

**Defenders of the Electoral College's rules claim swing states\* change, eventually giving *each* state its moment in the political spotlight.**



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**consecutive  
years of  
irrelevancy**

**But the people of Rhode Island know better. Their state hasn't been a swing state since **1956**.**

\* A "swing state" is defined as a state with a partisanship rating between 47% and 53%, meaning that if a presidential election were highly competitive nationally, the outcome in the state might determine who wins the White House.