## Assignment # 1: Presidential Elections in US.

## US-Presidential System:

In contrast to many the Presidential elections held in many republies around the world. loperating under either the presidential system or the semi-presidential system), which use direct elections from the national popular vote (one person one vote) of their entire countries to elect their Presidents, the United States uses indirect elections (through Electoral college) in order to elect the President or vice President.

Electoral College: The electoral collège and its procedure are established in the US constitution by Article 11, Section 1, Clause 2 and 4 and the Twelfth Amendment (which replaced Clause 3 Obter its ratification in 1804). Under Clause 2, each state costs as many electoral votes as the total number ob its Senators and Representatives in Congress, While per the Twenty third Amendment (ratified in 1961) Mashington, D.C. easts the same number of electoral votes as the least-represented

state which is three Also under
Clause 2, the manner bor choosing
electors is determined by each state
legislature previously selected their
electors directly, but over-time all
switched to using a popular vote to
choose electors. Once chosen, electors
generally cast their electoral votes
bor the candidate who won the plurality
in their state, but 18 states do not have
Provisions that specifically address this
behaviour; those who vote in opposition
to plurality are known as "baithless"
or "unpledged" electors.

## Mhen does Presidential Elections occur?

Presidential elections occur Gruadrenially in years evenly divisible by 4, regardless of whether or not said year is a leap year, with registered voters casting their ballots on Election Day, which since 1845 has been the birst Tuesday after November 1. The Electoral College electors then formally cast their electoral votes on Dirst Monday after December 12 at their state's capital. Longress then certifies the results in early January and the presidential term begins on Inauguration Day, which since the passage of the Twentieth Amendment

set at January 20. has majority is DIN much number needed? condidate who recieves con absolute of electoral votes (at highlights amportant majority out of soor the twenty points, Amendment Try preparing granted voting rights to citizentaspects of is then elected to that of no candidate recieves an absotry tattemptingity) majority of votes for president if no one recieves an absolute majority for vice president, then the Senate elects the vice President. \* the House of Representatives elect the president.