



- Creates “safe” districts and **predictable election outcomes**
- Predictable outcomes create **unresponsive elected officials**
- Gerrymandering creates **disengaged voters**
- The **primary** become the important contest
- Competitive primaries benefit **extreme candidates**
- Extreme candidates who cannot compromise lead to **dysfunctional government**

**In May 2018, Ohio voters approved new rules for congressional mapmaking.** The new rules in the Ohio Constitution include rules for keeping political subdivisions together and greater transparency in mapmaking plus a prohibition on gerrymandering.



# **The first meeting of the Ohio Redistricting Commission was on August 6, 2021.**



**[Ohio Redistricting Timeline 2021-2023](#)**



**"You're not listening to me!"**

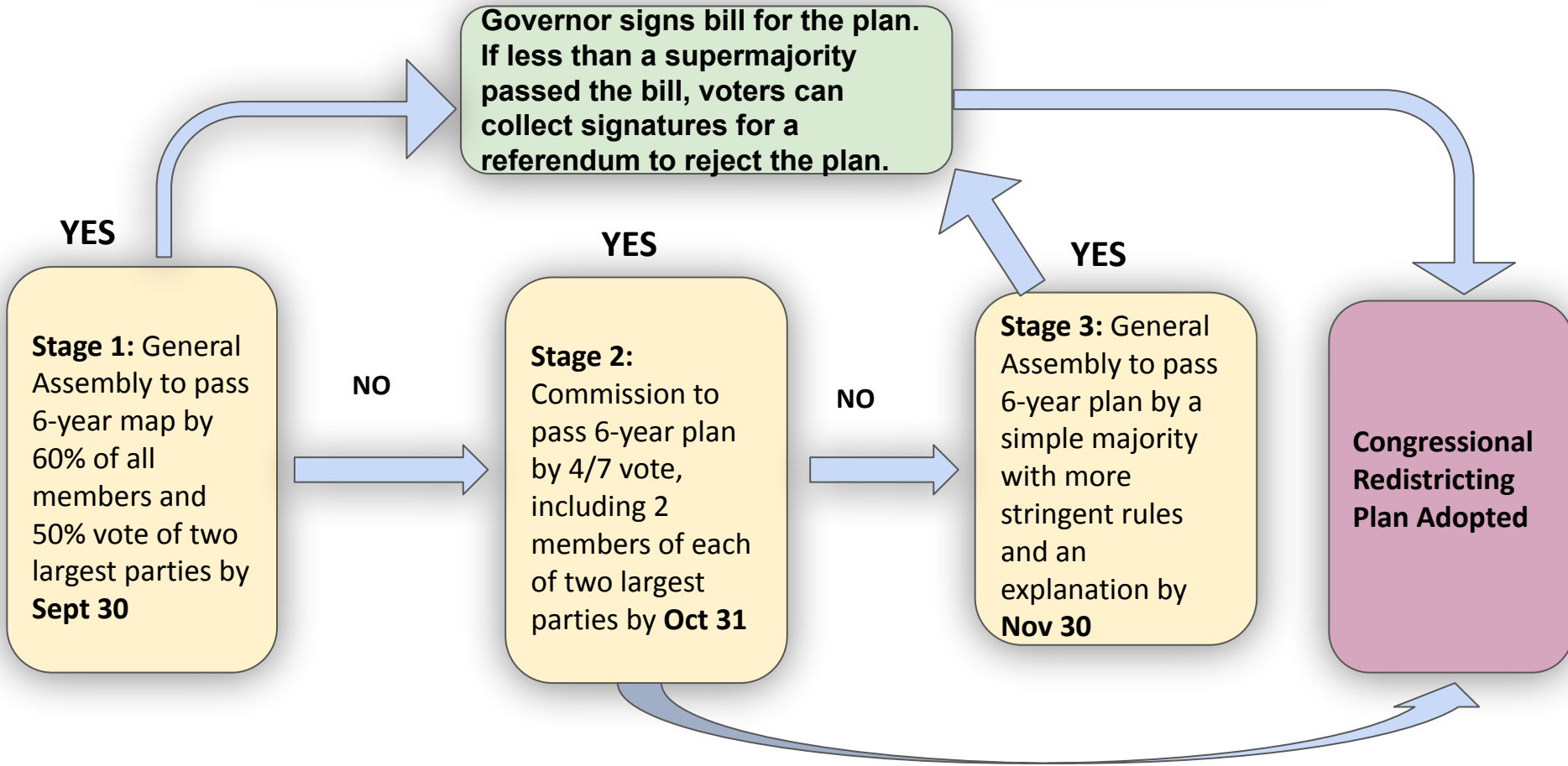




