

Redistricting: What Happened?, What's Next?

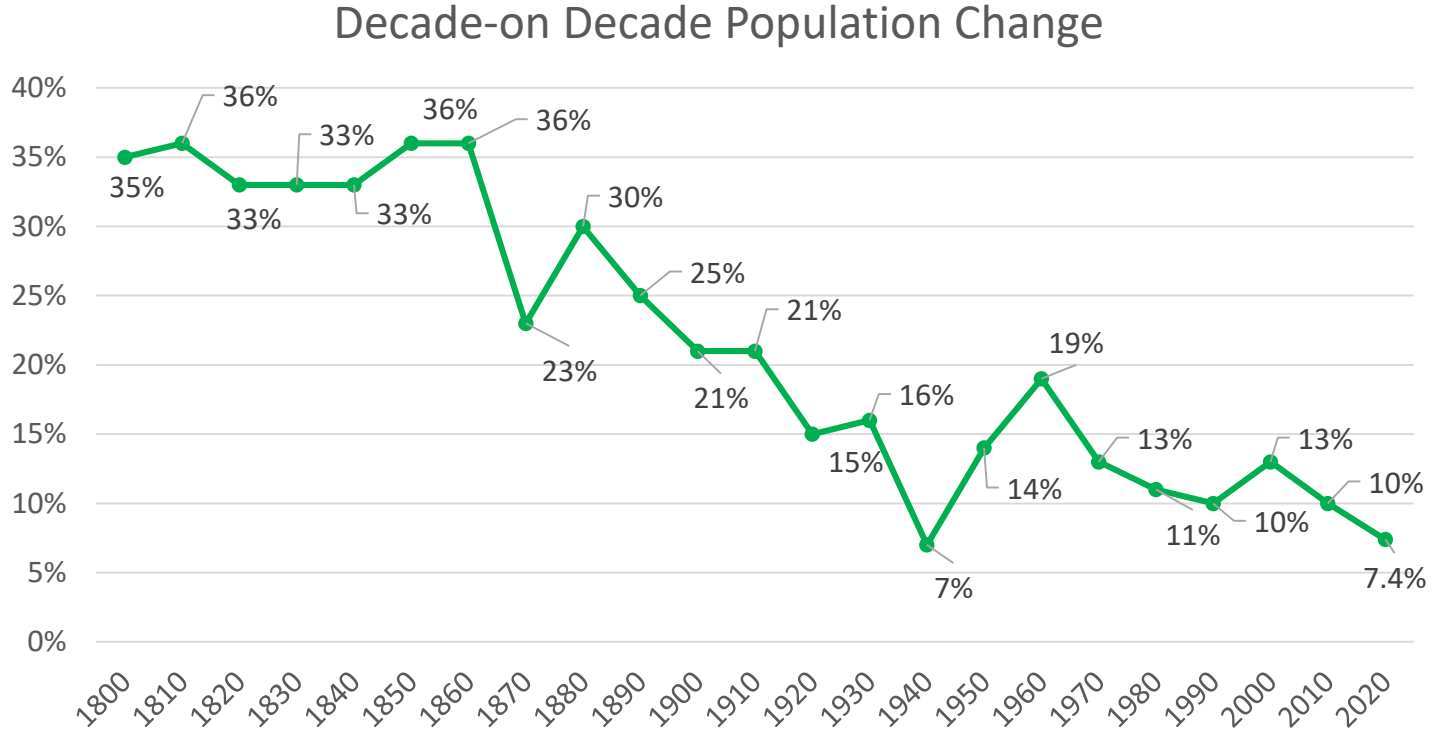
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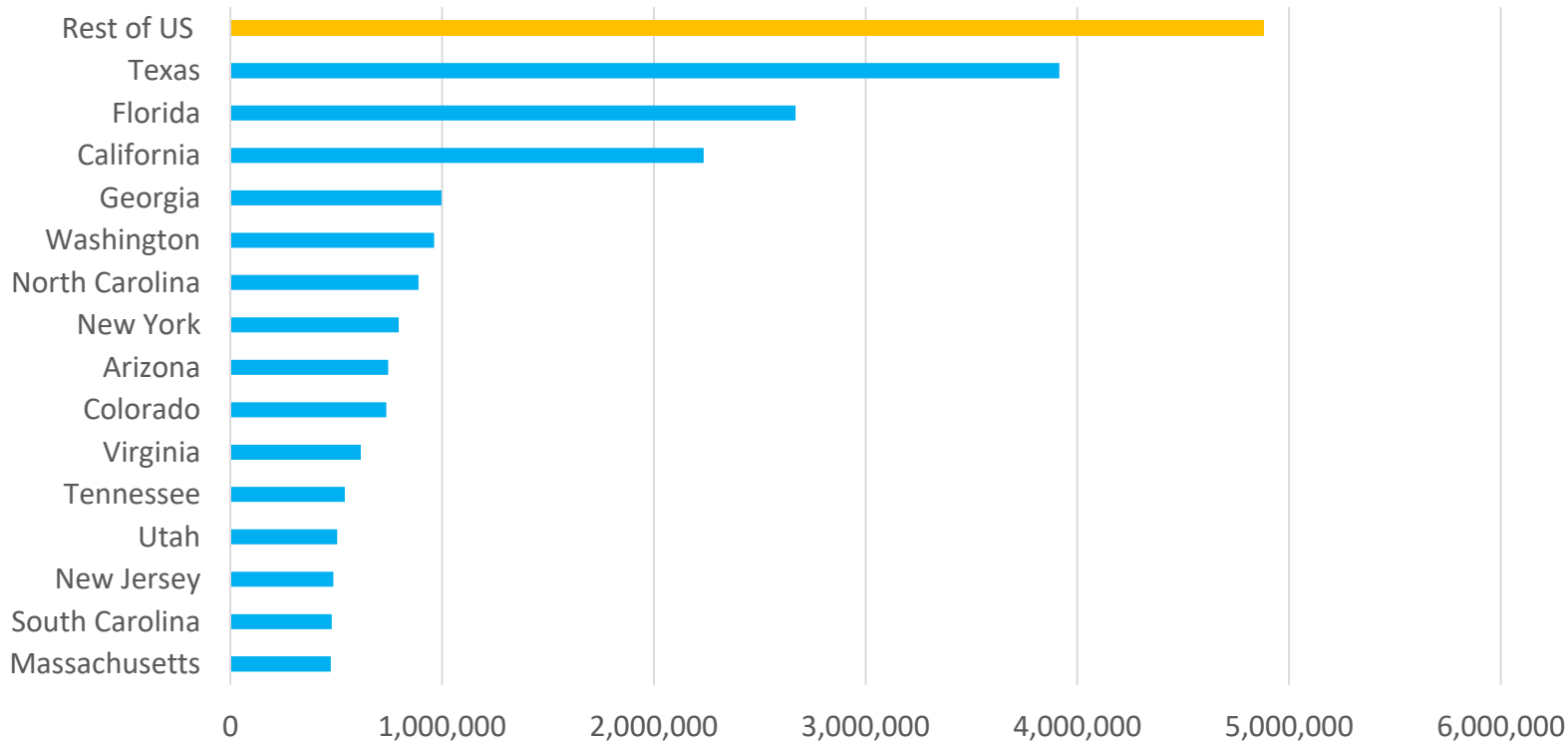
Lay of the Land

