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Subject: Trump's Gerrymandering is Drawing an Explosive Backlash

The American people see Donald Trump's gerrymandering crisis threatening to draw them—the voters—out of a meaningful role in the electoral process, and the reaction has been forceful. The plot to unfairly rig the midterm elections is meeting aggressive resistance in state after state from courts, voters, and both Republican and Democratic elected officials.

The Proposition 50 election results in California, juxtaposed against the broad bipartisan opposition to the redraws in Texas, Missouri, and elsewhere, show the incredible breadth and depth of the opposition. When he launched the national gerrymandering crisis beginning in Texas this summer, Donald Trump may have thought he could gerrymander and get away with it. But that won't be the case in every state, and as the passage of Proposition 50 demonstrates, it won't go unchallenged by other states. Below are some key observations of this dynamic:

Legal Roadblocks To Trump's Gerrymandering:

Looming court decisions could severely blunt the impact of Republicans' mid-decade gerrymandering. Outstanding legal fights in multiple states could knock out new, overly egregious gerrymanders and even install a new, fairer map in at least one state.

In **TEXAS**, a federal court is still considering a legal challenge against the 2025 gerrymander and could block its implementation for the rest of the decade. A ruling on the preliminary injunction filed against the map is expected any day and could prevent its use in the midterm elections.

Additional lawsuits are pending in **MISSOURI** and **NORTH CAROLINA**. Not only does the Missouri map include an entire voting precinct in two different congressional districts, but it also [violates two parts of the Missouri State Constitution](#): the provision restricting new redraws to occur only after a new census count, and Missourians' right to vote in compact congressional districts. Politicians clearly prioritized partisan considerations by cracking Kansas City into three districts that now stretch hundreds of miles away from the city.

North Carolina voters are [suing the new gerrymander for racial bias](#). The map dismantled the first district, where voters of color have historically had an opportunity to elect a candidate of their choice, and the district has elected a Black Member of Congress for more than 30 years.

In **UTAH**, enforcement of a voter-passed referendum is resulting in a new map. The legislature has submitted a new map to the court that is an improvement over the current gerrymander, as it includes a new, potentially more competitive seat centered near Salt Lake City. We are waiting to hear if the court will move forward with this map or enact a map that better preserves communities of interest. In either scenario, Utah will see an improved map, where Democrats will be better able to compete.

The American People Overwhelmingly Oppose Trump's Gerrymandering:

In **CALIFORNIA**, voters just passed Prop 50 with over 60 percent of the vote. This stands in stark contrast to **TEXAS**, where more voters disapprove of the new gerrymander than support it—the margin expands to [three to one against](#), with independent voters.

This dynamic highlights that voters vehemently oppose Trump's gerrymandering and support responses to protect the voting power of the American people. That holds true in red and blue states—even states he carried by double digits last year.

- **VIRGINIA** voters showed their confidence in the legislature's move last month to ensure it could counter gerrymandering in other states if needed. Abigail Spanberger was elected to be the next governor with one of the widest win margins in recent Virginia Governor election history, and there is now a 64-seat Democratic majority in the House of Delegates. Now Democrats hold trifecta power in the Commonwealth.
- In **MISSOURI**, where citizens [overwhelmingly opposed](#) the mid-decade power grab, [voters are likely to get the final say](#) on the new gerrymandered congressional map in a referendum next spring. Weeks ahead of their deadline, more than [150,000 voters signed the petition against the new map](#).
- In **MARYLAND**, Governor Wes Moore has established [a Governor's Redistricting Advisory Commission](#) to initiate the redistricting process by soliciting public feedback and making recommendations to the Governor and the Maryland General Assembly to improve Maryland's congressional map and ensure fairness. A [recent poll](#) also shows that just 33 percent of Maryland voters oppose redistricting. The state House Speaker [expressed openness](#) to pursuing options. Meanwhile, lawmakers in **ILLINOIS** are discussing holding a [special session to consider a response](#) to Indiana if politicians there move forward with a new gerrymander.

Even Some GOP Politicians Are Reluctant To Join Gerrymandering Crisis

As more Republicans [express reluctance](#) to gerrymander over the complaints of their constituents, the White House is [extorting](#) politicians across the country with favors and threats to coerce them to gerrymander their states.

- In **KANSAS**, [even after a trip to the White House](#), Republicans in the state legislature have [dropped their efforts](#) to call a special session on redistricting and override the Governor's veto.
- Following [widespread opposition](#) from Hoosiers, **INDIANA** Republican legislative leadership has pushed consideration of a mid-decade gerrymander [to December](#) instead of convening for a November special session as the Governor called for.
- **OHIO** was constitutionally required to redraw its congressional map. While Republicans pushed for the most extreme possible gerrymander, [they didn't get it](#). The new map, still far from fair, allows Democrats to compete in all the districts they currently hold.
- The DC-driven gerrymandering effort in **NEBRASKA** is running into the same roadblock that defeated the last-minute attempt to alter its electoral vote allocation ahead of the 2024 election. “Well, I represent my district and I think that’s what democracy is supposed to be about,” declared Republican state Senator Merv Riepe in opposition to the new gerrymander.
- The threat to primary **NEW HAMPSHIRE** Governor Kelly Ayotte over her refusal to gerrymander the state’s two congressional districts has fallen flat, with only scandal-plagued Corey Lewandowski floating his name. All of Lewandowski’s flirtations with running have consistently [“landed with a thud.”](#)

The Harder Trump Pushes, The More Opposition Builds:

The discriminatory intent and impact of the new mid-decade gerrymanders are indisputable. Most of the seven congressional districts that Republicans have gerrymandered in their favor are held by people of color serving in Congress.

The farther the country is drawn into this gerrymandering crisis, the more opposition builds as more states seek responsive options to protect the voting power of the American people. While the White House is pushing for new gerrymanders with a top-down approach, the response is coming from the bottom up.

This organic uprising continues to grow exponentially as the stakes get higher. Already, up to one-third of all states could try to redraw their maps ahead of 2026.

Republicans are warning about [the backlash](#) they’re likely to face for following orders from the White House, instead of listening to voters. The American people are furious that Republicans are weakening their voting power. Voters overwhelmingly support elected officials who fight back against it, cheering court decisions that protect their rights, and enacting ballot measures to counter Republican gerrymandering. The harder Republicans push against their voting rights, the sharper the backlash will be.