

# WHY SHOULD I CARE ABOUT GERRYMANDERING?

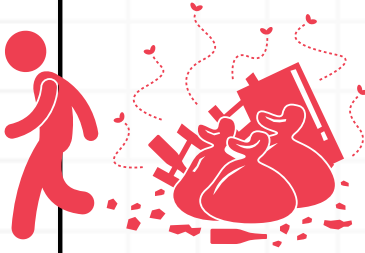
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When electoral districts are drawn by incumbent politicians to maintain their power so they can influence elections to their advantage.

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



**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.



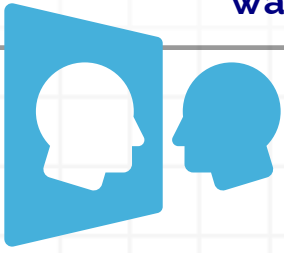
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### DISTORTS DEMOCRACY

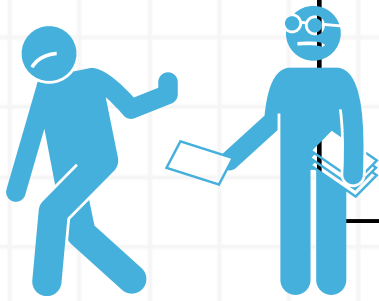
### LOWERS VOTER PARTICIPATION

### STEALS VOTER POWER

Gerrymandering leads to political outcomes and policy decisions that aren't what the majority of voters actually want.



When voters consistently the policies and candidates they support lose in districts that were drawn to give incumbents and the party in power an unfair advantage, eventually many of them become too discouraged to vote. When fewer people vote, we're even further away from being a true democracy.



Rigged districts dilute the voting power of groups who oppose the party in power by spreading them out or by putting groups into just one or two districts when they should be represented more equally.



GERRYMANDERING IS WHAT STANDS BETWEEN POLICIES OHIOANS WANT AND DECISIONS POLITICIANS IN POWER MAKE



EDUCATION



GUN SAFETY



FAIR WAGES



AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE



CIVIL RIGHTS



CLEAN AIR + WATER



REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE



HOUSING COSTS



SAFE COMMUNITIES



CLIMATE RULES