# New Congressional Maps for Ohio in 2025

- In 2018, Ohio voters approved new rules for congressional mapmaking that prohibit gerrymandering and require more transparent mapmaking. These rules are in the Ohio Constitution.
- The Ohio Redistricting Commission (governor, auditor, sec. of state plus legislative appointees) defied the Ohio Supreme Court in 2022 which determined that the gerrymandered maps were unconstitutional.
- [Congressional maps created in 2022](#) were not bipartisan, so, were only used for 2022 & 2024 elections.

# 2025 Congressional Redistricting Process

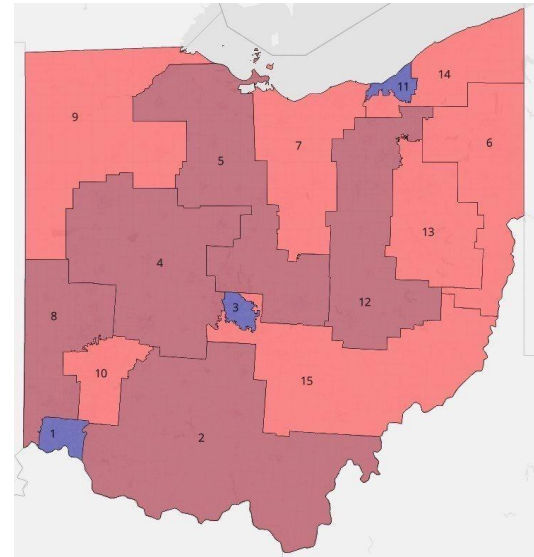
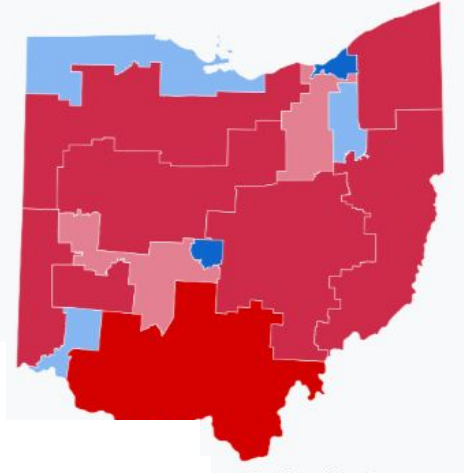