U.S. Population Change Since 1800



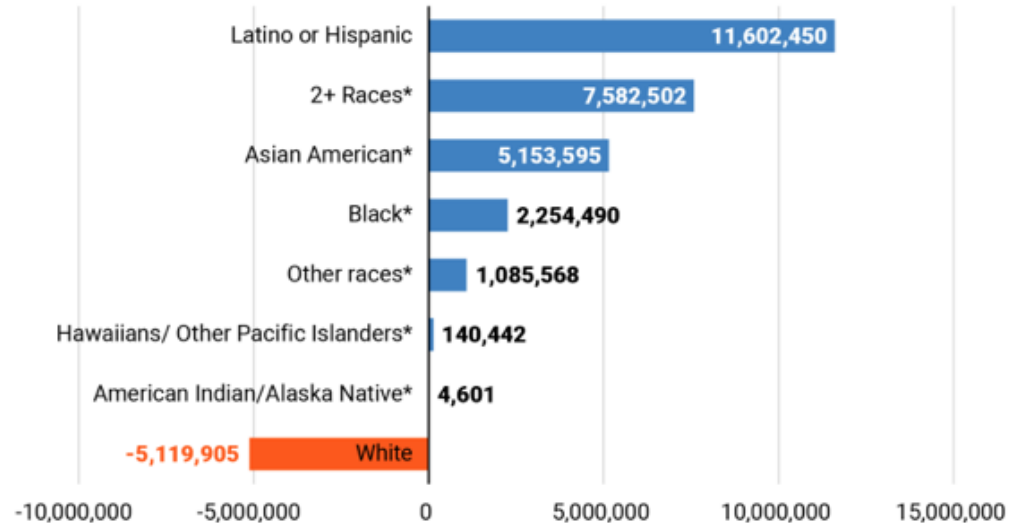
Growth was Slow but Uneven

U.S. population growth 2010-2020



All U.S. population growth last decade came from people of color

Figure 2. Change in US population for race and ethnic groups, 2010-2020



* non-Latino or Hispanic members of racial group

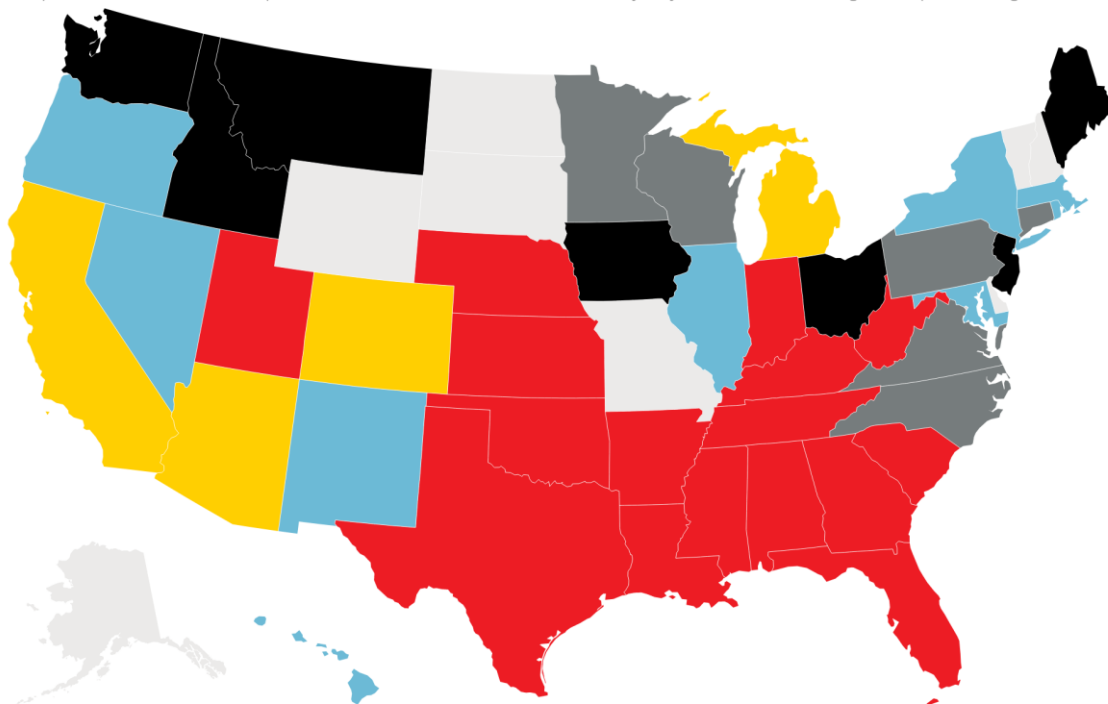
Source: William H. Frey analysis of 2010 and 2020 U.S. decennial censuses.

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Who Drew This Cycle's Maps

Who Drew the Congressional Maps?

● Republicans ● Democrats ● Independent Commission ● Other Commission or Advisory Body ● Court ● Redistricting Not Completed/At-Large District



