Pollarithmetic

in the Realms of Discord, Mutual Execration, and Perpetual Revolution [1]

(November 2024)

One could argue without inviting too much controversy that in a presidential election a candidate is elected if, and only if, the number of individuals who did **not** vote for the laureate is lower than that for any of his competitors.

For instance, while the total U.S. population on Election Day (November 5th, 2024) was:

346,083,451

the number of individuals who did **not** vote for the Victorious [2] candidate was:

270,008,191 [3]

which amounts to **78.02%** of the population,

while the number of individuals who did **not** vote for the Defeated [2] candidate was:

274,155,406 [4]

which amounts to **79.20%** of the population.

Conversely, it can also be said without incurring the ire of too many polemicists that the Victor was elected with the proud ballots of:

21.98% of the population

who will do their very best to compel the balance **78.02%** to abide willy-nilly [5] by their rule, which they will call, quite unarithmetically:

The Rule of the Majority [6]

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[1] Also known as Western Democracies

[2] Words with a bizarre warlike connotation, as in the battles of Marathon, Agincourt, or Dien Bien Phu

[3] The author of this short essay was unable to vote, otherwise the number would have reached 270,008,192

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[5] Or *nolens volens*, some willing and some nilling, irrespective of which particular party was declared the Victor

[6] Which is not what those Thinkers of the Age of Enlightenment who authored the Constitution had in mind in 1788