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IF I WAS PRESIDENT...

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As president, the thing I would like to prioritize and make my first change about is getting rid of the electoral vote. I believe that no state, no matter the size, should be worth so much to something that is very important to our country. This system doesn't click with me, I find similarities within the Virginia plan, and electoral voting. Around 53% of people in the 1700's liked Virginia's plan, mostly because they were the bigger states. From the website, **Pew Research Center** they said, "Nearly two-thirds of U.S. adults (65%) say the way the president is elected should be changed so that the winner of the popular vote nationwide wins the presidency." This implies that the popular vote will be the one that counts. Age wise it's showing that typically older adults like electoral voting, yet younger ones want it to be based on the amount of popular votes you get. If the president made a bill for this rule, and got it through all the branches of the government; elections would go so much better.

The second change I think should be made is, investing more money on school safety. Schools need to have an officer designated to a school, and at least 4 per district. The Ukraine and Russia situation has been going on for 10 years. I'm aware that the war started in 2022, but they've been arguing over land since 2014. The US has spent over 100 billion dollars on this war, yet Ukraine has almost 50 countries helping as well. My thought was what would have happened if at least half of that money was spent on supporting, and making kids feel safe going to school. California has had the most school shootings, or lockdowns. However at the same time a lot of their taxes go towards public safety and education. In addition Idaho and Florida's taxes mostly go to licensing fees, Wisconsin's goes to helping families with lower income afford basic necessities also known as welfare. New York's tax money is used for paying anyone that works for the government such as teachers, police, and park rangers. I feel that most taxes should start going towards more school safety. Certain state taxes go towards different things, and different states have higher or lower populations so

some pay more taxes. I feel like we should be targeting schools more and really making sure your district is safe for parents to trust that their kid can learn. Specifically in a safe space, and being exposed to other kids and building social skills.

My last change would be having term limits for more than just the presidential seat. I don't think that just the president can have a limit to how many years they give. Some of our representatives have been serving for more than 60 years. John Dingell has served in congress for 59 years, he started in 1956 and that is quite some time. I feel that as times have changed, maybe some older representatives haven't caught up, and might not make decisions according to how the rules stand now. A lot of our representatives have been really good, and we like to have them; the same thing happens with presidents though and we can't keep them. Other people that have served in congress might not be liked as much but they get to stay and don't have to leave. The constitution says that if two thirds of members in congress don't agree with someone's behavior, they can be fined or expelled. Yet the senate has only expelled 15 other representatives. If we gave them a limit by making it a new law I feel like it would be implied.

In my opinion these are things I would really like to have happen, with or without me in the presidential seat. They probably won't happen; and you can't make everyone agree on the same thing, but I think the country would really benefit from these changes.