Note: "Other Commission" includes states where an advisory, bipartisan, or political commission drew the map. Missouri and New Hampshire have still not passed a final congressional map. Alaska, Delaware, North Dakota, South Dakota, Vermont and Wyoming have at-large congressional districts.

Four Trends

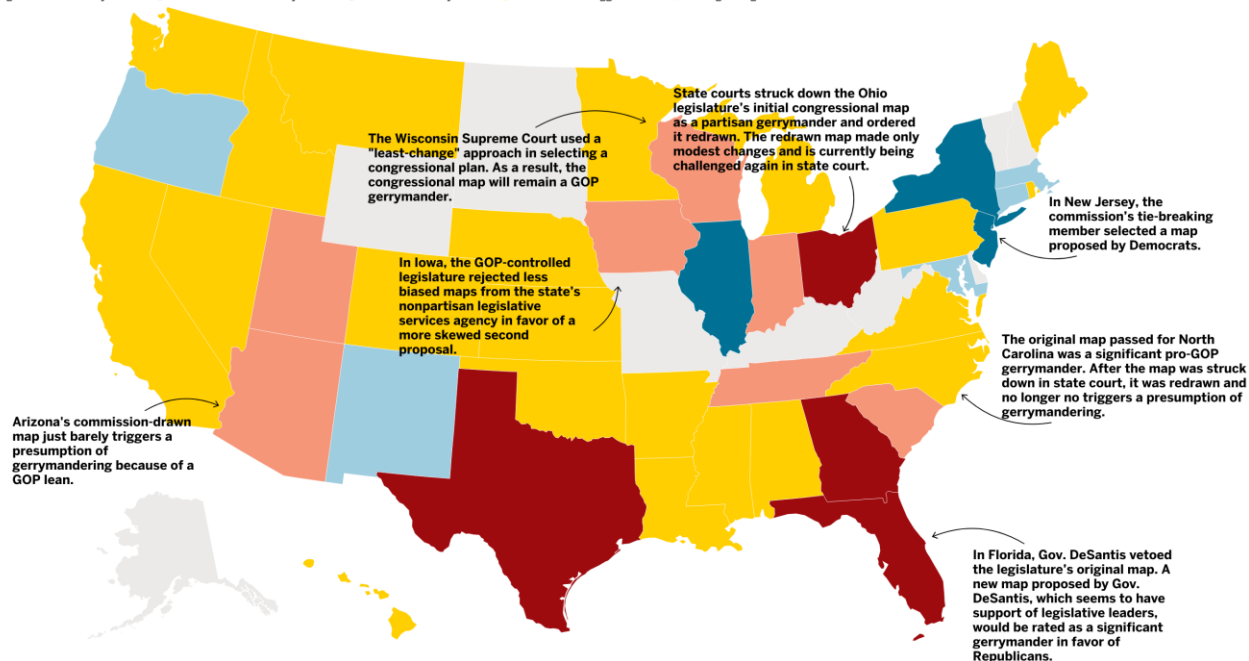
Trend 1:

**Bipartisan Partisan Gerrymandering
This Time Around**

This Decade's Skewed Maps

Maps Presumed to Be Partisan Gerrymanders Under Freedom to Vote: John Lewis Act

● Significant Democratic Gerrymander ● Significant GOP Gerrymander ● Modest Democratic Gerrymander ● Modest GOP Gerrymander ● Plan Does Not Trigger Review ● At-Large Congressional District/Data Not Available

