

Voting Reform Proposal : Voting "No!"

Hey Friends,

I've been working on this idea for a long time. After a couple of decades of deep thought I cannot find a flaw in this particular voting reform idea.

It might be time for this idea to get spread around. See what you think. I call it being able to vote "No."

The idea is that we reform the various Election systems so that each registered voter gets one vote and he gets to use it to say "yes" or "no" for whichever candidate.

Example:

Barak Obama...Yes or No ? Mitt Romney... Yes or No?

Draw a circle around the word yes or the word no for ONE of the candidates.

That's your vote.

You get ONE vote, (a yes-vote or a no-vote), and you only get to apply it to one candidate. NOT yes for this one *and* no for that one. Just yes or no for one of them.

I think this will give the "protest" voter, (those who vote for the 3rd and 4th party candidates to voice their displeasure with the choices,) a better way to express himself. The country would also see a much more honest indication of what the public really thinks and wants...about any candidate or referendum subject.

Many voters (like me,) dislike most candidates and most of the elections are usually about selecting the lesser evil. This reform would give us all a more accurate vote, one that shows exactly which candidate I dislike the most....not that I *like* one or the other.

Vote counting would no longer be a matter of just counting the votes for this one or that one. We would count all the yes-votes and then count all the no-votes. We then subtract the No figures from the Yes figures to find the real "winner." If it turned out that the no-votes out-numbered the yes-votes we could handle the matter this way...

A. In the event that no candidate obtained a positive yes-vote count we could take the candidate that got the closest to Zero-balance of votes, (same number of yes-votes as no-votes,) the opponent(s) all having deeper negative numbers.

B. Declare the election null & void and have another election in 90 days wherein none of the previous candidates could participate...they cannot run for that office again in that election cycle...they've already been effectively told "No!"

Somewhere in here is the idea that needs to be developed in the minds of the voting public so we can stop having to rely on the left-slanted press telling us what election

returns really mean. In over 40 years I've never heard an analysis that I agree with. I like option A. though I agree it could be scary...a communist candidate (or some other idiot) could win this way. I think of that as unlikely but the possibility cannot be ignored. Hopefully this fact would make folks a little more thoughtful about voting.

Give this idea for election reform some thought. Heck! Give it a lot of thought. Talk it over with people who's thinking you respect. Please do NOT just give it 10-seconds of thought and decide you don't like it because it seems strange or different. Think it through. Think on it a lot...for weeks or months before deciding what you think about it. Before you cast this idea aside be sure you are able to say what is wrong with the idea, (other than you just don't like it.) I've thought about it for decades and I can't find any holes in the reasoning. I can't find one flaw in it. See if you can. I'm just beginning to share the idea. I doubt if I'm the only one who thinks this way.

At the very least we'll know a whole lot more about what the voting public really thought about the candidates in any election. It might be an eye-opening revelation for our elected officials.

I am not naive enough to think this would become policy as written but I do think this kind of voting reform would give us a better idea of what the voting public really thinks. It seems that the current system is NOT telling us much. We might be stunned by how many non-voters would come out and vote if they knew they could vote "No" and have it mean No!

Send this to your local elected officials, whoever, wherever or whatever they may be. Get them all thinking about it. Send it to them again every couple of months until it starts getting talked about on TV, Radio and in News Papers. At that point you'll know you have the attention of the establishment. Whenever you get the chance let them know you want to be able to vote No!

Real change can only come from...the bottom, from *us*, the grass roots of the political system.

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