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[Hillary Clinton](#) is not the first candidate who won the popular vote but lost the election. As recently as the year 2000, Al Gore won the popularity contest but lost the presidency to George W. Bush. More than 100 years ago, Grover Cleveland won the popular vote but lost the election to Benjamin Harrison.

The Founding Fathers who gave us the Electoral College system to choose a president believed that the states should decide the winner — not the [popular vote](#). Clinton supporters will seek ways to circumvent this system. Their effort should be blocked. A hard look at the figures given above may be all that's needed to protect the system that has served the nation so well since 1789.

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