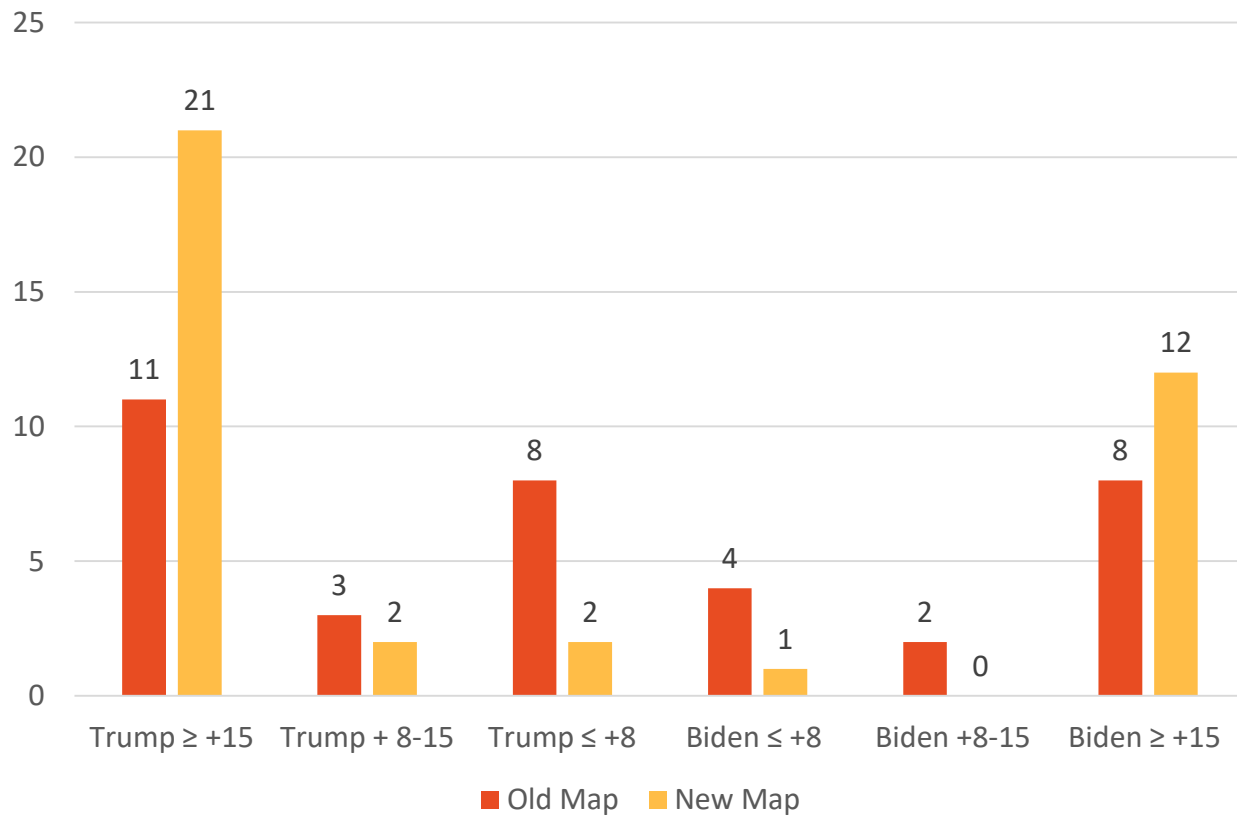


Note: Based on Brennan Center analysis of maps enacted as of April 18, 2022. Note that we have not been able to conduct analyses of West Virginia and Kentucky's new congressional maps due to data availability issues. Alaska, Delaware, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming, and Vermont have at-large congressional districts. New Hampshire and Missouri have not completed congressional redistricting.

