

This is RJ Rupert with a Community Comment. I just turned 18 recently and the first thing I did was go out and register to vote. When it came time to choose the party which I would be voting for (the Democrats, the Republicans, the Green Party, the Libertarian party), I chose 'Independent.' George Washington said that Political parties were the wrong idea for America. He said political parties were self-centered and they were not focused on needs of the community. George Washington was 100% correct. If you look at American political parties today, they do nothing but bicker and fight with each other, calling each other the enemy with no focus on the needs of the people they supposedly represent. They are self-centered and are merely focused on their party and their needs instead of the needs of the people. They divide the country in two – look at the Electoral College: every four years, they vote for two parties, Republican or Democrat. That's one more choice than North Korea. Your vote for President means nothing; the Electoral College decides who's President. Back in the early days of America, the writers of the Constitution set up the Electoral College because most Americans were dumb. Most Americans did not have the education that we have today. They set up the Electoral College because most Americans were too busy farming and fighting bears to understand the complex issues and learn about the candidates. So when voting day came, Americans took to the polls to vote for a trusted member of their community who they deemed was smart enough to choose the president. This is irrelevant: Americans today are educated and literate, and have access to a whole variety of things to learn about politics, like radio, TV, newspapers, the Internet and social media. Americans today are smarter than ever – they are able to understand the complex issues that face our nation and are able to make an educated choice on who they want to be President. The fact that the electoral college exists today, I think, is very insulting and very irrelevant. Your vote when you vote for President, means nothing. It's merely symbolic of what the country wants as opposed to what the country actually gets. Like that election

where Al Gore won the popular vote, but George Bush ultimately became president. That is an example of why the Electoral College is irrelevant and is screwing America over. So I say, no two party system and no more Electoral College. This is RJ Rupert for Community Comment.