

HEY HOOSSIERS,
CHANGING THE
RULES MID-GAME
IS CHEATING.

Stop Election Rigging Toolkit



ABOUT THIS TOOLKIT

This toolkit is meant to help Hoosiers learn about gerrymandering, particularly the Trump administration's efforts to gerrymander Republican-controlled states ahead of the 2026 midterms. You/your organization may share, save, print, download, and repost these materials to raise awareness and empower others to take action. A variety of resources is available here in both printer-friendly and digital format, and we will continue adding to it. Please attribute content to MADVoters (tag us on socials so we can check it out!).

Here are some messaging tips regarding gerrymandering:

- Instead of "gerrymandering" or "redistricting" - say "rigging the election," "cheating," or "exploiting loopholes." Call it what it is. Gerrymandering implies it's "just politics." Redistricting legitimizes it. This is an unprecedented power grab.
- Emphasize expense to taxpayers (\$30,000 per day for a special session just to pay the legislators).
- Emphasize that our role is the resistance: do not give MAGA the privilege of our apathy. Be the firewall. Slow their takeover. If IN Republicans cave to Trump's demands, the fight isn't over, and it will go to the courts.

In Solidarity,

THE MADVOTERS TEAM

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TRUMP'S 2025 “REDISTRICTING” PLAN

In August, VP Vance came to Indiana to ask Republican leaders to redraw their Congressional maps now, 5 ½ years ahead of schedule, to pick up additional Republican seats in the 2026 midterms.

This is a blatant political power grab. It's *not* “just politics” or “business as usual.” It is *the unprecedented attack* on democracy that we've been talking about. Plus, it's expensive. Hoosier taxpayers would be paying \$30,000 every day to fund a special redistricting session.

This is authoritarianism: rigging the game to overthrow the will of the people, steal our votes, and silence our voices so that MAGA can win no matter what.

Here's the MAGA playbook:

1. Direct Republican-controlled states to “redistrict.” **COSTLY!**
2. Blame the “need” to redistrict on an “immigrant invasion” that skewed the previous census numbers. **FALSE!**
3. Claim that “redistricting” is just making the playing field “fair,” because “Democrats do it too.” **FALSE!**
4. Redraw Congressional maps to dilute Democrats' votes in Northwest Indiana and Indianapolis. **CORRUPT!**
5. Gain 2 additional Congressional seats for Republicans, strangling Democratic representation and voice, and cementing MAGA power. **RIGGING THE ELECTION!**

Here's how we fight back:

Contact our state legislators and demand they oppose election-rigging.

- Call it what it is - there is nothing normal or standard about this.
- Demand a public statement.

Educate your community. Talk to your neighbors, write Letters to the Editor, share on social media.

- The Constitution *does not* exclude non-citizens from being counted in the census. MAGA's attempts to do so are unconstitutional.
- Many Democrat-controlled states have a *nonpartisan* commission tasked with redistricting (CA, NY, NJ, and others). *Gerrymandering is wrong no matter who does it.* But Republicans block legislation that would ban election rigging.

HOW DID WE GET HERE?



REDISTRICTING

- States redraw their legislative districts every 10 years. This is called **redistricting**.
- These legislative districts are geopolitical boundaries used to determine who represents you in the state and federal legislatures.
- Districts include similar numbers of people, but can vary greatly in size due to population density.
- Redistricting should be a nonpartisan, unbiased process.

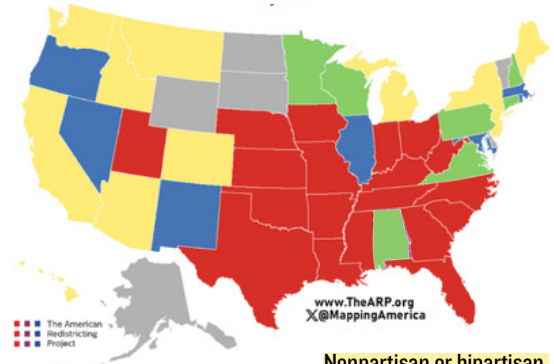
GERRYMANDERING

- When the ruling political party redraws the districts to be strongly biased in their favor, this is known as **gerrymandering**.
- Gerrymandering exploits loopholes to essentially rig the election in favor of the ruling party.
- Once established, it's incredibly difficult for the minority party to get a foothold and regain seats.

