

Can We Keep Our Civil Republic?

Last week, “PBS NewsHour” host Geoff Bennett interviewed Los Angeles Times culture columnist L.Z. Granderson and New York Times columnist David Brooks. Granderson (born 1972) is an American journalist and former actor who came out as homosexual in 2012.

Granderson has a son from a previous marriage to a woman. In 2016, he married PetSmart’s vice president of planning, Steve Huesing. He epitomizes the shallow nature of contemporary America, where every person “has their own truth.”

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“NewsHour” host Bennett presented three topics to discuss 1) Why the presidential race is deadlocked, 2) Harris’ strategy of calling Trump a “fascist” and 3) newspaper presidential endorsements. Rather than staying on topic in his segment, Granderson opted for bombasting the Electoral College:

Sometimes, we conflate the conversation about the results with the Electoral College and the popular vote. We know that when it comes to the popular vote, Democrats have won pretty easily over the last 15 to 20 years. And in [the] case of both President Biden [and] Secretary Clinton, even though Secretary Clinton lost, she won by millions of votes. And so, on the one hand, based on the fact that she’s a Democrat, you can expect the vice president to defeat Donald Trump by millions of votes.

And that’s the reason why it’s close. [We] need to look at the history of the Electoral College and what it’s designed to do. I don’t think the fact that it’s a close election from the Electoral College in 2024 really reflects where the

nation is. Most people have voted Democrat over the last 20 years.



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Granderson seems to have entirely missed Civics 101 at Western Michigan University. From the ground up, the American Founding Fathers established a republic, not a pure-majority democracy. An elementary understanding of the founding era would inform Granderson as to why the founders rejected the pure democracy model. They established a democratic republic as a form of government.

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