# We need to keep up the pressure!

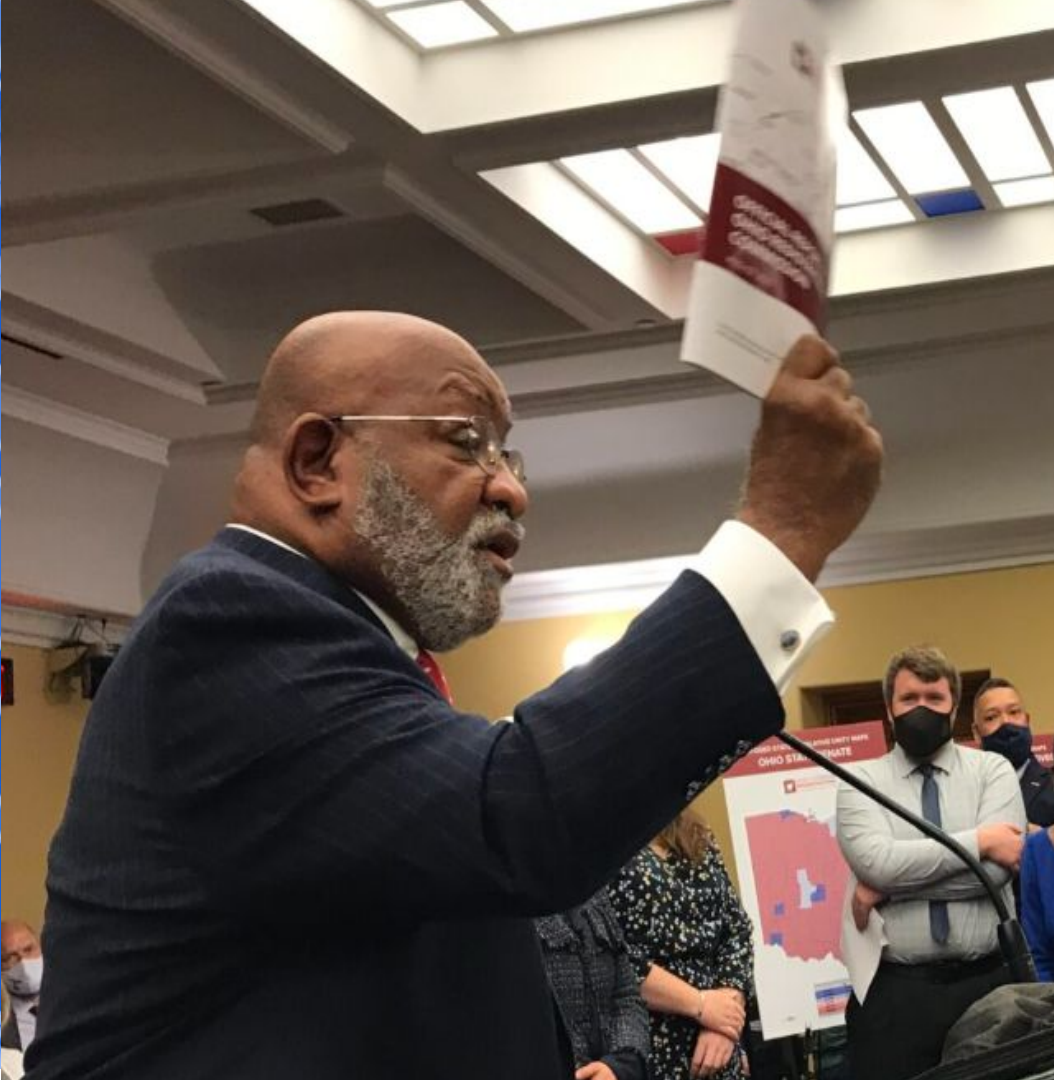
Legislative leaders sold voters on the reforms already in the Ohio Constitution. Together, we can remind them to live up to their obligations to transparent mapmaking and fair voting maps.



Current congressional map  
Check out all the details on  
[Dave's Redistricting App!](#)



A behind the scenes  
[draft map](#)



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# There are rules in the Ohio Constitution...

The makeup of the state's highest court has changed. The court is now [heavily dominated by conservatives](#) (6-1). In 2022, the current Chief Justice Sharon Kennedy and Justices Pat Fischer and Pat Dewine supported maps found to be unconstitutional by the majority.

**But a very different  
Ohio Supreme Court!**



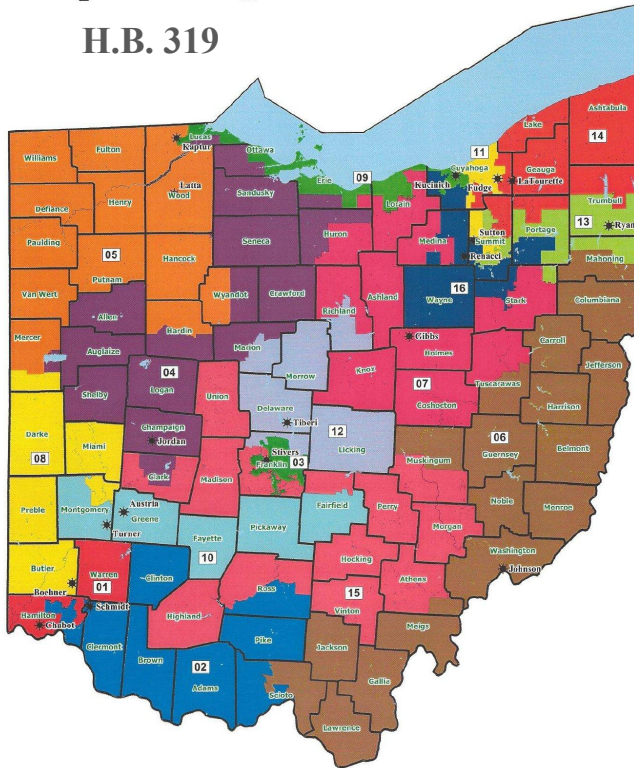
## What about a referendum?

- At least 6% of the last gubernatorial vote [248,092](#)
- 3% of the last gubernatorial vote from 44/88 counties
- The petitions must be filed with the Secretary of State within **90 days after the law or section of law** was filed with the Secretary of State by the Governor.

