

**GOV 1101-American Government**  
**Section OL36 • Fall 2020**

**Response Paper: “The Pros and Cons of the Electoral College”**

For your first response paper of this semester I want you to read the article “The Pros and Cons of the Electoral College” and complete the following instructions.

Please be aware that the way the pages of the article are ordered is a bit odd. Follow the order of the pages as indicated on the bottom of each page. For example, the bottom of page 18 states that the first statement from Steve Cohen continues on page 21, not 19.

Please disregard the paragraph that begins on the bottom of page 27 (The Position Statement by Matthew Spalding). You do not need to read this.

**Position Statement #1: Steve Cohen.**

1. In 2-3 sentences summarize who Steve Cohen is.
2. In 1-2 paragraphs explain why Steve Cohen believes that the Electoral College should be eliminated.

**Position Statement #2: Jason Pye.**

1. In 2-3 sentences summarize who Jason Pye is.
2. In 1-2 paragraphs explain why Jason Pye supports maintaining the Electoral College.

**Position Statement #3: Adam Eichen.**

1. In 2-3 sentences summarize who Adam Eichen is.
2. In 1-2 paragraphs explain why Adam Eichen believes that the Electoral College should be eliminated.

**Position Statement #4: James Wallner.**

1. In 2-3 sentences summarize who James Wallner is.
2. What does James Wallner think about the idea of eliminating the Electoral College. What points does he make to support his opinion?

**Position Statement #5: Darrel M. West.**

1. In 2-3 sentences summarize who Darrel M. West is.
2. Why does Darrel M. West want to eliminate the Electoral College? How does he think it should be done?

**Position Statement #6: Your opinion.**

1. In 1-2 paragraphs explain what you think of the Electoral College. Do you think it should be eliminated, kept the way it is, or should it be kept but changed in some way. Explain why you feel this way.

**Due date and submission instructions.**

This response paper is due at 11:59pm on Wednesday, October 28. You should submit it via Blackboard.