

Drawing Districts

Political Science

How boundaries shape outcomes independently of votes.

Techniques and safeguards.

Manipulation techniques

Packing opponents into few districts

Cracking support across many districts

Malapportionment — unequal district sizes

Timing redistricting for advantage

Safeguards

Independent boundary commissions

Equal population requirements

Compactness and community criteria

Judicial review of maps

Transparent, published criteria

Educational reference. Efficiency-gap measures attempt to quantify wasted votes, though no measure is universally accepted.