

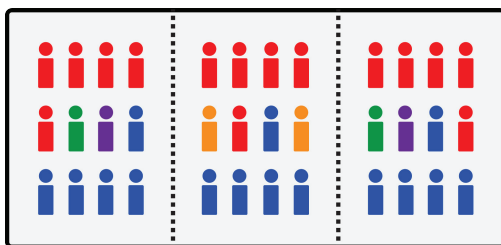
# What is Gerrymandering?

Gerrymandering is the redrawing of district boundaries to benefit one political party.

## How Does Gerrymandering Work?

**FAIR AND COMPETITIVE DISTRICTS**

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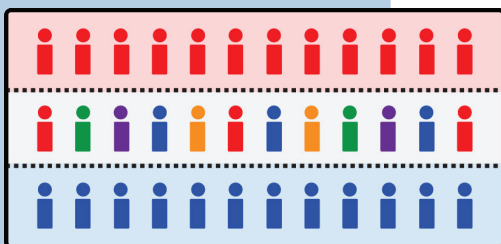


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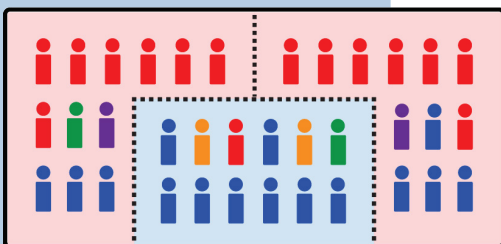
**“SWEETHEART” GERRYMANDER OR “PARTISAN HANDSHAKE”:**

Incumbent protection by both sides



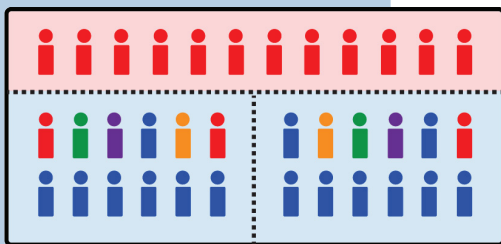
OR

**CRACKED:** splitting a population and spreading its members among several districts where they become an irrelevant minority



OR

**PACKED:** concentrating voters of one party or group in as few districts as possible to reduce their influence in the remaining districts



## Who Does It & Why?

- **Party in power** controls redistricting every 10 years
- Both **Republicans and Democrats** gerrymander districts to ensure their party wins elections

## How Does It Impact Congress?

- Shifts focus to **winning and control** rather than effective governance
- Increased **gridlock**; compromise impossible with extremes governing
- Moderate voices and ideas are **devalued**

## How Does It Impact Voters?

- **Frustration**; voters feel legislators don't listen to their concerns but are unable to vote them out
- **Fewer choices** in primary elections
- Often **no choice in general elections**

## Why Pennsylvania?

- Pennsylvania is a **swing state**
- PA has **no limits** on PAC donations, lobbyists' donations or funds raised by outside groups

## Fair Districts PA is Working to End Gerrymandering

### FAIR DISTRICTS PA PRIORITIES:

- Independent redistricting commission
- Transparent process with public participation
- Strict timeline for completion (2020)
- Other causes of districting unfairness

## Join the Fight for Fair Representation!



**NETWORK!** Join others in fighting for fair voting practices in PA.



**EDUCATE!** Inform family and friends of the stifling effects of gerrymandering.



**ADVOCATE!** Encourage legislators to sponsor redistricting reform.

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