SUPERMAJORITY

- Indiana has been controlled by one party for 20 years.
- Indiana Republicans had the majority in 2011, so they were in charge of redistricting. They gerrymandered the maps to become a **supermajority**, meaning they controlled both chambers with at least two third's majority.
- A supermajority allows Republicans meet quorum all on their own. Democrats number so few that they have relatively no power in the legislature.
- As the majority party, Republicans control all committees and which bills get considered, and they can overrule a governor's veto,

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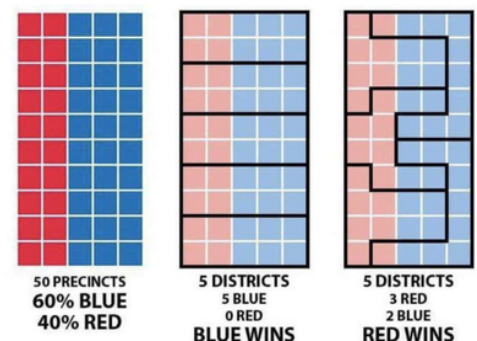
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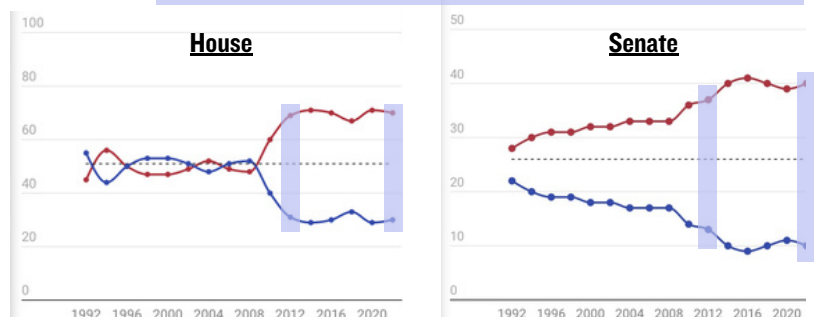
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Examples of Gerrymandering



Indiana's Partisan Control

Elections occurring after Republican-controlled redistricting





NO CHEATERS IN DEMOCRACY MYTH BUSTING

*Help correct misconceptions and
defeat disinformation.*

MYTH

REALITY

Democrats have tried to rig elections too.

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Red states need to gerrymander to balance out blue states.

Many blue states don't create their own voting maps; they use a non-partisan or bipartisan commission, which reduces gerrymandering. This includes New York, California, and Michigan. Many red states, like Texas, Florida, Tennessee, and Georgia, don't have this guardrail, and allow for partisan gerrymandering. Some blue states, like Illinois, do gerrymander. But that doesn't make it acceptable. Gerrymandering erodes democratic principles and should be banned.

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In a recent poll by Change Research, 60% of Hoosiers opposed early redistricting, and just 29% supported it. Many high-profile Republicans, including former Governor Mitch Daniels, have publicly opposed it.

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Republicans deserve to have an advantage.

Indiana Republicans already have a disproportionate advantage. They hold 73% of the state legislative seats and 82% of Congressional seats. Fair representation would mean more Democrat lawmakers, not fewer.



NO CHEATERS IN DEMOCRACY **TAKE ACTION**

Help stand up for democracy and oppose MAGA's shameless and corrupt election-rigging plot!



ONLINE ACTION FORM

Call or email Statehouse officials using our online action form at **MADVoters.org/no-cheaters**.



VOLUNTEER

Join the MADVoters' team at **MADVoters.org/connect-with-us**.



DONATE

Support the MADVoters Democracy Defense Fund at **MADVoters.org/donate-here**.



LEARN MORE

Connect with us on socials and see important updates and current projects on our Beacons list at **beacons.ai/madvoters**.

WHY SHOULD YOU OPPOSE EARLY REDISTRICTING?

1. IT'S NOT NORMAL.

Redistricting after the 10 year census is a foundational precedent for our government. This early redistricting plan prematurely redraws maps 6 years ahead of schedule. In the last 50 years, early redistricting for partisan advantage has happened just twice: Texas in 2003 and Georgia in 2005.

2. IT'S A POLITICAL POWER GRAB.

Redrawing maps 6 years ahead of schedule is a blatantly partisan power grab, evident by the fact that only Republican-controlled states have been urged by the Trump administration to redistrict. If it were really about fairness and consistency, then all states would have been directed to do so.

