A radical spirit of change has overtaken American politics, making once-unthinkable reforms - like abolishing the Electoral College - seem possible.

Two of the last five elections were won by candidates who lost the popular vote, calling the integrity of the entire electoral system into question. Political passions are already high, and they will reach a boiling point as we enter the 2020 race. The message from the American people is clear: we need major reform, and we need it now.

In *Let the People Pick the President*, New York Times editorial board member Jesse Wegman makes a powerful case for abolishing the antiquated and antidemocratic Electoral College, and choosing presidents based on a national popular vote. He uncovers the Electoral College's controversial origins, profiles the many attempts to reform it over the years, and explains why it is now essential for us to remove this obsolete system and finally make every citizen's vote matter.

Wegman addresses objections from both sides of the aisle and presents an airtight argument that moving toward a national popular vote would reduce voter apathy and political polarization, increase voter turnout, and restore belief in our democratic system. Abolishing the Electoral College is the keystone reform that must be accomplished to improve our politics; Wegman shows that this once-lofty goal can be achieved, and charts a path to accomplishing it.

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Two prominent Israeli leftists argue that the conflict between Israel and Palestine cannot end until Palestinians give up the idea of right of return.

In 1948, over eight hundred thousand Palestinians fled their homes in order to escape the Israeli War of Independence. They brought their keys with them, hoping to return home after the dust settled. More than seventy years later, most of those homes are gone, but several million Palestinian "refugees" are still living in camps, and they still have their keys. No one has ever explained why this group, unlike countless others that were displaced in the aftermath of World War II, has remained unsettled. This issue, known as the "right of return," is the single largest obstacle to lasting peace between Palestine and Israel.

In *The War of Return*, Adi Schwartz and Einat Wilf make the case that this conflict will never end until the Palestinians abandon the right of return once and for all. In this deeply-researched and unbiased political history, the authors - both liberal Israelis strongly in favor of a two-state solution - reveal the origins of this concept, prove that it has no legal or moral standing whatsoever, and argue that a two state solution will never be possible until the Palestinians give it up. They also make an impassioned call for the United States, the UN, and the EU to recognize this fact for the good of the Palestinian people and global peace.

A runaway bestseller in Israel, the first English translation of *The War of Return* is certain to spark lively debate throughout the Jewish community in America and abroad.

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