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I oppose HB 3077, the National Popular Vote pact, and also am in opposition to the National Popular Vote in it's entirety.

The popular line of the supporters of the National Popular Vote is that the NPV will make Oregon more relevant in presidential elections. I strongly disagree with this statement.

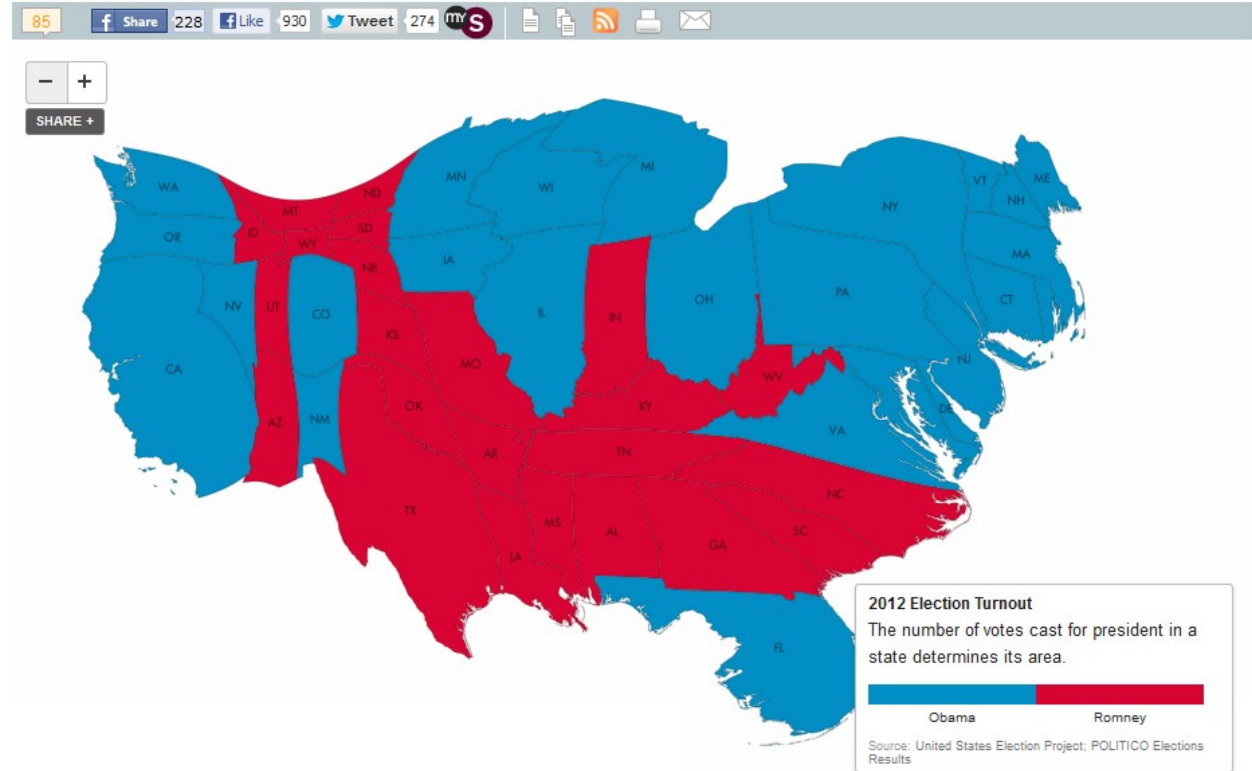
Oregon voters contributed 1.4% of the total votes in the 2012 Presidential election. As you can see from the map below, based on number of votes per state, Oregon is quite insignificant compared to other states. Why would a presidential candidate spend ANY time in a state with 1.4% of the total vote, when they can spend their time in states like California, Illinois, Ohio, and Pennsylvania? OR even more importantly, in population dense areas like Los Angeles, New York City, and Chicago?

NPV makes any non-metropolis high density area irrelevant, and makes most elections decided by those three areas above.

# If States Were as Big as Their Vote Counts

A cartogram of votes cast, state by state.

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Additionally – can you see how Oregonians would react if this traditionally blue leaning state were to hand over all it's electoral votes to a Republican candidate, as would have happened in the contentious 2000 Presidential election?

[Please also take 4 minutes to watch this video](#) – it explains why many legislators – especially Republicans who have initially backed this movement are changing their minds.

I urge you to Hvote NO on the National Popular Vote, HB 3077.

Respectfully submitted,

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