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Debating Democracy

Multiple Choice Questions

1. Why was the Constitutional Convention held in 1787?
 - a) To create a new government for the United States.
 - b) To decide who would be the first president.
 - c) To end the American Revolution.
 - d) To choose the first Supreme Court judges.

2. Why did some leaders want Congress to choose the president?
 - a) They wanted only wealthy people to vote.
 - b) They wanted Congress to have more power than the president.
 - c) They thought Congress would let small states decide.
 - d) They believed Congress had the knowledge to make a good choice.

3. What was one concern about letting the people vote directly for the president?
 - a) Some thought people might only vote for someone from their own state.
 - b) Some believed people would not want to vote.
 - c) The Founding Fathers thought elections were not important.
 - d) Congress did not trust the people to follow rules.

4. How did the Electoral College help balance power between big and small states?
 - a) It gave all states the same number of electors.
 - b) It allowed small states to choose all the electors.
 - c) It gave each state electors based on population and Congress representation.
 - d) It made big states vote for small state candidates.

5. Why do some people today debate the Electoral College?
 - a) Congress no longer follows its rules.
 - b) Some believe it does not always reflect what most people want.
 - c) It has never been used in a real election.
 - d) Some think it was only meant for the first election.

