LECTURER SCOTT LEMIEUX ON KIRO RADIO TALKING ABOUT THE RECENT SUPREME COURT ELECTORAL COLLEGE DECISION

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KIRO Radio Nights had Political Science's Scott Lemieux on to explain a recent Supreme Court decision on how the Electoral College electors for states must abide by the will of the voters and not change their candidate.

What happened?
Two states, Colorado and Washington, penalized electors for not voting along with the voters will in the 2016 Presidential election.

What was the decision?
The CO and WA laws that electors must follow the voter will and are allowed to change their vote for another candidate. States can apply sanctions on the "faithless electors."

Will this affect the 2020 election?
Probably not but does not completely rule out a problem as the decision does not force states to sanction faithless electors.

Prof. Lemieux's interviews begins at the 22:00 minute mark. Please link here.

People Involved: Scott Lemieux
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