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American Government

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Why The Constitution’s Framers Didn’t Want The President Directly Elected By The People

Hw #12

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1. What are the three branches of government?
2. How does the author feel regarding the Electoral College System?
3. How does the author feel regarding all the possible systems that could be used?
4. Why does the author say his feeling with regards to the Electoral College System are not representative of how he feels regarding the framers themselves?
5. In what way does the author believe the Articles of Confederation failed?
6. What was a significant “blind spot” that the author says the framers had?
7. What does the author say regarding the executive branch under The Articles of Confederation?
8. What two questions did the framers face with regards to a chief executive officer?
9. Why didn’t the frames simply let Congress choose the President?
10. Why didn’t the framers let the governors of the states choose the President?
11. Why didn’t the framers provide for the people to directly choose the President?
12. What does the author say regarding references to “democracy” in The Constitution?
13. What evidence/examples does the author cite to illustrate that the framers saw democracy as a negative?
14. What centers of power did the framers create in our government what which is any were to be directly elected?
15. What was an additional issue 1787 in considering direct election of the President?
16. Given that citizens were more state oriented at the time The Constitution was written, why were the small states nervous about the possibility of directly electing the President?
17. How did the framers feel regarding potential political parties?
18. How did the framers envision the nation’s leadership?
19. What did Washington owe his national reputation to?
20. Who were the electors intended to be?
21. What power did the Constitution give the states over the electors?
22. Rather than a mandate from the people or popularity what quality were the framers looking for in a President?
23. What were the electors expected to do and what restriction was placed on their choices?
24. What did the framers actually expect would happen in choosing a leader after Washington?
25. How did this plan eventually play out?
26. What does the author say regarding the Electoral College System as practiced today?