



## South Dakota 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.

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|---|--|------------|
| <i>Candidate who gets the most votes in all 50 states .....</i> | <i>Current electoral college system.....</i> | <i>25%</i> |
| <i>75%</i>  |  |            |

**Q2** Do you think it more important that a state's electoral votes be cast for the presidential candidate who receives the most popular votes in that state, or is it more important to guarantee that the candidate who receives the most popular votes in all 50 states becomes president? If you think it is more important to guarantee that the candidate who receives the most popular votes in all 50 states becomes president, press 1. If you think it is more important that a state's electoral votes be cast for the presidential candidate who receives the most popular votes in that state, press 2.

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| <i>Candidate who receives the most popular votes in all 50 states becomes President.....</i>                | <i>67%</i> |
| <i>State's electoral votes are always cast for candidate who receives the most votes in that state.....</i> | <i>33%</i> |

**Q3** If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.  
*Women .....53% Men.....47%*

**Q4** If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If other, press 3.  
*Democrat.....42%*  
*Republican.....42%*  
*Other.....17%*

**Q5** If you are white, press 1. If other, press 2.  
*White .....90% Other.....10%*

**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.....11% 46-65.....38%*  
*30-45.....17% Older than 65.....35%*





**Crosstabs**

|  | Base | Gender |     |
|--|------|--------|-----|
|  |      | Women  | Men |
| <b>Change System</b>                               |      |        |     |
| Candidate who gets the most votes in all 50 states | 75%  | 83%    | 67% |
| Current electoral college system                   | 25%  | 17%    | 33% |

|   | Base | Gender |     |
|---|------|--------|-----|
|   |      | Women  | Men |
| <b>Preferred System</b>   |      |        |     |
| Candidate who receives the most popular votes in all 50 states becomes President                | 67%  | 76%    | 57% |
| State's electoral votes are always cast for candidate who receives the most votes in that state | 33%  | 24%    | 43% |

|  | Base | Party    |            |       |
|--|------|----------|------------|-------|
|  |      | Democrat | Republican | Other |
| <b>Change System</b>                               |      |          |            |       |
| Candidate who gets the most votes in all 50 states | 75%  | 84%      | 67%        | 75%   |
| Current electoral college system                   | 25%  | 16%      | 33%        | 25%   |

|   | Base | Party    |            |       |
|---|------|----------|------------|-------|
|   |      | Democrat | Republican | Other |
| <b>Preferred System</b>   |      |          |            |       |
| Candidate who receives the most popular votes in all 50 states becomes President                | 67%  | 78%      | 58%        | 65%   |
| State's electoral votes are always cast for candidate who receives the most votes in that state | 33%  | 22%      | 42%        | 35%   |





**Crosstabs**

|   | Base | Race  |       |
|---|------|-------|-------|
|   |      | White | Other |
| <b>Change System</b>                                      |      |       |       |
| <b>Candidate who gets the most votes in all 50 states</b> | 75%  | 75%   | 75%   |
| <b>Current electoral college system</b>                   | 25%  | 25%   | 25%   |

|  | Base | Race  |       |
|--|------|-------|-------|
|  |      | White | Other |
| <b>Preferred System</b>  |      |       |       |
| <b>Candidate who receives the most popular votes in all 50 states becomes President</b>                | 67%  | 68%   | 57%   |
| <b>State's electoral votes are always cast for candidate who receives the most votes in that state</b> | 33%  | 32%   | 43%   |

|   | Base | Age   |       |       |               |
|---|------|-------|-------|-------|---------------|
|   |      | 18-29 | 30-45 | 46-65 | Older than 65 |
| <b>Change System</b>                                      |      |       |       |       |               |
| <b>Candidate who gets the most votes in all 50 states</b> | 75%  | 73%   | 68%   | 79%   | 76%           |
| <b>Current electoral college system</b>                   | 25%  | 27%   | 33%   | 21%   | 24%           |

|  | Base | Age   |       |       |               |
|--|------|-------|-------|-------|---------------|
|  |      | 18-29 | 30-45 | 46-65 | Older than 65 |
| <b>Preferred System</b>  |      |       |       |       |               |
| <b>Candidate who receives the most popular votes in all 50 states becomes President</b>                | 67%  | 57%   | 55%   | 71%   | 73%           |
| <b>State's electoral votes are always cast for candidate who receives the most votes in that state</b> | 33%  | 43%   | 45%   | 29%   | 27%           |

