

Trump opponents try to beat him at the Electoral College

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BOISE, Idaho — Grassroots campaigns have sprung up around the country to try to persuade members of the Electoral College to do something that has never been done in American history — deny the presidency to the clear Election Day winner.

Activists are circulating online petitions and using social media in hopes of influencing Republican electors to cast their ballots for someone other than President-elect Donald Trump and deprive him of the 270 Electoral College votes needed to become the next occupant of the White House.

“Yes, I think it’s a long-shot, but I also think we’re living in strange times,” said Daniel Brezenoff, who created a petition in favor of Hillary Clinton and is asking signers to lobby electors by email or phone. “If it was ever plausible, it’s this year.”

Trump has won 290 electoral votes to Clinton’s 232, with Michigan undecided, but Clinton is on pace to win the popular vote by at least 1 million ballots. Trump’s opponents are motivated by the outcome of the popular vote and by their contention that the businessman and reality TV star is unfit to serve as commander in chief.

One wavers

Just one elector so far has wavered publicly on supporting Trump.

Texas Republican Art Sisker says he has reservations about the president-elect, but not because of the national popular vote. He told The Associated Press he won’t vote for Clinton under any circumstance.

“As a Christian, I came to the conclusion that Mr. Trump is not biblically qualified for that office,” he said.

He said he has heard from ecstatic Clinton supporters and even supportive Republicans, but also from outraged Trump backers writing “threatening and vile things.”

Sisker signed a state party pledge to support the GOP’s standard-bearer, but that was before Trump was



Melinda Smyser, one of Idaho’s four presidential electors, poses for a portrait in Boise, Idaho. Grassroots campaigns around the country are trying to persuade members of the Electoral College to vote against Donald Trump and deny him the 270 votes he needs to assume the presidency. Smyser, one of Idaho’s four Republican electors, said they have been flooded with emails, telephone calls and Facebook messages from strangers urging them to reconsider their vote.



Oakland University senior Michael Banerian stands on campus in Rochester, Mich. Banerian, a Republican representative to the Electoral College has been receiving death threats.

the official nominee. He said one of his options is to resign, allowing the state party to choose another elector.

Electors are chosen by party officials and are typically the party’s most loyal members. Presidential electors are not required to vote for a particular candidate under the Constitution. Even so, the National Archives says more than 99 percent of electors have voted as pledged throughout the nation’s history.

Some state laws call for fines against “faithless electors,” while others open them to possible felony charges, although the National Archives says no elector has ever been prosecuted for failing to vote as pledged. In North Carolina, a faithless elector’s vote is canceled, and

he or she must immediately resign and be replaced.

Strangers reaching out

Layne Bangerter and Melinda Smyser, two of Idaho’s four Republican electors, said they have been flooded with emails, telephone calls and Facebook messages from strangers urging them to reconsider their vote.

“It’s just not going to work,” Bangerter said. “I hope it dies down, but I don’t see that happening.”

The volume and tone of the messages caught the attention of Idaho’s secretary of state, who urged the public to remain civil as electors prepare to cast their ballots on Dec. 19 while meeting in their states.

Republican Party officials in Georgia and Michigan said

their electors also have been bombarded with messages, and Iowa reported increased public interest in obtaining contact information for electors.

Michael Banerian, 22, one of Michigan’s 16 Republican electors, said he has received death threats from people who do not want him to vote for Trump. But he said he is undeterred.

“It’s mostly just a lot of angry people who don’t completely understand how the process works,” said Banerian, a political science major at Oakland University.

P. Bret Chiafalo, a Democratic elector in Washington state, said he and a small group of other electors from the party are working to contact their Republican counterparts and ask them to vote for any GOP candidate besides Trump, preferably Mitt Romney or John Kasich.

Under the Constitution, the House — currently under Republican control — decides the presidency if no candidate reaches the required electoral vote majority. House members choose from the top three contenders.

This isn’t the first time electors have faced pressure to undo the results of Election Day.

Carole Jean Jordan, a GOP elector from Florida in 2000, recalled the “unbelievably ugly” aftermath of the recount battle between George W. Bush and then-vice president Al Gore, a dispute that ended with the U.S. Supreme Court leaving Bush’s slim margin intact and handing him the presidency.

