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A Critique on The Electoral College

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Many people wonder: do high school students actually care for the election? Do they even understand the electoral process? Typically these questions arise in an election year. Within Westhill, students are required to pass Civics 1 before graduating. Just how many of these students understand our country's electoral process? In the United States, votes are counted and then sent to the electoral colleges. From this, each elector casts a vote from the popular vote. This is a process unique to our government.

"The states with lower population [*sic*] votes should count as equally as larger populated states." Nataliya Pastushenko ('26) said.

The effectiveness of the electoral college system is highly debated. Many agree that it is one with significant flaws, as well as many concerns. Even if one doesn't care about the election, it is hard to avoid making opinions about the electoral college process.

Nataliya's point is reiterated throughout all of Connecticut. This is because Connecticut is a state with a smaller population. Therefore, it has a smaller number of electoral votes. Votes will not truly be equal throughout the country because of this system.

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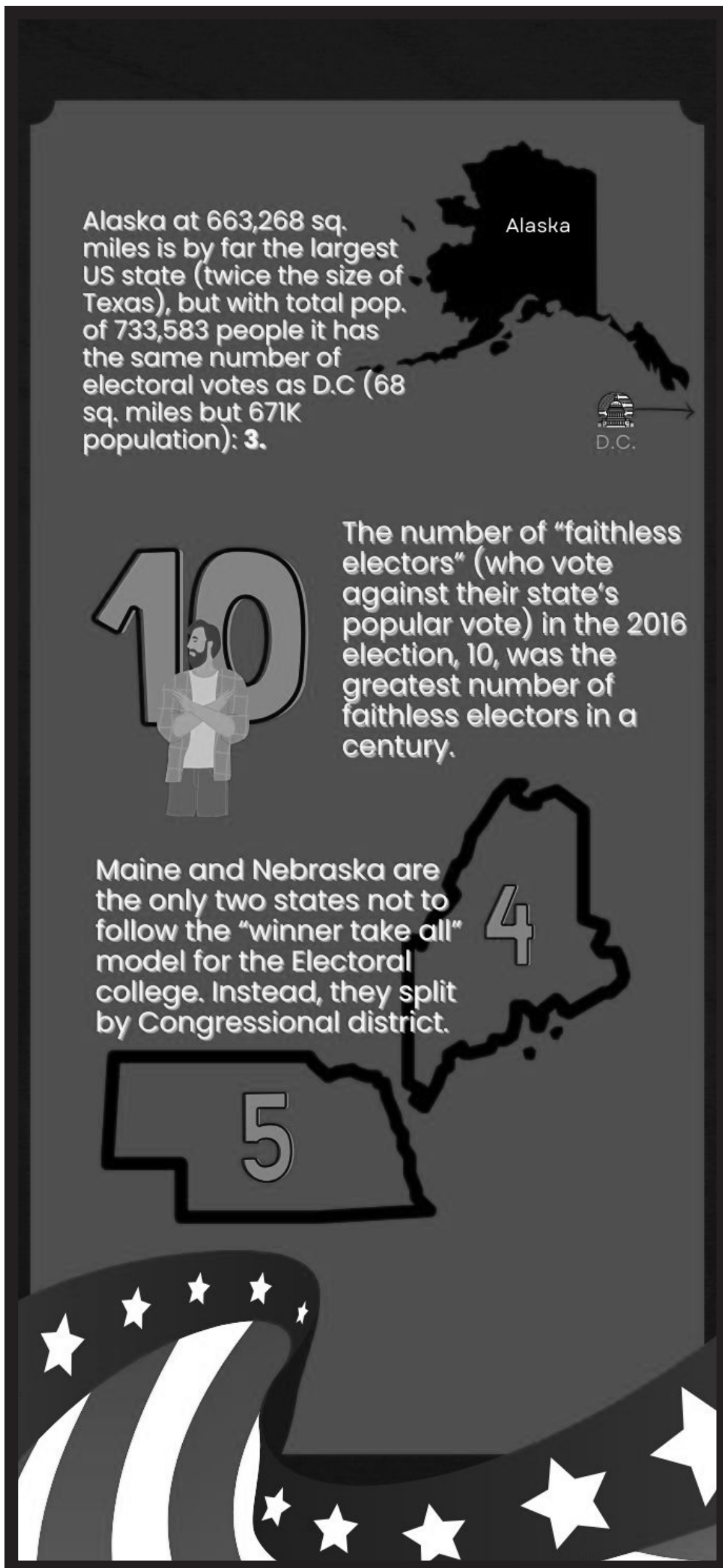
en the previous point, Nico Ortiz ('25) said, "I am not a fan of this system, as voters in smaller states have less power than people in swing states." His point brings attention, once again, to the issue of whether or not this truly is a fair and just system.

Along with the electoral college debate, another large issue within American politics is our two-party system. With the United States' overall population increasing, many people's votes go unheard due to this. There are Democrats and Republicans, but there are also other parties that, in the big picture, go unnoticed. These two main parties are focused on, but candidates from third parties are hardly even heard of.

There's many kinds of people within the United States, each with distinct and conflicting views. Therefore, it is hard to come to a definite conclusion about the care that Americans place on the election, since the results can be more impactful for some but not for others.

However, I believe the electoral process is severely flawed. Politics can be corrupt because of this voting system and the two-party process.

If the method of electing proper representatives for the country fails, then the country will fall behind it!



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