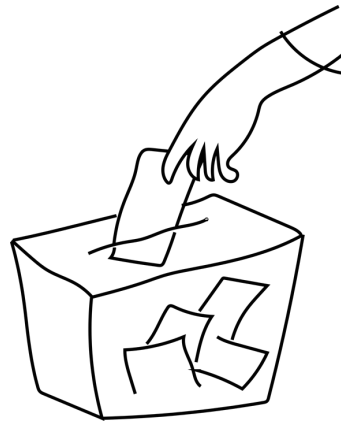


2.1.1 The Electoral College

Every four years on the first Tuesday in November, there is not ONE presidential election in the United States but 51.

Every state plus Washington D.C. holds one.



- The winning candidate is the one that wins
- A. The most states
 - B. The most popular vote
 - C. The most electoral votes
 - D. The majority of the electoral votes

Plurality means the most votes
Majority means over 50% of the votes

You need a **MAJORITY** and with 538 (total number of electoral votes) that means you need just over half or 270

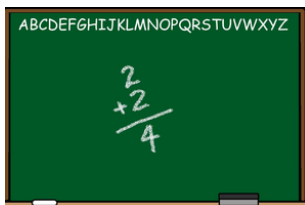
Each state has a number of electoral votes. Most states, except Maine and Nebraska, the candidate that wins the popular vote wins all of the state's electoral votes.

This is known as **Winner Take All**.

Which states doesn't use Winner Take All for a candidate to gain their electoral votes?



Electoral College Math



A State's Electoral Votes= Number of a State's Representatives in the

_____ + TWO for the _____ each state has.

Several states including Washington D.C. have the fewest amount you can have THREE.
Why is three the smallest amount?



New Jersey has 12 members of the House of Representatives. How many electoral votes does it have?

Florida has 29 electoral votes. How many members of the House or Representatives do they have?



Using the Interactive Map on 270towin.com, try to determine the least number of states you would need to win in order to gain 270 Electoral Votes. Shade in those states below.



In your own words, how does the Electoral College work?