Jordan said Florida’s electors were inundated with nasty letters from people saying they should not vote for Bush. Police kept watch over her home until the electors convened in Tallahassee to cast their votes. They stayed at the same hotel, guarded by security officers who also escorted them to cast their ballots at the state Capitol.

Pot sales surge in Washington state

Associated Press

TACOMA, Wash. — Sales of marijuana products in Washington state have for the first time surpassed \$200 million in a quarter.

The News Tribune reports residents and visitors bought more marijuana than ever before in the second quarter of 2016, based on an analysis of purchase and tax records from two state agencies.

In the first quarter of 2016 — January, February and March — people spent \$54.8 million more on spirits than marijuana, which includes the cost of the products and its associated taxes. By the second quarter — April, May and June — that gap closed to nearly \$37 million. Those amounts include taxes levied by the state on those products. Spirits sales do not include wine and beer. Marijuana sales include all cannabis products, but not paraphernalia.

Marijuana sales in the second quarter of 2016 amounted to nearly \$212 million. Spirits sales in the same period amounted to almost \$249 million.

In July, the state closed medical marijuana shops, making all sales go through licensed recreational marijuana storefronts. Sales at retail pot shops shot up by \$66.6 million in the third quarter of the year, to \$278.6 million.

Third-quarter figures for spirits, including sales directly to customers and to bars and restaurants, won’t be released until early next year.

Washington voters legalized recreational marijuana in 2012. Earlier this month voters in California, Massachusetts and Nevada approved recreational pot. Colorado, Oregon and Alaska have also legalized recreational marijuana.

Oregon parks sell out of campsites for solar eclipse

Associated Press

BAKER CITY — People eager to see the total solar eclipse next summer have booked all of Oregon’s available campsites for the celestial event.

The Baker City Herald reports that the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department began accepting reservations for campsites at state parks within the path of totality — in which the moon will completely block the sun on Aug. 21, 2017 — and campers claimed every one of the 1,200 sites within an hour.

The path of totality is about 90 miles wide and

passes right through Baker County. Four state parks in all are in the path.

Parks Department spokesman Chris Havel says there had been some concerns that the department’s reservation system would crash, but that the system performed well with the high level of interest.

