



NPV – NO WAY!

Help us protect Colorado's vote

WHY THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE?

“The mode of appointment of the Chief Magistrate of the United States is almost the only part of the system . . . which has escaped without severe censure. . . . I venture somewhat further, and hesitate not to affirm that if the manner of it be not perfect, it is at least excellent.” – Federalist No. 68

- The Electoral College is a hallmark of our system of checks and balances. The fact that an angry mob of partisans doesn't like this check is exactly the point.
- At its core, it's about federalism. By making each State a power center in and of itself, a check is established on politicians in Washington, D.C. This is the reason each state has equal power and an equal vote in the U.S. Senate, regardless of population.

“IS THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE DOOMED?”

By Tim Alberta

...the most viable campaign to change how Americans choose their leader is being waged at booze-soaked junkets in luxury hotels around the country and even abroad, as an obscure entity called the Institute for Research on Presidential Elections peddles a controversial idea: that state legislatures can put the popular-vote winner in the White House.

It was mid-February, inside a four-star resort in a third-world country, when I heard the pitch to transform American democracy. The institute flew 11 political journalists to Panama for an “educational seminar” on election reform. (My peers included reporters representing outlets ranging from Breitbart to *U.S. News & World Report*.) The trip presented a bargain: three days of sunshine, sightseeing, fine dining and free cocktails on the institute’s dime, in exchange for being educated by seminar coordinators in the pool, at the bar, overlooking the Panama Canal—and most aggressively, during the five-hour workshop in a windowless conference room—about the history and weaknesses of the Electoral College, and the potential of a radical alternative.

The radical alternative is the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact—call it the “Compact,” for short. The most concise [explanation](#): Rather than abolishing the Electoral College via constitutional amendment, state legislatures would change their laws to award their electoral votes to whoever wins the most votes nationwide, regardless of state-by-state results.

The roots of the Compact can be traced to a 2001 academic [paper](#) by Robert Bennett, a professor at Northwestern University Law School, who pointed out that states could, legally, pledge their electors to the winner of a national popular vote. Others built on this suggestion, most notably law professor brothers Akhil and Vikram Amar, who [suggested](#) achieving this “direct national election” via interstate compact. But the proposal grew real legs in 2006, when John Koza—a California Democrat who made his fortune by inventing the scratch-off lottery ticket—got behind it, co-writing a [book](#), *Every Vote Equal*, and [founding](#) the Institute for Research on Presidential Elections. This is the [“education”](#) arm, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit group; Koza also started a sister [organization](#), National Popular Vote, which is registered as a 501(c)(4) to lobby legislators.

WHO IS PUSHING THE NPV?

- According to a *Politico* article, “the proposal grew real legs in 2006, when John Koza—a California Democrat who made his fortune by inventing the scratch-off lottery ticket—got behind it.”
- The Colorado Legislature has considered the NPV three times since 2006, but it never mustered enough bipartisan support to pass.
- In 2019, among the first bills passed by the all-Democratic legislature, NPV quickly made it through both chambers and the governor’s office.
- The bill received bipartisan opposition, with many rural Democrats joining Republicans to oppose.



John Koza and U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.
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WHY IS NPV A BAD IDEA?



THE NPV COMPACT IS A POWER GRAB BY OUT OF STATE, BIG CITY ELITES.



THE SCHEME DISENFRANCHISES COLORADANS BY FOCUSING ALL ATTENTION ON THE MAJOR URBAN CENTERS ALONG THE COASTS.



A MAJORITY OF COLORADO'S VOTERS COULD BE DISENFRANCHISED IF THEY WENT AGAINST THE NATION'S POPULAR VOTE WINNER, HANDING OUR NINE ELECTORAL VOTES TO THE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE WHO LOST COLORADO.



THE COLORADO LEGISLATURE JOINED THE NPV COMPACT WITH A SIMPLE MAJORITY VOTE AMID BIPARTISAN OPPOSITION. VOTERS DESERVE A VOICE IN A DECISION THIS IMPORTANT.

WHO ARE WE?

Many Republicans, Independents
and Democrats alike.

Proponents:

Don Wilson
Monument Mayor

Rose Pugliese
Mesa County Commissioner

Co-Chairs:

Wil Armstrong
Heidi Ganahl
Jack Graham
Earl L. Wright



THE STAKES

If we win...

- We protect Colorado's voice in selecting the president.
- We very likely kill the effort nationally.

