

Democracy 9 How Democratic is the American Constitution?

Please read “[The Senate is a much bigger problem than the Electoral College](#),” by Jonathan Ladd. After reading the article, answer the questions below.

1. How did the Electoral College come about? Did the framers of the Constitution design it carefully with some specific aims in mind?
2. Why does the United States Congress have a Senate?
3. Why *specifically* is the Electoral College democratically problematic?
4. Why *specifically* is the Senate democratically problematic?
5. According to Ladd, why is the Senate more of a problem for democracy than the Electoral College?
6. What steps would be required to reform the Electoral College?
7. What steps would be required to reform the Senate? Why *specifically* would reforming the Senate be difficult?
8. Are the obstacles to reform in these cases a reason not to pursue it? Why or why not?