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WEDNESDAY EVENING												NOVEMBER 23	
A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
2	KATU	(2) KATU News at 6		Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving	Modern Family	Black-ish	20/20 Special Edition (N)	KATU News at 11	(35) Jimmy Kimmel		
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News		Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving	Modern Family	Black-ish	20/20 Special Edition (N)	KOMO 4 News	(35) Jimmy Kimmel		
5	KING	(5) NBC Nightly News	KING 5 News	KING 5 News	Evening	Thanksgiving Parade (N)	Saturday Night Live	"Thanksgiving" (N)		KING 5 News	(35) Tonight Show		
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 at 6	CBS Evening News	Extra	Ent. Tonight	Survivor Castaways compete for the goal of 'Sole Survivor.'	(N)	Code Black "Behind the Curtain" (N)		KOIN 6 News @ 11	(35) S. Colbert		
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News	CBS Evening News	The Insider	Ent. Tonight	Survivor Castaways compete for the goal of 'Sole Survivor.'	(N)	Code Black "Behind the Curtain" (N)		KIRO News	(35) S. Colbert		
8	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m.		Live at 7		Thanksgiving Parade (N)	Saturday Night Live	"Thanksgiving" (N)		KGW News at 10	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	Met Your Mother
9	KRCW	(9) Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Modern Family	Modern Family	The Hollywood Walk of Fame Honors (N)	Pearl Harbor	Into the Arizona (N)		Soundbreaking "I Am My Music" (N)	SpeakEasy		
10	KOPB	(10) (5:45) SplashBubble	Nightly Business	PBS NewsHour		Pearl Harbor (N)		Pearl Harbor: Into the Arizona (N)		Soundbreaking "I Am My Music" (N)	SpeakEasy		
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News		Family Feud	Family Feud	Lethal "There Goes the Neighborhood"	Empire "Light in Darkness"	Empire "Light in Darkness"		10 O'Clock News	11 O'Clock News	2 Broke Girls	
13	KPDZ	(13) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	FOX 12's 8 O'Clock News on PDX-TV	FOX 12's 9 O'Clock News on PDX-TV	FOX 12's 9 O'Clock News on PDX-TV		Family Guy	Family Guy	Amer. Dad 2/2	Cleveland Show
14	KCPQ	(14) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Lethal "There Goes the Neighborhood"	Empire "Light in Darkness"	Empire "Light in Darkness"		Q13 News at 10	Q13 News	The Simpsons	
20	TBS	(20) Seinfeld	Seinfeld Pt. 1 of 2	Seinfeld	Seinfeld Pt. 2 of 2	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Search Party (N)	Search Party (N)
22	KZJN	(22) Two and a Half	Two and a Half	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Modern Family	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Friends	Friends
29	ESPN	(29) (4:00) NBA Basketb.	NBA Basketball	Minnesota Timberwolves at New Orleans Pelicans	Smoothie King Center (L)			SportsCenter		SportsCenter	SportsCenter		
30	ESPN2	(30) (4:30) NCAA Basketb.	Basketball Score.	NCAA Basketball	MauI Invitational Championship (L)			NCAA Basketball	MGM Grand Main Event Championship (L)			NBA Basketball	Min./N.O.
31	NICK	(31) The Thundermans		Henry Danger "Hour of Power"		Thunder "Thundermans: Banished!"	Reunion (N)	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
32	DISN	(32) (5:45) Elena and the Secret of Avalor		Despicable Me (10) Steve Carell.		(45) Milo Murphy	(05) Bunk'd	Bizaardvark	Walk the Prank	Friends Whenever	Stuck in Middle	The Lodge	
34	FAM	(34) Movie	(45) *** Mulan (1998, Animated)	Eddie Murphy, BD Wong, Ming-Na Wen.		(50) *** Brave (2012, Animated)	Voices of Billy Connolly, Emma Thompson, Kelly Macdonald.			The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (11) Bill Nighy, Maggie Smith, Judi Dench.			
35	FMC	(35) (5:00) The Heat (13) Sandra Bullock.		(20) *** The Heat (2013, Comedy)	Melissa McCarthy, Michael McDonald, Sandra Bullock.		(40) FXM Presents		The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (11) Bill Nighy, Maggie Smith, Judi Dench.				
36	LIFE	(36) Little W. "Everything's Bigger in Texas"		Little W. Dallas "Dallas, Not Austin"		Women Dallas "Trading Spaces" (N)	Little Weddings (N)		Little W. Dallas "Right to Refuse" (N)	Little Women: Dallas "Right to Refuse"			
38	ROOT	(38) (5:00) NCAA Basketball Mo. St./Dep. (L)		In Depth (N)	NPGL Fitness Phoenix Rise vs. San Francisco Fire		In Depth (N)		WPT Poker Bounty Scramble	UEFA Soccer Champions League			
