Movie review

The film Recount (2008) portrays the flaws of the American electoral system. The two reasons for Al Gore’s loss of Florida’s 25 electoral votes are; mistaken votes for his opponent and denial of votes to minorities. although both parties received equal support the mishandling of recounts acted in the favor of Bush.

Al Gore forced Florida to recount votes but the process was manipulated that ended in the favor of George W. Bush. The films consider mismanagement as the central factor behind Al Gore's defeat. Florida adopted fixable ballot designs that were not consistent with the election rules and caused voter errors. The evaluation of the ballots revealed that more citizens of Florida would have chosen Gore over Bush. The film shows that the voting system broke down that reflects the manipulations.

Al Gore was more popular because he had won the popular vote but lost the electoral vote. This was due to the fact that many minority voters were denied to vote. Minority population was more pleased with Gore and if they were allowed to vote the probability of his victory was high. This is due to the fact that Gore managed to won popularity vote. He more popular among minority population but state’s decision of denying voting rights lowered the chances of Gore’s victory. This reflects the absence of a fair electoral system in Florida.

Manipulation of recounts was the prominent reason behind Gore’s defeat because his support from states was not different from that of Bush. It was the first time in the history that a significant number of minority voters were spoiled just for securing the victory of Bush. Many black voters couldn't register their votes who were expected to vote Gore. The overall analysis indicates that errors in ballots and lower black voters resulted in Gore’s defeat.