



# Lecture 8: Congress

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# Electoral College

- Hypothetical Election #3
  - Candidate A
    - 65,853,625 votes nationally
    - 48% votes cast nationally
  - Candidate B
    - 62,985,106 votes nationally
    - 46% votes cast nationally
- Who would win? Who should win?

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# Pure parliamentary system

- Distinguishing features

- Citizens vote for PARTIES to represent them in the legislature
- Parties decide which candidates will be elected if their party wins seats in the legislature
  - Based on party list
  - Party ranks members on the list – top of list gets elected first (based on loyalty)
    - Members know that they have to be loyal to be elected
  - Proportional representation system
- Parliament elects prime minister (PM)



## Running for Congress in American system

- What implications/consequences is this likely to produce?
  - Nominees will be favorites of primary voters in gerrymandered districts, not the party
  - Less loyalty to moderates in party
  - Candidate-centered elections
  - Independent MCs
  - Divided gov'n't



# Selection Effects: We don't observe the counterfactual

- Strategic challenger entry
  - Many incs are uncontested

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