3. IT'S MOTIVATED BY GREED, CONTROL & DISINFORMATION.

Our democratic republic relies on voters choosing their representatives, not representatives rigging maps so they can choose their voters. There were no complaints about our current maps when Republicans won on them in 2024. New claims that the previous census was inaccurate to benefit blue states are not supported by evidence, nor are claims that Democrats have disproportionate representation in Congress. Voters want democracy, not domination, from their elected officials.

4. IT'S EXPENSIVE.

A special session will cost taxpayers \$32,000 every single day. And yet, the state cut funding for childcare vouchers and public health, because our Governor said we need to “do more with less” and reduce spending. Early redistricting is an unnecessary, hypocritical expense.

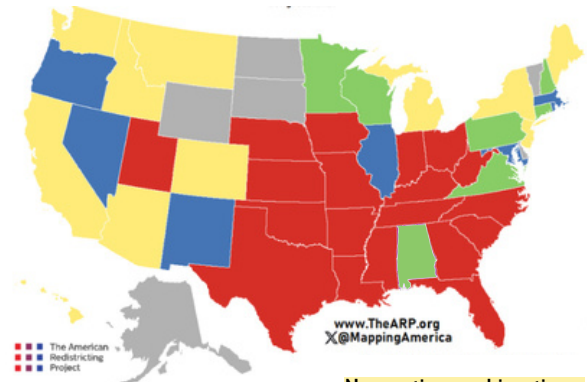
5. IT'S UNPOPULAR WITH VOTERS.

Voters do not want to change the maps ahead of schedule. In a recent poll by Change Research, 60% of Hoosiers opposed early redistricting, and just 29% supported it. This plan was rushed through, with practically no opportunity for public input. That is not how a government “of the people, by the people, for the people” works.

6. IT DISENFRANCHISES VOTERS

Indiana's current Congressional maps received an A grade from the Princeton Gerrymandering Project. Gerrymandering these maps would target Democratic districts, ultimately diluting their vote and disenfranchising voters of color in particular, a violation of the 14th Amendment of the Constitution. Republicans currently hold 77% of Indiana's Congressional seats, but only about 58% of Hoosiers typically vote Republican. Flipping the Democratic Congressional seats disenfranchises 40% of Hoosiers.

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“There comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular, but he must take it because conscience tells him it is right.”
- Martin Luther King, Jr.

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**TELL STATEHOUSE LEADERSHIP:
“LEAVE OUR MAPS ALONE!”**

CONTACT THESE KEY PLAYERS:



Power to schedule a special session, sign bills into law.

317-232-4567

REP. TODD HUSTON



**Speaker of the House;
oversees 100 House
Representatives.**

317-232-9677

SEN. RODRIC BRAY



Senate President *pro tempore*; oversees 50 Senators

317-232-9416

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or, visit madvoters.org to complete our online action form!

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NO-MERIT MAGA: MAGA IS GETTING DESPERATE

THE EXPONENT QUINT HOLGUIN Jul 30, 2025

Indiana sits second to last in
quality of life ranking 

Indiana CAPITAL CHRONICLE 
PART OF STATES NEWSROOM

MITZI S. MORRIS.
Apr 21, 2025

More rural Indiana communities losing
access to labor and delivery services

93.1FM WIBC
INDY'S MOBILE NEWS

Aug 8, 2025

Indiana Electricity Costs Rising
Higher Than National Average


Hoosiers are wising up to
the damage caused by
**single-party rule and
MAGA extremism.** Rather
than taking responsibility
for the harms caused by
their failed policies,
MAGA is doubling down.

They know they
can't win on merit,
so they're willing to
rig the election.

TELL YOUR OFFICIALS: LEAVE OUR MAPS ALONE!