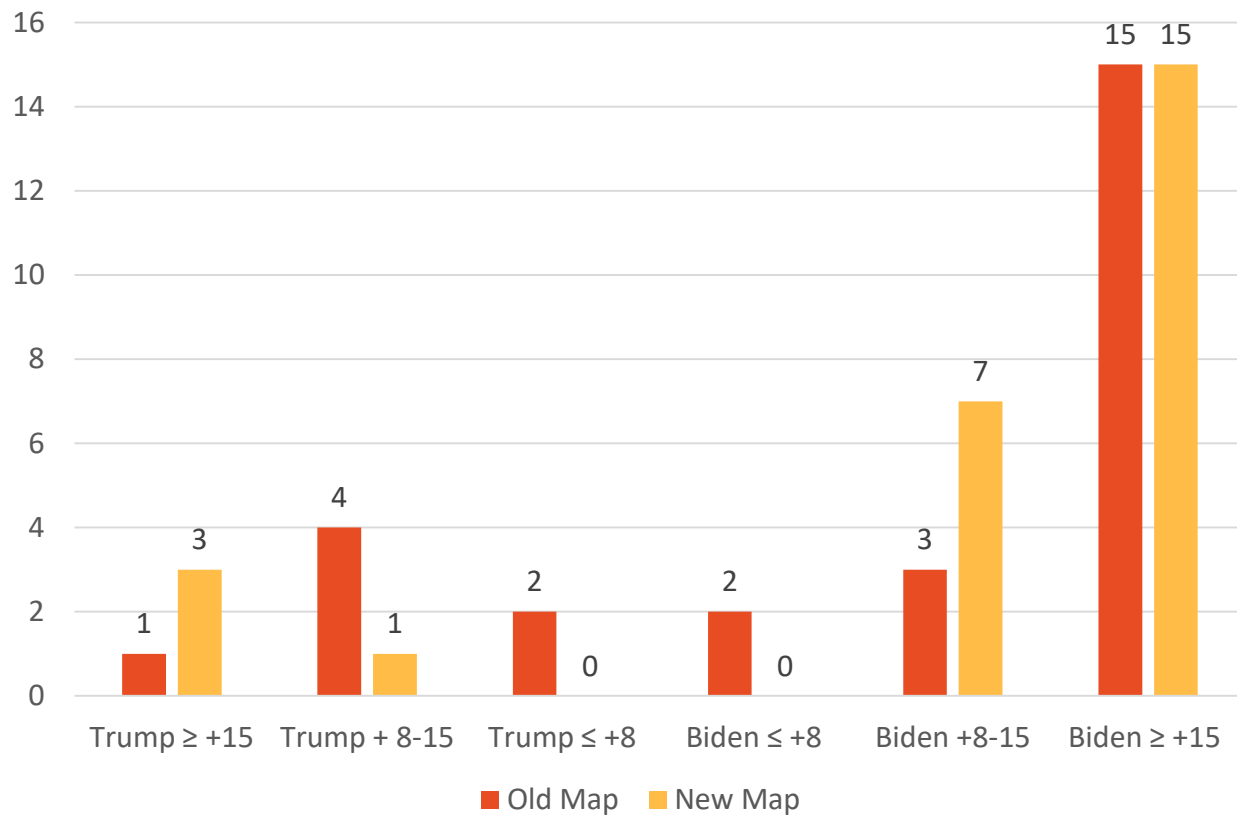
Trend 2:

**There Will Be Many Fewer Competitive Seats
(Especially in GOP States)**

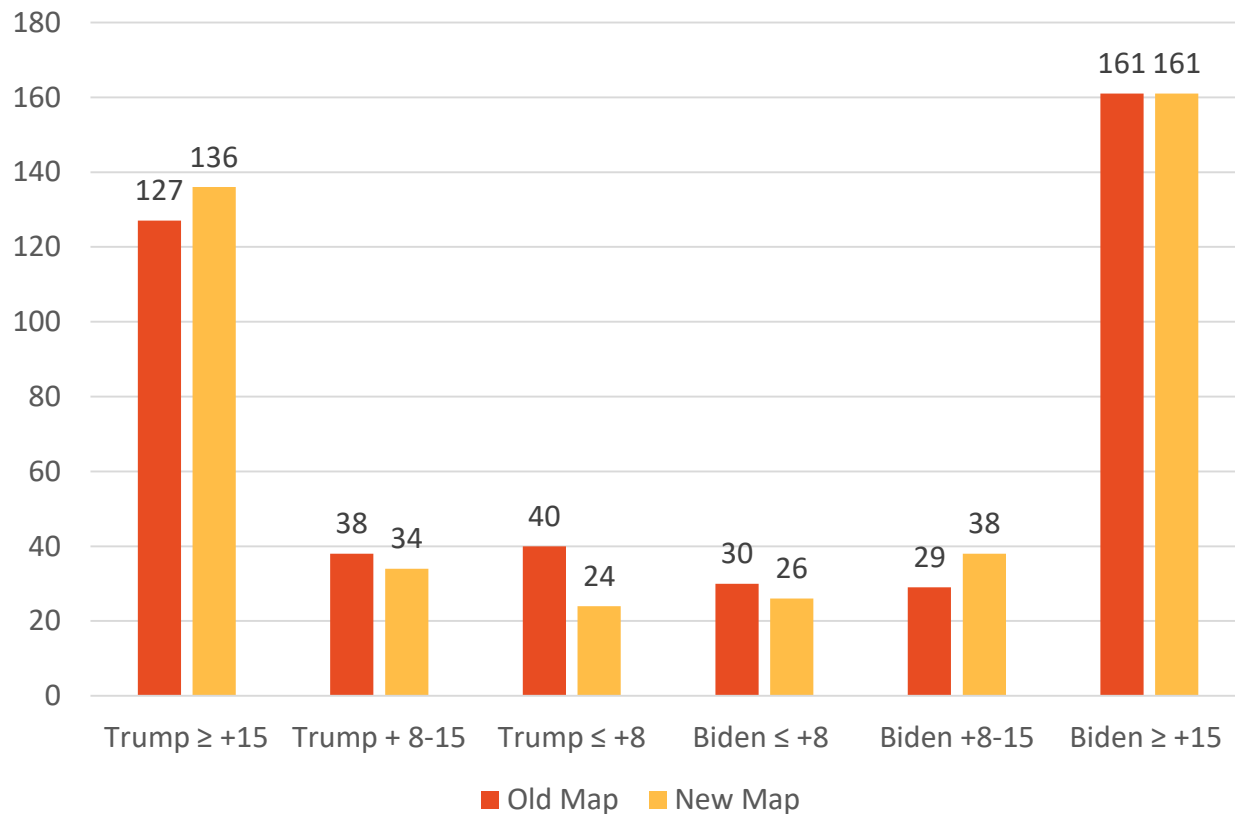
Competition: Texas



Competition: New York



Competition: Nationwide (as of 4/19)

