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The Electoral College ensures that the President of the United States has both sufficient popular support and sufficiently distributed throughout the country as opposed to the control by large cities and states.

Are the largest states and/or cities supporting a popular election?  
If so they are interested in eliminating the value of Senator representing each state equally, allowing for a large central government at the detriment of the states. It takes 3 voters from New York to equal one for Oregon allowing Oregon to address local issues and protect minorities.

The Electoral College *maintains a federal system of government and representation*. In a formal federal structure, important political powers are reserved to the component States.

To abolish the Electoral College in favor of a nationwide popular election for president would strike at the federal structure laid out in our Constitution and would lead to the nationalization of our central government - to the detriment of the States. A large central government would have the power to create large social programs changing the very nature of our republic at the expense of local minorities.

As an old history teacher, I find it interesting that all the opponents we faced since the formation of our country have had large central governments. Recently in WWI and WWII they were governed by large central governments lead by royalty and dictators.

My Grandfather, fought in WWI, Father and uncle, WWII , My two brothers and myself are veterans, my son Bosnia, gulf and Iraq. Ask yourself, did we serve because of a large national government or a federal government?

Respectfully,  
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