- Gov. Braun: 317-232-4567
- State Rep: 317-232-9600
- State Senator: 317-232-9400

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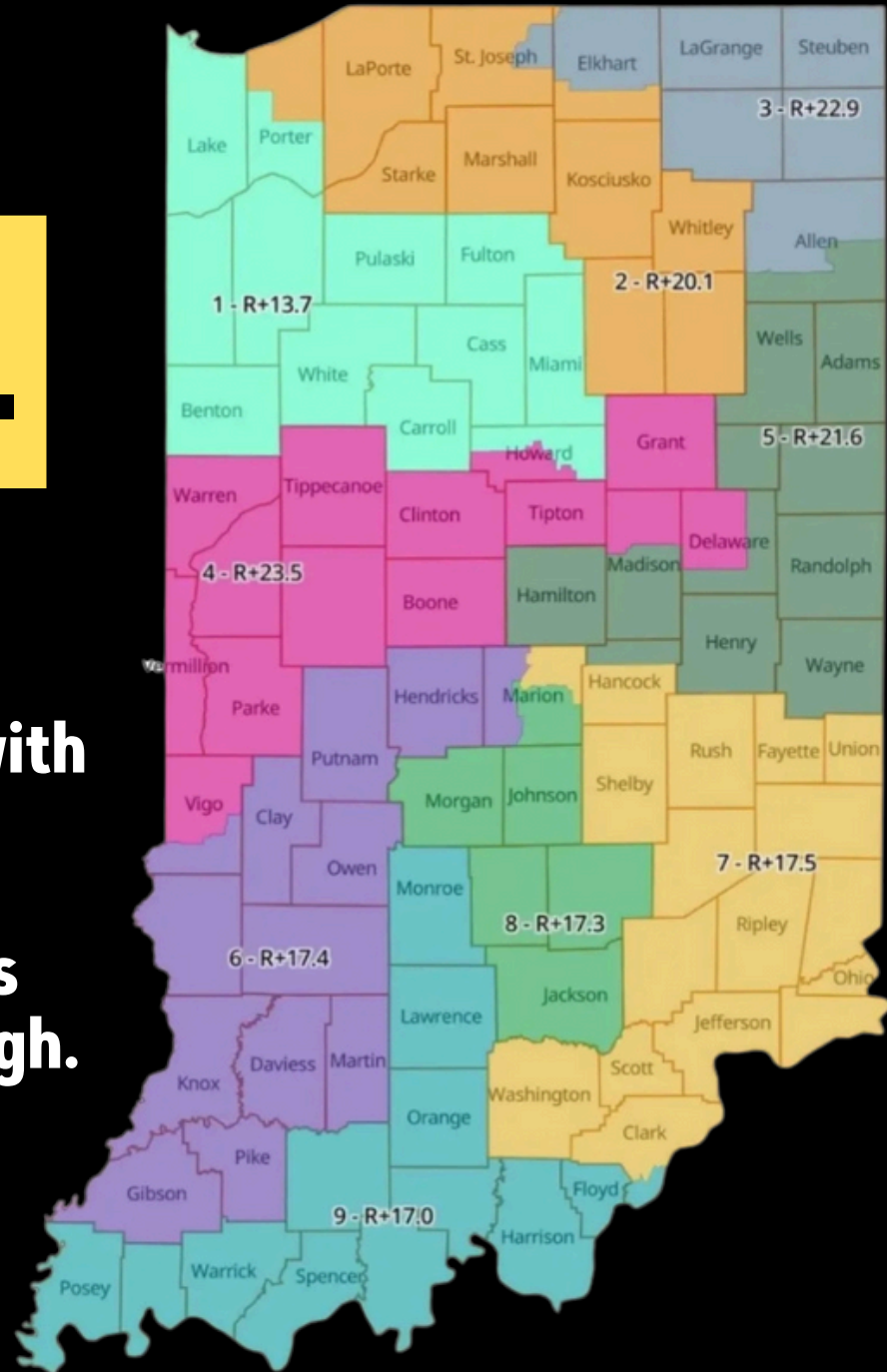
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IT'S NOT REDISTRICTING. IT'S RIGGING.

This map was allegedly shared with some Indiana Republicans. It depicts potential new Congressional districts if MAGA's election-rigging plot goes through.

This new map divides many large cities in an attempt to dilute traditional Democrat voters, like people of color and young voters.

take action at **MAD**  **VOTERS.org**



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HEY GOV. BRAUN:
WHY DO YOU WANT TO
RIG OUR ELECTIONS?

**CAN'T YOU WIN
ON MERIT?**

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RESOURCES

Take Action

- **Sign the Petition!**
- Letter to the Editor resources
- Contact your Legislators resource

Additional Reading

- Red State or Rigged State? MADVoices essay
- Gerrymandering Messaging Guide by Anat Shenker Osorio