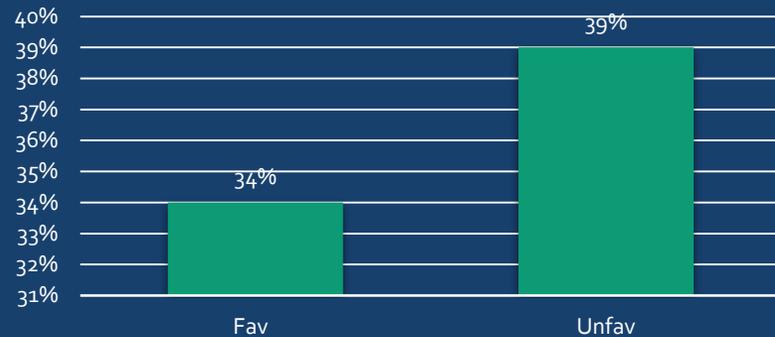


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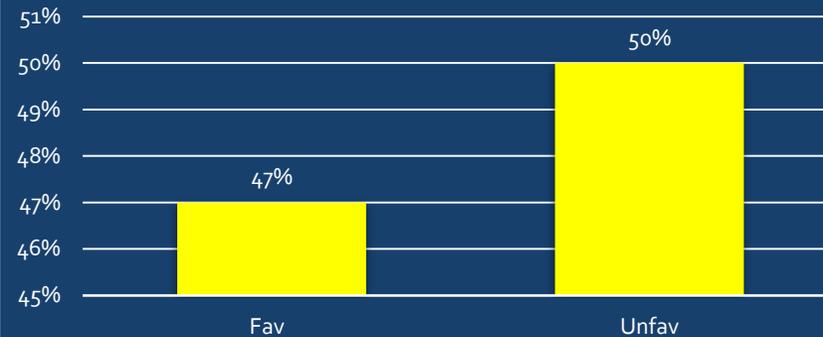
COLORADANS OPPOSE JOINING NPV

Lack of early support + bad policy = No Way on NPV!

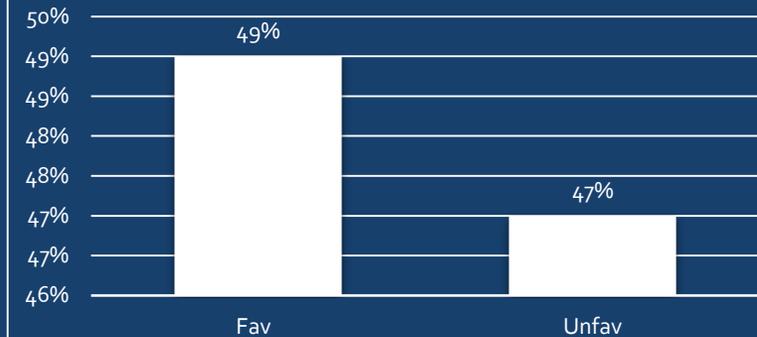
Favorable or unfavorable opinion of NPV?



Would you approve or reject the NPV law?



Favorable or unfavorable opinion of the Electoral College?



HOW IS THE EFFORT TO REPEAL NPV DIFFERENT THAN A TRADITIONAL BALLOT INITIATIVE?

- Colorado law expressly allows voters to challenge legislation passed at the capitol.
- Coloradans can collect enough signatures to halt implementation of the law until the next election when voters can decide the fate of the law.

Are you ready to make history with us?

Colorado's Secretary of State confirmed if organizers are successful this would be the first time since 1932 voters repealed a law passed by the General Assembly.

"The last time a referendum petition was turned in and went to the vote was in 1932," Hillary Rudy, an elections director, said.

SO HOW DO WE STOP THE NPV?

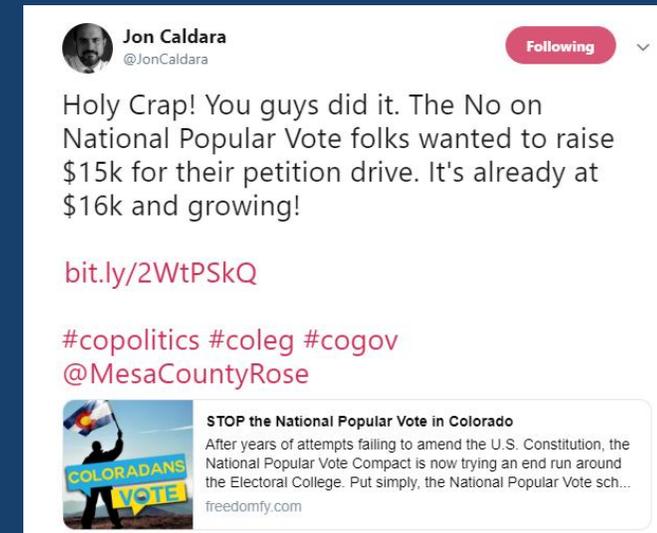
- We need 125,000 valid signatures from registered voters to halt the law before voters get the chance to speak in November 2020.
- The level of intensity and passion surrounding this issue is incredible.
- Signatures are due Aug. 1, 2019.



The screenshot shows the Colorado Public Radio News website. At the top is the logo for Colorado Public Radio with the word "News" in an orange box. Below the logo is a navigation bar with tabs for "CPR", "CPR News", "CPR Classical", and "CPR's OpenAir". Underneath is a secondary navigation bar with links for "Listen", "Schedule", "Colorado Matters", "Podcasts", "Topics", "About", and "Connect". The main headline reads "Colorado National Popular Vote Repeal Effort Gets 'Thousands' Of Signatures". Below the headline is the byline "BY NATALIA V. NAVARRO | NATALIA.NAVARRO@CPR.ORG" and the date "MAR 25, 2019". A "SHARE THIS:" section includes buttons for Facebook (260), Twitter, Reddit, Email, and Print. At the bottom of the page is a photograph of a woman with short grey hair, wearing a blue and white t-shirt with a red and yellow "C" logo, standing at a blue ballot box. She is holding a yellow envelope with "SECRET" printed on it. A "CLOSE PLAYER" button is visible in the bottom right corner of the image.

CAN WE WIN? YES. WE WILL.

- An unprecedented grassroots campaign is forming:
 - 1,500 volunteer sign-ups
 - 3,500+ petition packets being circulated
 - 100 packets/day being shipped out
 - Volunteers in 54 of 64 counties
 - 460 donors averaging less than \$50
 - Nearly 50 signing events
- Online fundraising drive beat its goal on the first day! (now at \$22,000)



JOIN US TO PROTECT COLORADO'S VOTE!



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