

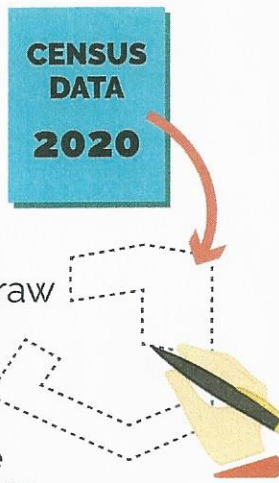
REDISTRICTING 101

WHAT IS REDISTRICTING?

Politicians are elected in **districts**. Where you vote, and who you vote for, is determined by the district you live in.

Every 10 years a national census is conducted. The new **population data** is used to redraw district lines to accurately reflect population changes.

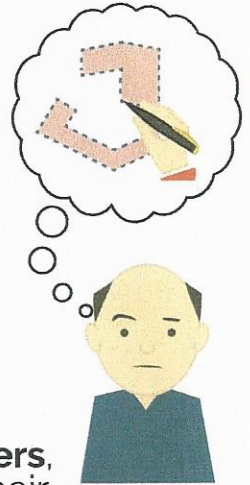
In a **perfect democracy**, this process ensures that each vote counts and that voters' voices are heard.



WHAT IS GERRYMANDERING?

Gerrymandering happens when politicians draw district lines to benefit themselves and their political party. Politicians **manipulate elections** by using your personal information and **highly advanced** computer algorithms to draw maps in their favor.

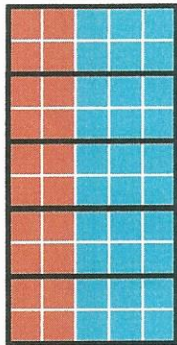
With gerrymandering, **politicians choose their voters**, instead of voters choosing their politicians.



TECHNIQUES & TRICKS FOR DRAWING UNFAIR LINES

CRACKING

Politicians can **"crack"** opposing voters across multiple districts just enough to **minimize** their threat. These can look like compact, fair shapes.



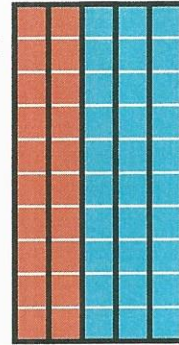
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Remember, **SQUARE ≠ FAIR!**

PACKING

Politicians can **pack** opposing voters to limit the number of districts they can win.

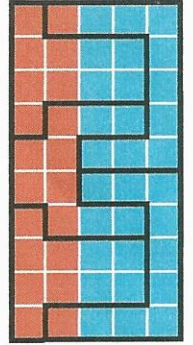
This can create **noncompetitive** elections where politicians are almost guaranteed re-election.



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PICASSO SHAPES

Funny district shapes are often due to a combination of **cracking** and **packing**. This allows a political party to win more district seats - even if they have a **minority** of the votes.



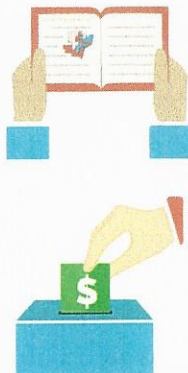
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WHATS WRONG WITH THIS?

POLITICIANS ARE CHOOSING THEIR VOTERS INSTEAD OF VOTERS CHOOSING THEIR POLITICIANS.

NOW WHAT?! Think this is messed up? So do we!

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