

Democracy is on borrowed time without electoral reform

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It seems likely that Hillary Clinton will win the most votes in the US presidential elections, and yet lose the election, resoundingly.

Just as the UK's first past the post electoral system rigs elections in ways that ensures results in no way reflect public opinion so too does the US system achieve the same outcome by not using that system for presidential elections.

There are three obvious conclusions. The first is that election systems have to be designed to suit their purpose.

The second is that purpose must be defined as reflecting people's sentiments in the matter being decided upon. This means it is unlikely that one size fits all.

The third is that until this happens and reform takes place democracy is on borrowed time and none of us can afford that.