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 **TODAY'S "QUICK HIT":**  
**REPUBLIC; ELECTORAL**  
**COLLEGE FAILURE;**  
**HILLARY; OUTRAGE .....**  
**GET YOUR FACTS**  
**STRAIGHT!**

By Stephen L. Bakke  May 5, 2017



*Here's what provoked me:*

*Disappointed voters continue to bemoan the role of the Electoral College in selecting a President. And as long as they keep complaining, I will continue to politely respond.*

*Here's my response:*

**Republic; Electoral College Failure; Hillary; Outrage ..... Get Your Facts Straight!**

A May 5<sup>th</sup> letter writer took issue with Hillary Clinton blaming the FBI chief and the Russians for her election defeat. He also rejected the argument that Hillary herself should be blamed. He wrote, ".....they are all wrong.....In any other modern republic she would be president [because she had more popular votes]."

The writer blames "an undemocratic 18<sup>th</sup> century process.....the abject failure of our governmental system.....the lack of popular outrage." I remind the writer:

- We are a representative republic, not a pure democracy.
- The Electoral College process was set up to prevent the type of thing he is wishing for.
- The process prevented one or two states from electing the President.
- Excluding the California results, Trump won the popular vote.
- Excluding New York and California results, Trump's popular victory was impressive.
- Trump won approximately 2600 counties, compared to about 500 for Hillary.
- Democrats dominated high population centers, and not much else.
- One goal of the electoral process is to prevent domination by population centers.
- In a popular election, campaign strategies would have been much different, with potentially a much different outcome.

The writer may not agree with the process, but at least should start with actual facts before deciding.