In 2012, the state legislature repealed a House Bill 194 and Ohioans collected enough signatures to get a referendum on the ballot.



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**December 14, 2011**





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I'll translate...

"We have multiple drafts, but anything you've seen online is not one of our drafts because you bet your bottom dollar we are keeping those puppies hidden until the last possible moment."



**Jeremy Pelzer** @jpelzer · Jul 31

I'm told by multiple sources that Ohio Republicans haven't started drawing congressional redistricting maps yet, and that a couple "GOP redistricting maps" that've been floating around online are bogus -- or, at least, weren't made by anyone responsible for the actual draft maps

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# **We need you! Let's get ready.**

- **Public Hearings:**
  - Your testimony will pressure on mapmakers and helps the public understand what gerrymandering actually is.
  - Tell a story – become familiar or re-familiarize yourself with your district and with good districts
- **Tell your story via social media, letters to the editor, and at community events**
- **Share information about upcoming hearings and promote Fair Districts on social media**
- **Plan an event in your community and distribute Fair Districts flyers at events**

# Redistricting Narratives: Tell a story

## How

- Show the impact
- Help people feel it
- Keep it nonpartisan
- Just make it human

## Example: Ohio's 6th District

- Takes 2.5 hours & 151 miles to drive from 1 District 6 office to the other

**Source:** [Strangers in District 6](#), special LWVO report by Prof. David Niven



# Gerrymandering Combines Dislike Communities



# Redistricting Narratives: Splitting Communities

## **Example: Tuscarawas County Ohio's Strasburg Franklin Local School District**

Only 2 school buildings, but each is in a different congressional districts

The current congressional map splits 67 school districts.





# Districts Compete Against Themselves Economical

## County Economies of the 15th District

	Top Employer Category	Overrepresented	Underrepresented
<b>Clark</b>	Health Care and Social Assistance	Administrative and Support Services	Professional, Scientific and Technical
<b>Fayette</b>	Retail Trade	Retail Trade	Professional, Scientific and Technical
<b>Franklin</b>	Health Care and Social Assistance	Finance and Insurance	Manufacturing
<b>Madison</b>	Transportation and Warehousing	Transportation and Warehousing	Health Care and Social Assistance
<b>Miami</b>	Manufacturing	Manufacturing	Professional, Scientific and Technical
<b>Shelby</b>	Manufacturing	Manufacturing	Professional, Scientific and Technical

## County Economies of the 6th District

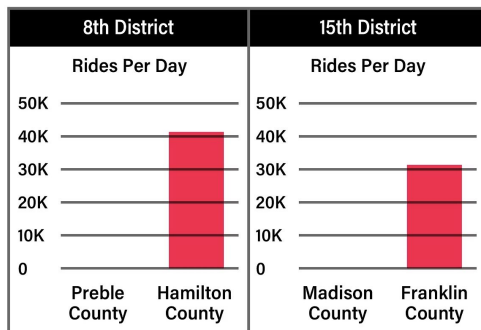
	Top Employer Category	Overrepresented	Underrepresented
<b>Belmont</b>	Health Care and Social Assistance	Mining/Oil and Gas	Manufacturing
<b>Carroll</b>	Manufacturing	Construction	Finance and Insurance
<b>Columbiana</b>	Manufacturing	Manufacturing	Transportation and Warehousing
<b>Harrison</b>	Health Care and Social Assistance	Transportation and Warehousing	Manufacturing
<b>Jefferson</b>	Health Care and Social Assistance	Educational Services	Manufacturing
<b>Mahoning</b>	Health Care and Social Assistance	Accommodation and Food Services	Professional, Scientific and Technical
<b>Monroe</b>	Construction	Construction	Manufacturing
<b>Noble</b>	Public Administration	Public Administration	Manufacturing
<b>Stark</b>	Health Care and Social Assistance	Manufacturing	Professional, Scientific and Technical
<b>Tuscarawas</b>	Manufacturing	Manufacturing	Professional, Scientific and Technical
<b>Washington</b>	Health Care and Social Assistance	Health Care and Social Assistance	Transportation and Warehousing