39	F51	(39) Ultimate Fighter 24 "All on the Line"		TUF 24 "About to Clash" (N)		TUF Talk (N)	Fox Sports Live	TMZ Sports (N)	2018 FIFA Mag.	(55) FIFA Soccer U-20 World Cup Women's Quarter-final (L)			
43	SPIKE	(43) *** Four Brothers (2005, Action)	Tyrese Gibson, André Benjamin, Mark Wahlberg.			*** Training Day (2001, Thriller)	Ethan Hawke, Scott Glenn, Denzel Washington.			Four Brothers (05, Act) Mark Wahlberg.			
44	COM	(44) (25) SouthPk "Cherokee Hair Tampons"		(55) South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park 1/3	South Park 2/3	South Park 3/3		The Daily Show @midnight	
45	HIST	(45) American Pickers "Mad as a Picker"		American Pickers	The Big Bet	American Pickers	Let's Be Frank	Pickers "Shocked and Loaded" (N)	A. Pickers "The Greatest Pick on Earth"		(05) American Pickers	"You Betcha"	
46	A&E	(46) The First 48 "Twist of Fate"		Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck D./ Duck D.	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Going Si-ral (N)	Wahlburgers (N)	(35) Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty
47	TLC	(47) Tots/Tiara "The Return of Eden Wood"		Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	ToddlerTiara "The Final Showdown" (N)	Toddlers/Tiara "A Team's Revenge" (N)	To Be Announced		Croc Gold "Rivers of Gold" (P) (N)	Alaskan Bushcraft "Transportation"		
49	DISC	(49) Alaska: The Last Frontier		Alaska: The Last Frontier	Alaska: The Last Frontier	Life and Death Row "No Appeal"	Alaskan Bushcraft "Transportation" (N)	Alaskan Bushcraft "Transportation" (N)	Croc Gold "Rivers of Gold" (P) (N)	Alaskan Bushcraft "Transportation"			
50	TNT	(50) Bones "The Santa in the Slush"		Bones "The Goop on the Girl"		*** Rush Hour (1998, Action)	Chris Tucker, Tom Wilkinson, Jackie Chan.		Years of "Collapse of the Oceans" (N)	Living Dangerously "Fueling the Fire"			
51	AMC	(51) (4:30) *** Armageddon (1998, Adventure)	Liv Tyler, Ben Affleck, Bruce Willis.			*** Open Range (2003, Western)	Kevin Costner, Annette Bening, Robert Duval.		Neighborhood Sessions "Usher" (N)	Rush Hour 2 (2001, Action)	Jackie Chan.	Heartbreak Ridge (86) Clint Eastwood.	
52	USA	(52) NCIS "Loose Cannons"		NCIS "Reasonable Doubts"		NCIS "Charade"	NCIS "Return to Sender"		NCIS "Homefront"	Modern Family	Modern Family		
53	FOOD	(53) Cooks vs. Co "Surf and Turf Showdown"		Cooks vs. Shrimp and Grits Gridiron		Cooks vs. Cons "Pie Fight"	Cooks vs. Cons "Pumpkin Thumpin'" (N)	Cooks vs. Cons "Crab Cake Crazy"		Cooks vs. Co "Pancake Pandemonium"			
54	HGTV	(54) Buying and Selling		Buying & Selling "Lesson in Location"		Property Brothers	New Orleans "Welcome to the Big Easy"	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	Property Brothers			
56	FX	(56) The Croods (2013, Animated)	Emma Stone, Ryan Reynolds, Nicolas Cage.			*** Rio 2 (2014, Animated)	Anne Hathaway, Rodrigo Santoro, Jesse Eisenberg.		*** Rio 2 (2014, Animated)	Anne Hathaway, Rodrigo Santoro, Jesse Eisenberg.			
57	CNN	(57) Anderson Cooper 360		The Sixties "Television Comes of Age"		The Sixties "The Assassination of President Kennedy"		The Kelly File With Megyn Kelly	Hannity	On the Record			
58	FNC	(58) The Kelly File With Megyn Kelly		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor	The Kelly File With Megyn Kelly						
61	CNBC	(61) Leno Garage "Original and Unrestored"		Jay Leno Garage "Music and Cars" (N)		Jay Leno's Garage "Love Stories"	Jay Leno Garage "The Essence of Cool"	Jay Leno's Garage "Music and Cars"		Paid Program	Paid Program		
63	BRAV	(63) Beverly Hills "Reunion Part 3" Pt. 3 of 3		Below Deck "Bemily"		Vanderpump Rules "Call It Like I see it"	Real Housewives "Reunion Part 3" 3/3	Atlanta "Ghosts of Boyfriends Past"		MarriedMed "Her Father's Daughter"			
64	TCM	(64) Movie	The Sea Around Us (52, Documentary)	(45) * Salesman (68, Documentary)	Charles McDevitt, James Baker, Paul Brennan.	Routine Pleasures		Atlanta "Ghosts of Boyfriends Past"		Chronicle of a Summer (61, Doc)			
65	SYFY	(65) (5:00) Insidious: Chapter 3 (15) Stefanie Scott, Lin Shaye.		*** Insidious (2010, Horror)	Rose Byrne, Ty Simpkins, Patrick Wilson.			*** Zombieland (2009, Action)	Jesse Eisenberg, Emma Stone, Woody Harrelson.				
69	RFD	(69) Cowboy TV	Noble Outfitters	H5 Rodeo Tour	Equestrian Nation	RW Horsemanship	Rural Eve. News	Racer's Edge	WesternSport	Cowboy TV	Noble Outfitters	Product Showcase	

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