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# IS AMERICA READY FOR THE POPULAR ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT?

## A Debate on the National Popular Vote Movement

### PROFESSOR JAMIN RASKIN

As a Maryland State Senator, Professor Raskin sponsored the first successful National Popular Vote bill. He is the author of several articles advocating nationwide passage of the National Popular Vote.

### DR. JOHN KOZA

Dr. Koza is a professor at Stanford University and a co-founder of National Popular Vote, an organization founded to study, analyze, and educate the public regarding the National Popular Vote.

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### JOHN SAMPLES

Mr. Samples is the Director of the CATO Institute's Center for Representative Government and a vocal opponent of the National Public Vote initiative.

### DR. ALEX BELENKY

Dr. Belenky, a professor at MIT, is a leading academic critic of the National Popular Vote and is the creator of a competing proposal for electoral reform.

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*Maryland, New Jersey, Illinois, Hawaii, and Washington have adopted the National Popular Vote Interstate compact by which states will cast their Electoral College votes in presidential elections for the winner of the national popular vote. Is this the "next logical step" in the unfolding of political democracy in America, as advocates claim? Is it the undoing of a careful compromise by the Framers that has served America remarkably well, as opponents argue? Four leading experts will debate the issue and invite audience questions and discussion.*

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