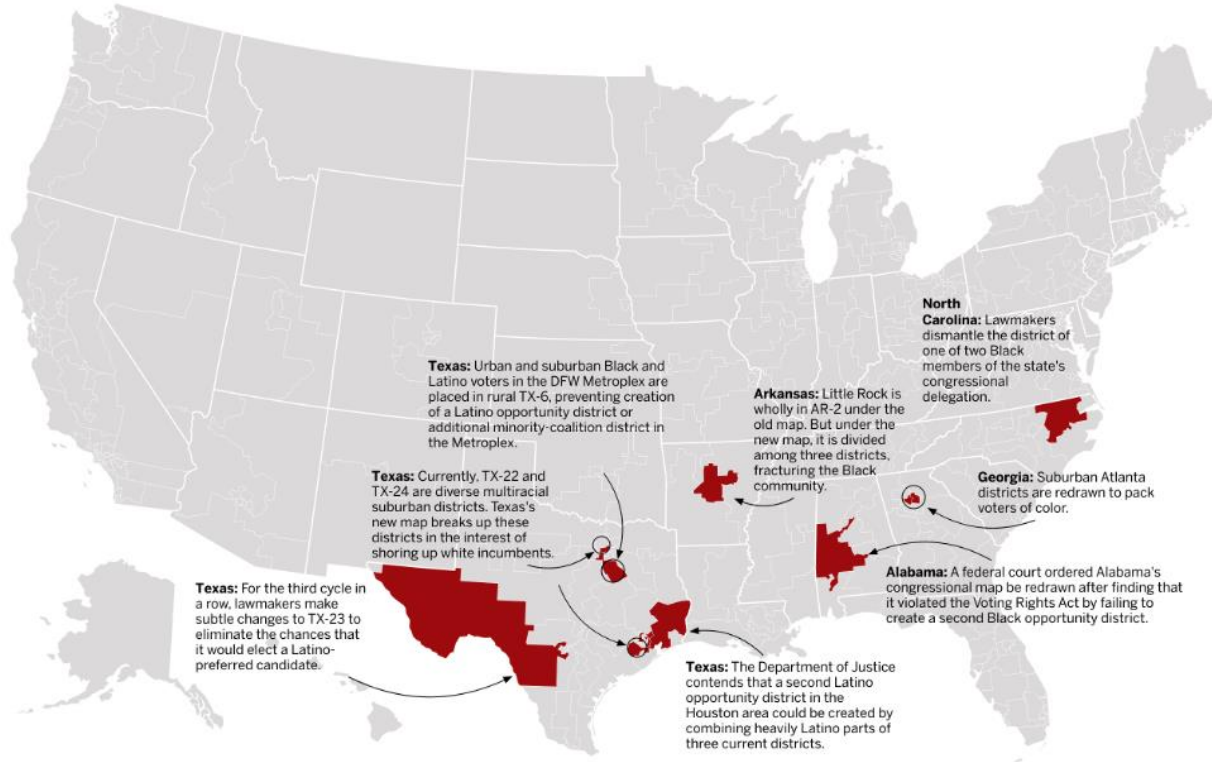


Trend 3:

Communities of Color in Map Drawers Sights

Communities of Color Under Attack

Discrimination Against Communities of Color



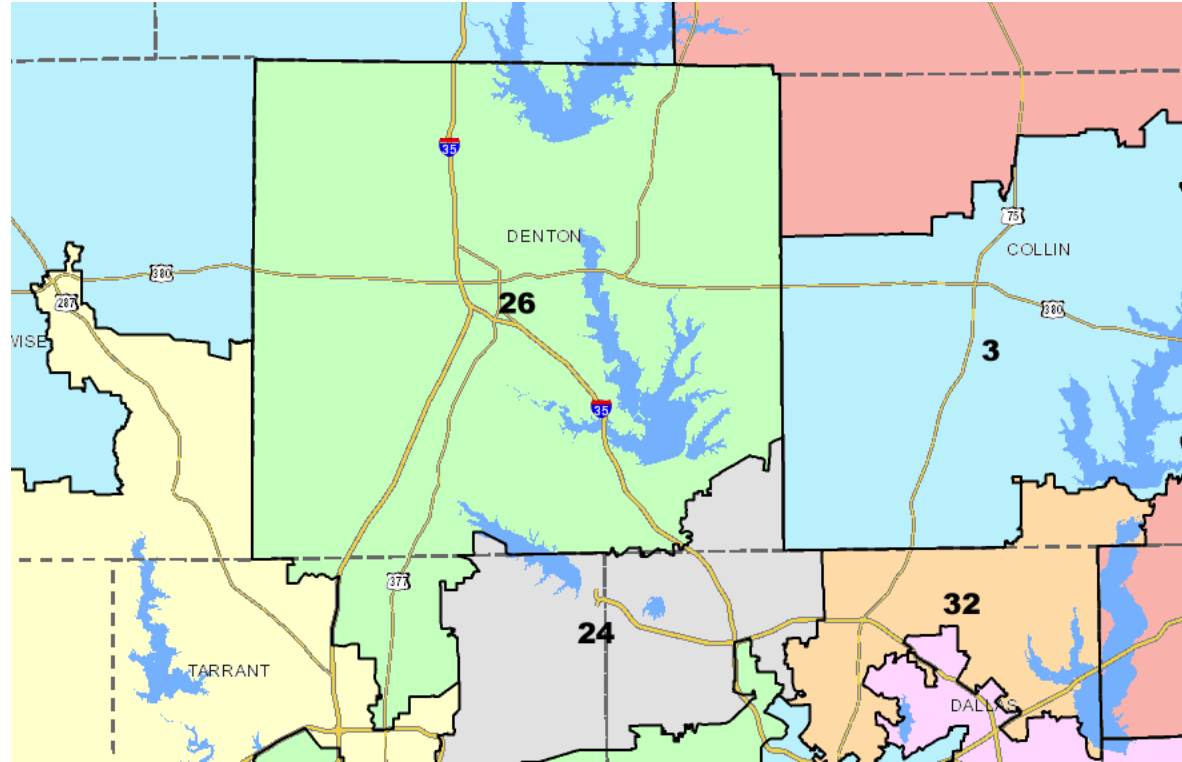
Note: Accurate as of 1/27/2022.

