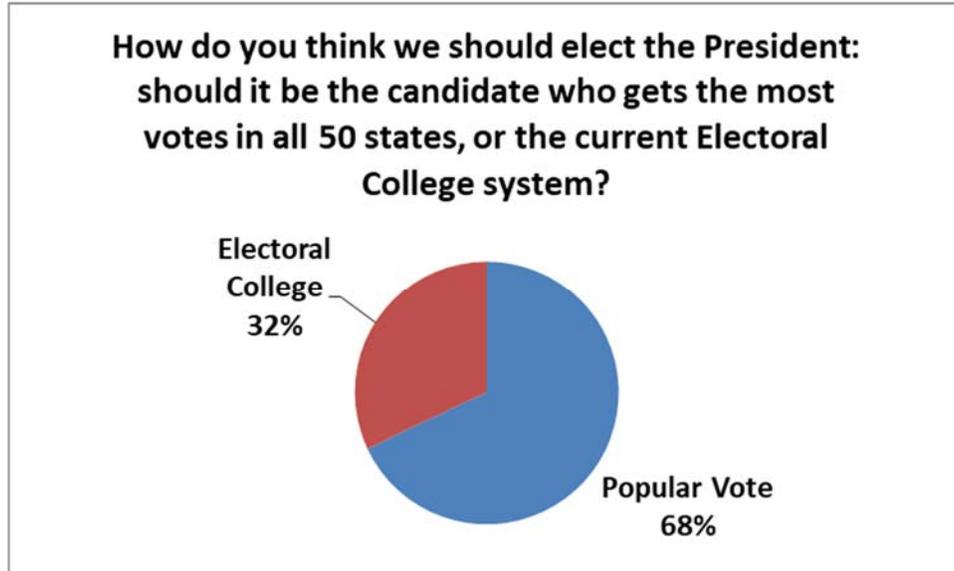
## Analysis



- Females were more likely to want shareholders to vote (69% to 32%) compared with men who supported shareholder voting 58% to 42%.
- Voters with no knowledge of the Electoral College were significantly different than voters with any knowledge in regards to who they thought should hire the CEO as 37% with no knowledge said shareholders should vote compared to all other voters who had knowledge where 66% said shareholders should vote.
- There was not statistical difference between Trump and Clinton voters is this question.
- Hispanics were significantly different than other ethnic groups with 47% saying shareholders should vote.



- Voters in the central region of the state had the greatest exposure to the Electoral College with 82% reporting some to a lot and 3% reporting none.
- Voters in the northern region had the least exposure with 67% reporting some to a lot and 13% reporting nothing.
- The southern region reported 75% had been exposed to a lot or some while 4% reported nothing.



- Women favored the popular vote 73% to 27% while men were 10 points lower with 63% to 37%.
- The more people voted the more they favored the electoral college

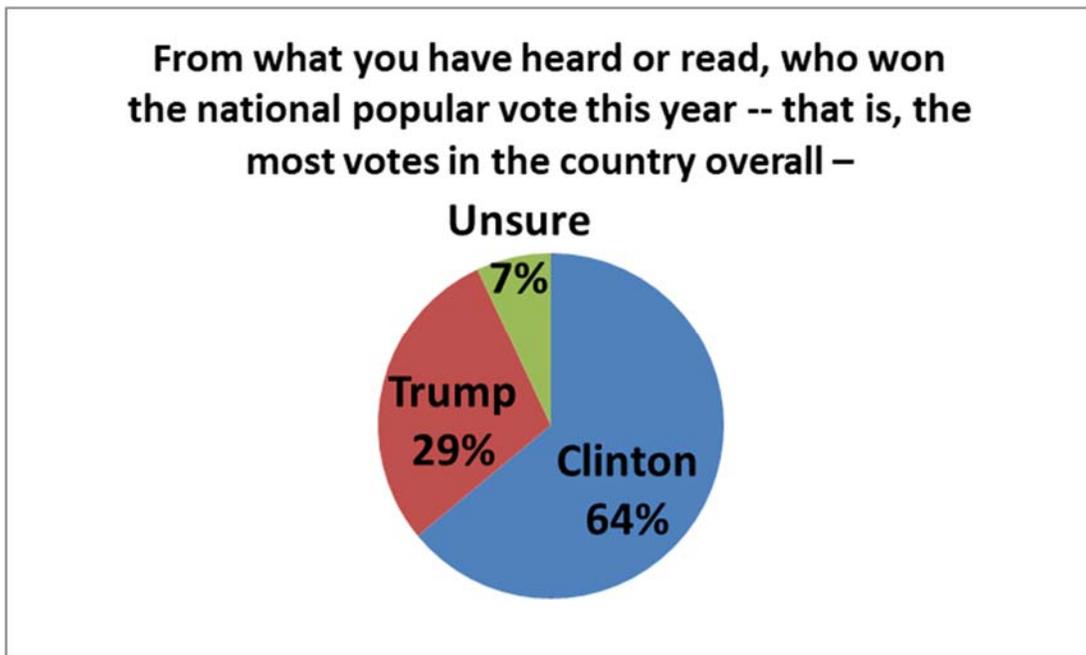
	Popular Vote	Electoral Vote
Every Election	63.1%	36.9%
Most Election	74.4%	25.6%
Just Major Elections	76.5%	23.5%
Only Occasionally	85.2%	14.8%

