

Table 1
Evaluating Presidential Electoral Systems on Nine Criteria

	Electoral College	Popular Plurality	Bonus Plan	Popular Majority	Instant Runoff	The District Plan	Proportional Allocation
Simplicity	<i>Complex</i>	Most Simple	<i>Enhances Complexity</i>	Relatively Simple	<i>Foreign And Complex</i>	<i>More Complex</i>	<i>More Complex</i>
Equality	<i>Unequal Vote Value</i>	Equal	Reduces Inequalities	Equal	Equal	<i>Maintains Inequalities</i>	<i>Maintains Inequalities</i>
Neutrality	<i>Biases toward Swing States and Major Parties</i>	Reduces But Does Not End Bias Toward Major Parties	Reduces Bias Toward Swing States	Reduces Bias Toward Major Parties	<i>Possible Bias Toward Well-educated</i>	<i>Republican Bias</i>	Neutral
Participation	<i>May Discourage Some Voters</i>	May Slightly Increase Turnout	May Slightly Increase Turnout	<i>Possible Voter Fatigue In Run-off</i>	Should Increase Turnout	May Increase Turnout	Should Increase Turnout
Sincerity	<i>Discourages Sincerity</i>	Reduces But Does Not Eliminate Insincerity	<i>Discourages Sincerity</i>	Lessens Insincerity	Encourages Sincerity	<i>Discourages Sincerity</i>	Encourages Sincerity
Legitimacy	Historically Conferred	<i>Could Be Threatened By Low Threshold For Victory</i>	<i>Could Be Threatened By Fraud And Recounts</i>	Enhanced By Majoritarianism	Enhanced By Majoritarianism	Could Reduce Threats From Fraud And Recounts	<i>Could Be Threatened If House Contingency Procedure Required</i>
Governance	Relatively Easy	Relatively Easy	Relatively Easy	<i>May Complicate</i>	<i>May Complicate</i>	May Facilitate	<i>Probably Would Complicate</i>
Inclusiveness	A Historical Virtue, but <i>Contemporary Problems Alleged</i>	<i>Mixed, with Danger of Extremism</i>	<i>Reduced Danger of Extremism</i>	Unclear	Should Encourage	Should Encourage	<i>Should Discourage</i>
Feasibility	Status Quo	<i>Unlikely</i>	<i>Unlikely</i>	<i>Unlikely</i>	<i>Unlikely</i>	Possible In Some States	<i>Possible, But Unlikely in Most States</i>