



## Do political power plays hurt voters?



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1. How do these cartoon describe moves by Texas Republicans and California Democrats to redraw, or "gerrymander," voting districts to elect more members of Congress from their parties?
2. Usually, Congressional districts are redrawn every 10 years after each U.S. census. Why are some states redistricting now?
3. Is President Donald Trump trying to create a permanent Republican majority in Congress?
4. If one political party seizes permanent control of a nation can democracy still exist?
5. Can our democracy succeed if political parties treat opponents as "evil" enemies instead of fellow Americans with different ideas?

### Between the lines

"We tell ourselves ... voters pick their member of the House of Representatives. And right now it's the other way around. The politicians are going into a room and picking their voters." – Pamela Karlen, Stanford law professor.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2025/08/10/us/supreme-court-voting-redistricting.html>

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