## Source:

<https://www.lwvohio.org/report>

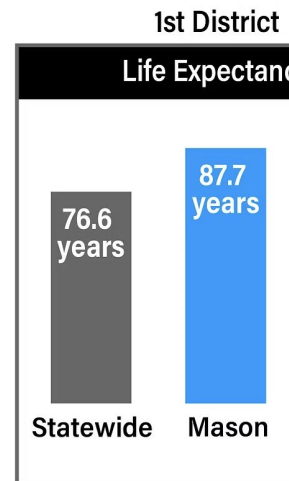
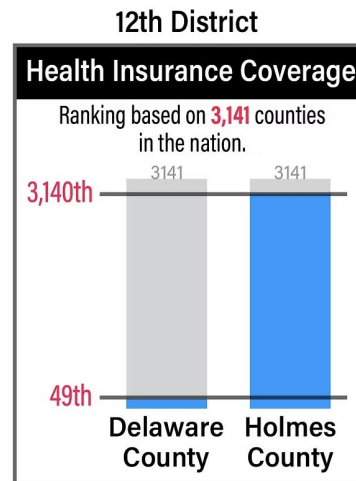
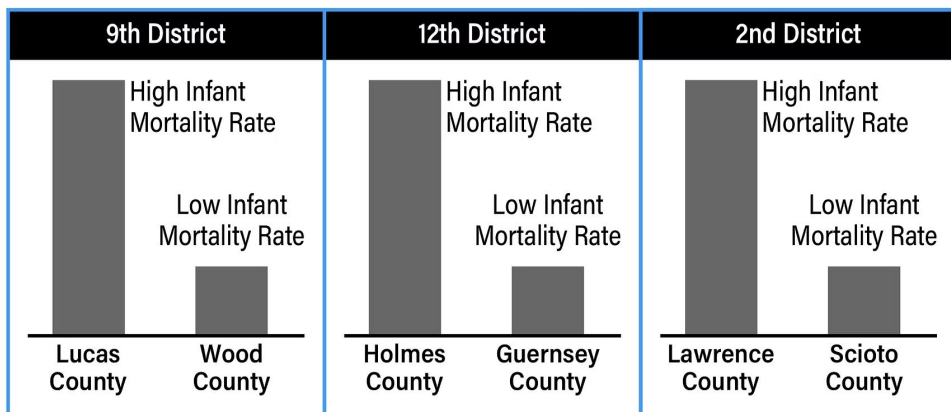


# How to Serve Constituents with Different Needs?



(Table 4)

## Ohio Infant Mortality

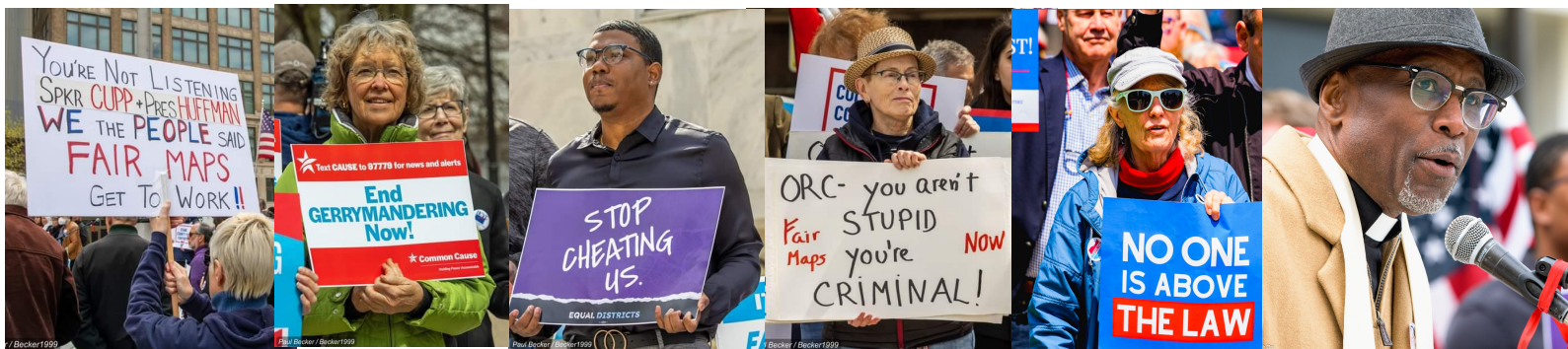








# Fair Districts' 2025 Fair Maps Day!



**Date:** September 17

**Time:** 10:30am — 12:30pm

**Location:** Trinity Episcopal Church, 125 E. Broad St.  
across the street from the Ohio Statehouse

**Register here :** [bit.ly/FairMapsDay2025](https://bit.ly/FairMapsDay2025)

