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1) Why we need the electoral college system. (A thread)

Using the popular vote and not the electoral college count would have made Hillary Clinton president last time and Joe Biden president this time, in a landslide, which is what we anti-Trump citizens wanted.

2) But what about "next time"? Trump is an incompetent bozo who killed 130,000 Americans, crashed the economy, embarrassed the nation and he's still very popular.

What if the next Trump is just as evil, but actually competent? The next Trump could win the popular vote, too.

3) Direct democracies ALWAYS commit suicide because the public always falls under the spell of a demagogue at some point, and they vote themselves into catastrophe.

Athenian Democracy lasted only 140 years -- far less than the US so far.

4) The Spartan system lasted 600 years, because it was more like our system -- the popular vote was merely the opinion of the people, and a wise few made their own choice -- usually with the popular vote, but not always.

5) In our system, the voters don't choose the president. Everyone thinks they do, but they do not. The president is selected by Electoral College electors on December 14.

The election we just had was the American public giving the EC our opinion.

6) What should have happened in 2016, is that the EC electors should have chosen Hillary Clinton, simply because Donald Trump is obviously a deranged, narcissistic criminal -- precisely the kind of man the Electoral College system was created to protect us from.

7) Our failure is that, for some reason, we accept and use the part of the Electoral College system where winning the electoral college (not the popular vote) wins the election. But we reject and fail to use the part of the EC system where electors choose the president.

8) In other words, we ARE NOT USING THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE SYSTEM, and when an unfit candidate like Trump gets into office we blame the Electoral College even though by using it we would have not elected him.

9) In this election season, Trump is proving his total unfitness once again. No matter what the final vote count, the Electoral College electors should choose Biden, the candidate who is not a deranged and incompetent criminal and the man who got the most votes in history.

10) Scuttling the Electoral College and embracing the popular vote would have saved us this time and last time. But it won't save us next time.

The Founding Fathers gave us a brilliant system. Let's use it.