**GERRYMANDERING:**

When electoral districts are drawn by incumbent politicians to maintain their power so they can influence elections to their advantage.

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**Gerrymandered districts let representatives pick their voters** instead of voters picking their representatives. That’s not how democracy is supposed to work!

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**Gerrymandering means politicians can’t be held accountable** because rigged districts almost guarantee the party in power a win, even when they go against the will of the people.

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