

Re: OT: Electoral College [Re: U.S. federal income tax program]

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On Tue, Aug 30, 2005 at 06:41:27AM -0700, Steve Lamb wrote:

> *Paul Johnson wrote:*

> > *No, it was in hopes that out of each state, there would be at least N number*

> > *of people who knew how to read.*

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> *Bzt. And let's try this again. Paul... think carefully. Exactly what*

> *would they be reading if they could read? Remember... NO MASS MEDIA. Any*

Let's see.. about 200 years ago? Printing press invented about 500 years ago?

Yes, there were newspapers. Maybe they reached only a small minority.

Maybe they only reached people who could read. But they were there.

And, of course, people **could** send letters. And perhaps I'm not sure how they were delivered back then, but courier services and transport companies have been around for a **very** long time.

--hendrik

> *publications would be, more often than not, devoting most of their coverage to*
> *the local candidate for the president. The very same candidate who would have*
> *an easy time campaigning in a small geographical location. Well, small by*
> *today's standards.*

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> *The point was to look outside that small area, the local state, and to*

> *look at other candidates. Something that the vast majority of people could*

> *not do even if they were literate. Something, as I stated, that today most of*

> *them don't do.*

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> *Steve C. Lamb | I'm your priest, I'm your shrink, I'm your*

> *PGP Key: 8B6E99C5 | main connection to the switchboard of souls.*

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