- Democrats favor the popular vote 89% to 11%
  - Independents favor the popular vote 70% to 30%
  - Republicans favor the electoral college 54% to 46%
- The more voters know about the Electoral College the more inclined they are to like it.

	Popular Vote	Electoral College
A lot	57.3%	42.7%
Some	71.6%	28.4%

Not Much	77.0%	23.0%
Nothing	82.3%	17.7%

- Voters who supported Trump in 2016 favor the Electoral College 53% to 47% while those who voted Clinton support the popular vote 90% to 10%.
- The northern region had the greatest support for the Electoral College +48 (74% to 26%)
- The central region had a +26 (63% to 37%)
- The southern region had a +36 (68% to 32%)



- Voters who said they vote at a higher rate were better able to identify Clinton as the winner of the popular vote.

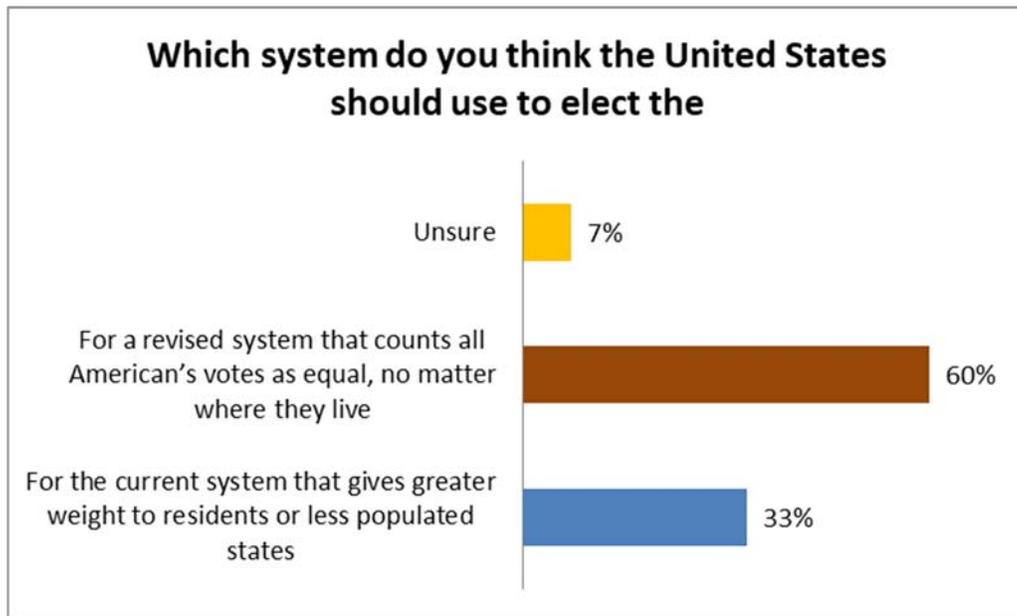
	Clinton	Trump
Every Election	66.9%	27.6%
Most Election	62.7%	28.5%
Just Major Elections	58.6%	30.6%
Only Occasionally	52.2%	37.1%

- 80% of Democrats said Clinton
- 69% of Independents said Clinton
- 45% of Republicans said Clinton, 47% said Trump

- Young voters were more likely to think Trump won.

	Clinton	Trump
18-34	56.6%	38.8%
35-54	66.9%	28.1%
55-74	68.9%	23.3%
75+	62.5%	22.0%

- The southern region was the most accurate with 71% saying Clinton won the popular vote
- The central region had 65% saying Clinton won
- The northern region was the least accurate with 57% reporting Clinton won



- Females were more supportive of the revised system with 65% support (27% wanted to keep current system). Men had 54% supports for a revised system and 41% said to keep it as is.
- Party affiliation was a significant factor in support of the revised system with Democrats and Independents supporting the revised system while Republican supported the current system.

	Current System	Revised System
Democrat	17.3%	77.3%
Republican	51.4%	38.9%
Independent/Other	30.4%	62.9%

- Voters who said they see or read a lot about the Electoral College were more supportive of the current system

	Current System	Revised System
A lot	48.6%	46.8%
Some	27.3%	66.1%
Not Much	20.3%	66.9%
Nothing	19.5%	71.0%

- 2016 Trump voters support the current system 50% to 41%
- 2016 Clinton voters support the revised system 79% to 15%

