

Voter Disenfranchisement

The legal and not-
so-legal methods
used to subvert
American
democracy

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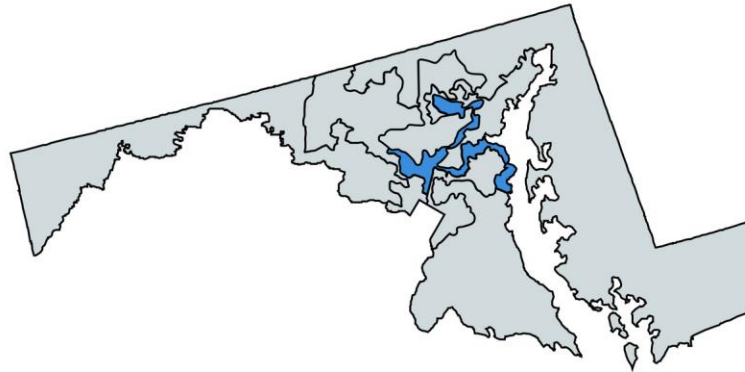
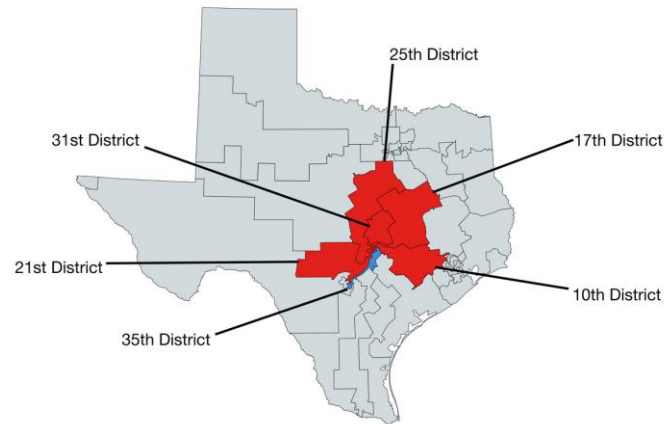


Voter ID

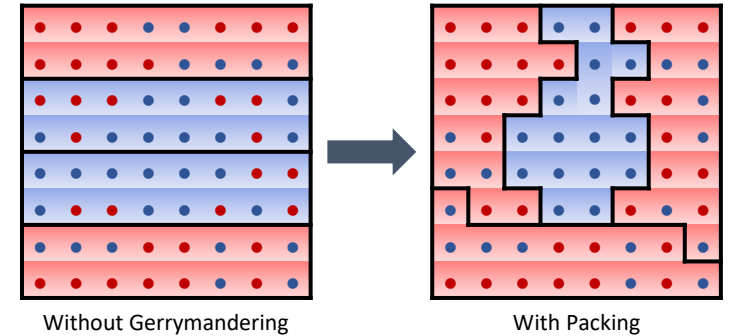
- 2000-2014: 31 credible instances of voter fraud...out of **1 billion ballots**
- As many as **11%** of US Citizens don't have government-issued photo ID – that's **21 million** adults
- IDs cost money – underlying documents, travel expenses and time. In some parts of the country, the nearest ID office can be over 150 miles away. Total cost can range from **\$75-\$175**
- Reduced voter turnout by **2-3%**
- As many as **25%** of African-American voting-age citizens have no current government-issue photo ID compared to **8%** for whites

Gerrymandering

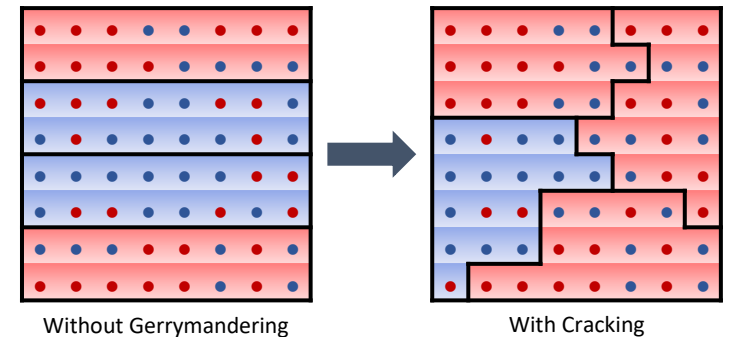
- 2016 Election in MI decided by 10,704 votes
- Republicans captured 9 of 14 seats in House
- Two strategies – packing and cracking



Packing



Cracking



- 2018 Ballot Initiatives Prop 2 and 3

Other Legislative Methods

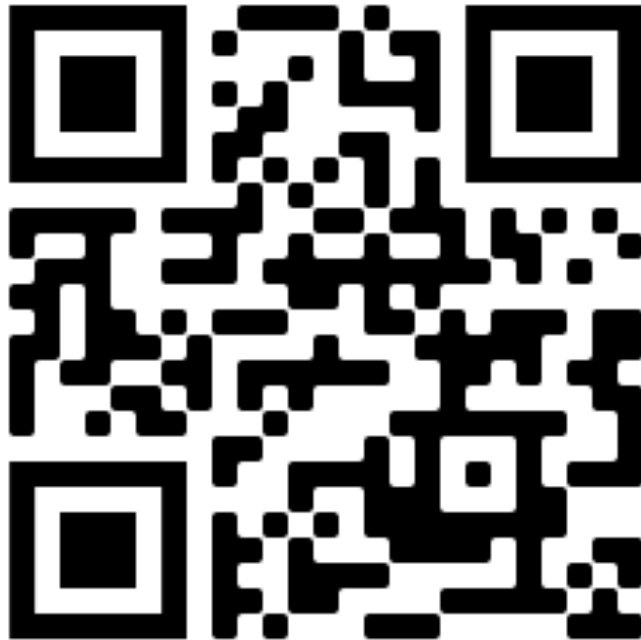
- Shutting down DMV offices in minority neighborhoods (Alabama)
- Reducing polling places, especially in minority neighborhoods (Arizona)
- Depriving minority precincts resources to manage voting (S. Carolina)
- Purging voter rolls (N. Carolina)
- Limiting early and absentee voting
- Residency requirements
- Discarding ballots for not exactly matching signature on file (Georgia)

The Not-So-Legal Methods

- Voter Intimidation
- Misinformation
 - “Text your vote for Hillary”
 - Fliers with wrong dates

What Can You Do?

Check if you are registered to vote!



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