Race vs. Politics: The Rucho Loophole

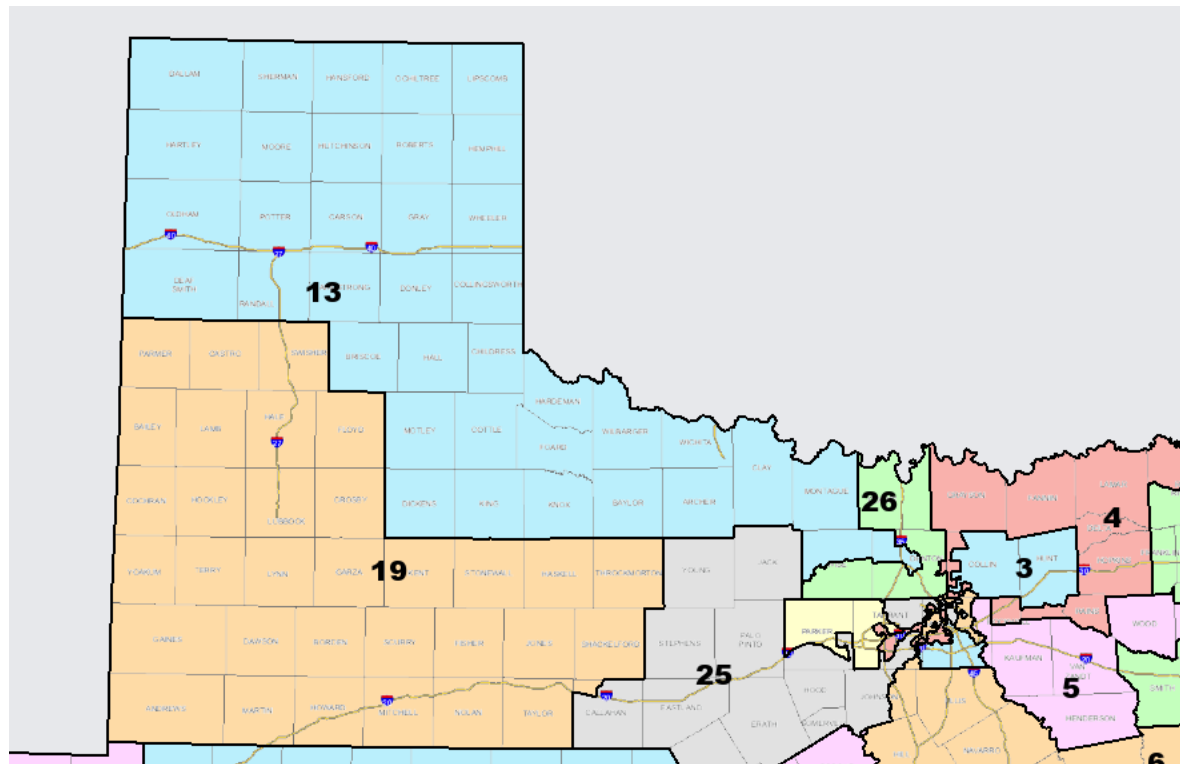


Trend 4: A Battle for the Suburbs (Especially in the South)

Denton County, Texas Today



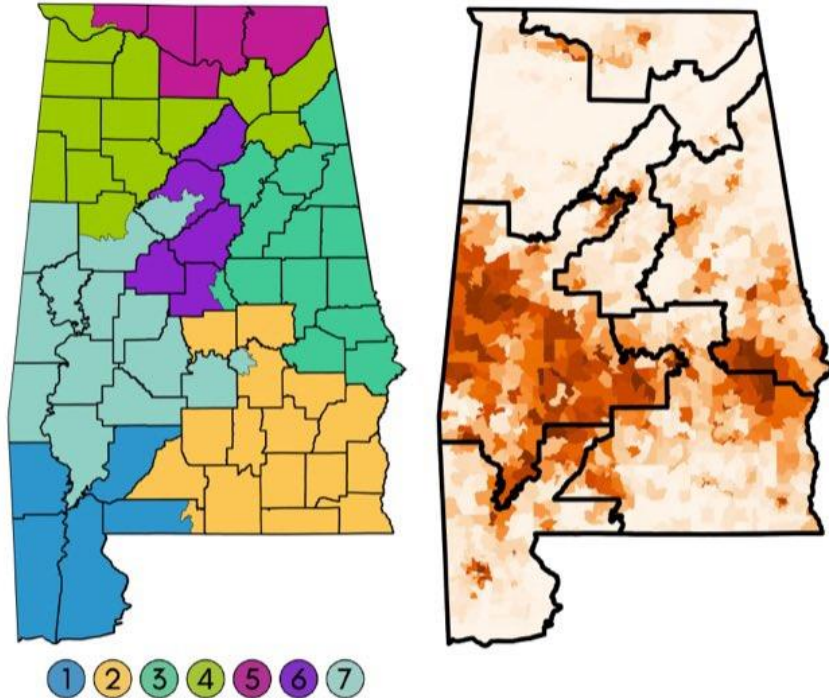
Denton County, Texas as Redistricted



Litigation: An Uncertain Act II

The Massive Coming Battle Over the VRA: Merrill v. Milligan

Black voters currently have an ability to elect in 1 of 7 of Alabama's congressional districts, even though they are 27% of the state's population.



Alabama Alternatives

Plaintiffs in the Alabama case presented multiple versions of maps with a second Black opportunity district in the state's Black Belt region (second district in yellow)

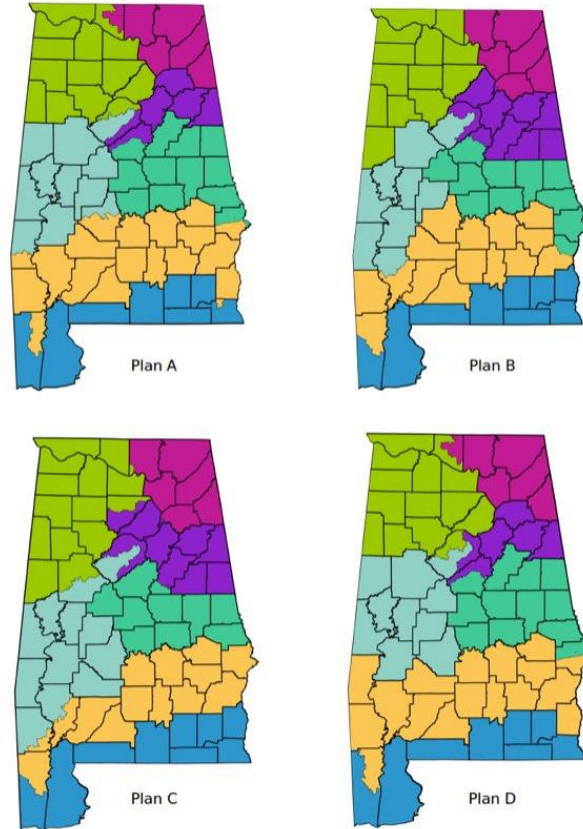
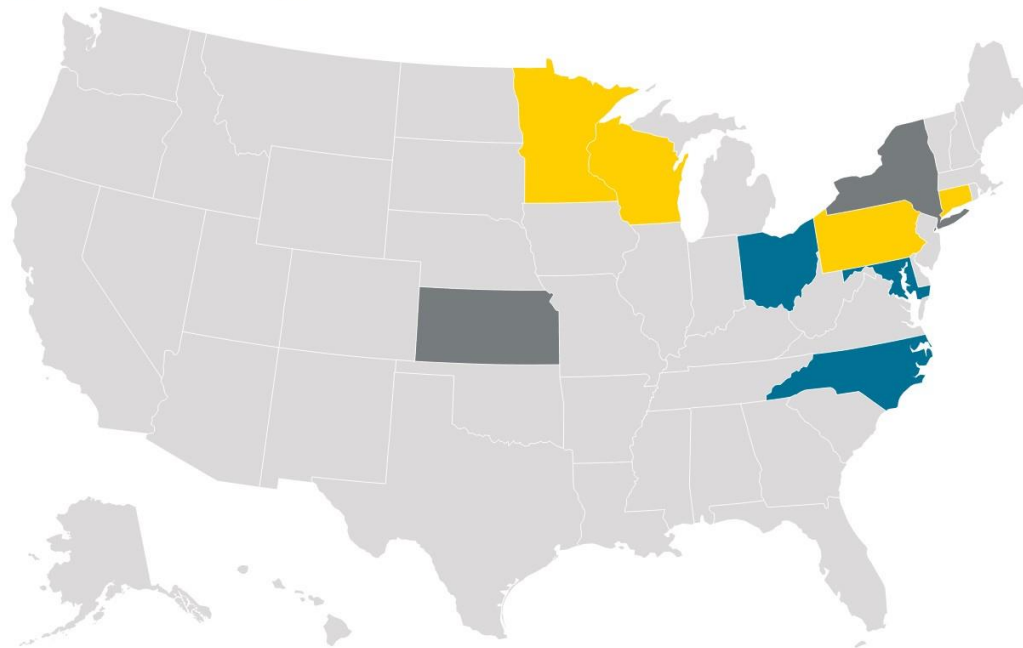


Figure 2: The four alternative plans presented in this report.

A Growing Role for State Courts

Where State Courts Have Struck Down or Picked Maps – Or Could

● Court Struck Down Map ● Court Picked Final Map ● Court May Still Choose Final Map



Note: As of March 28, 2022



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