

GERRYMANDERING

What exactly is it?

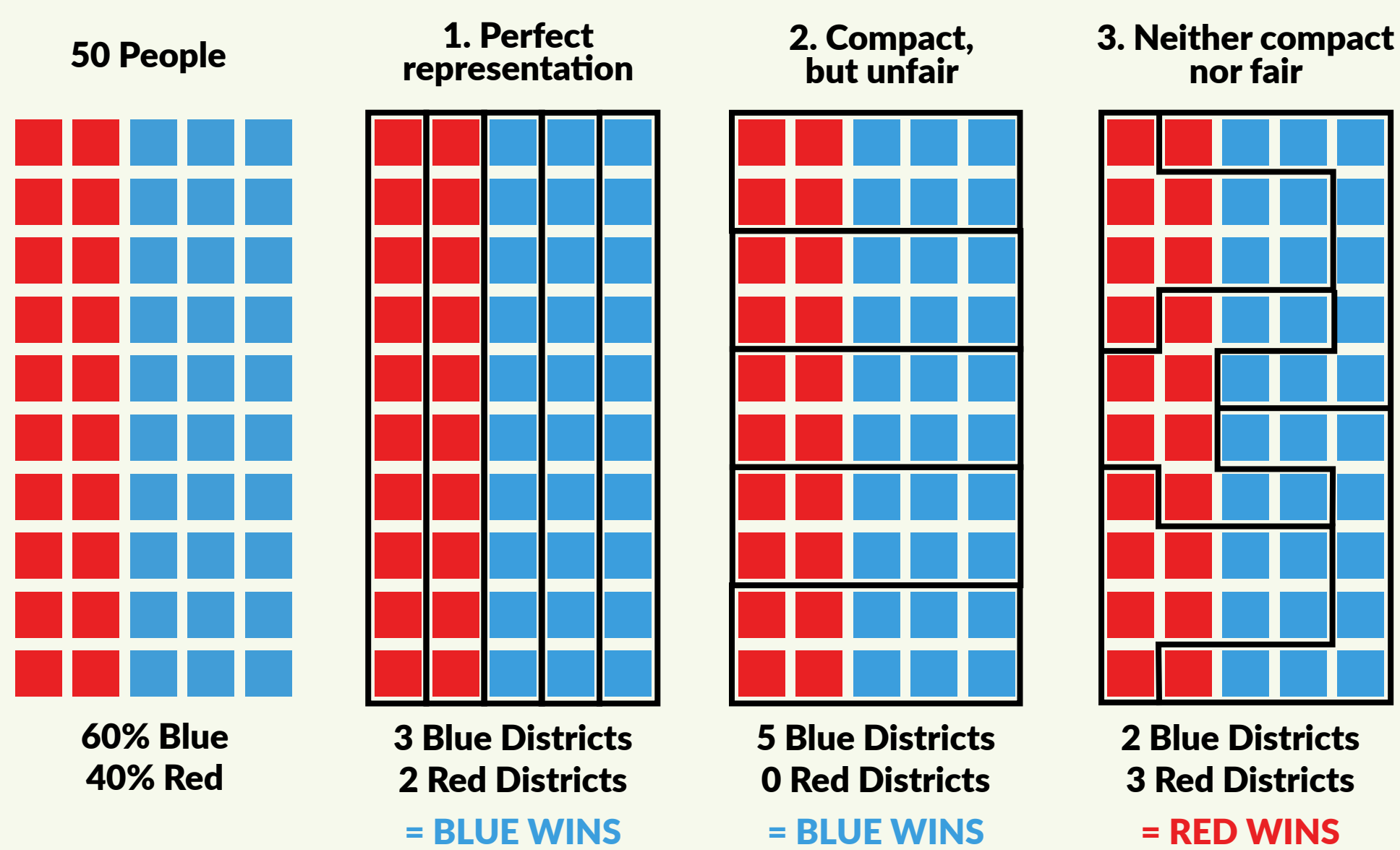
Gerrymandering is strategic manipulation of electoral

DISTRICT MAPS

It can establish a political advantage for a particular party, and it can also discriminate against certain classes of voters.

THE ABILITY TO DRAW MAPS IS A POWERFUL POLITICAL TOOL.

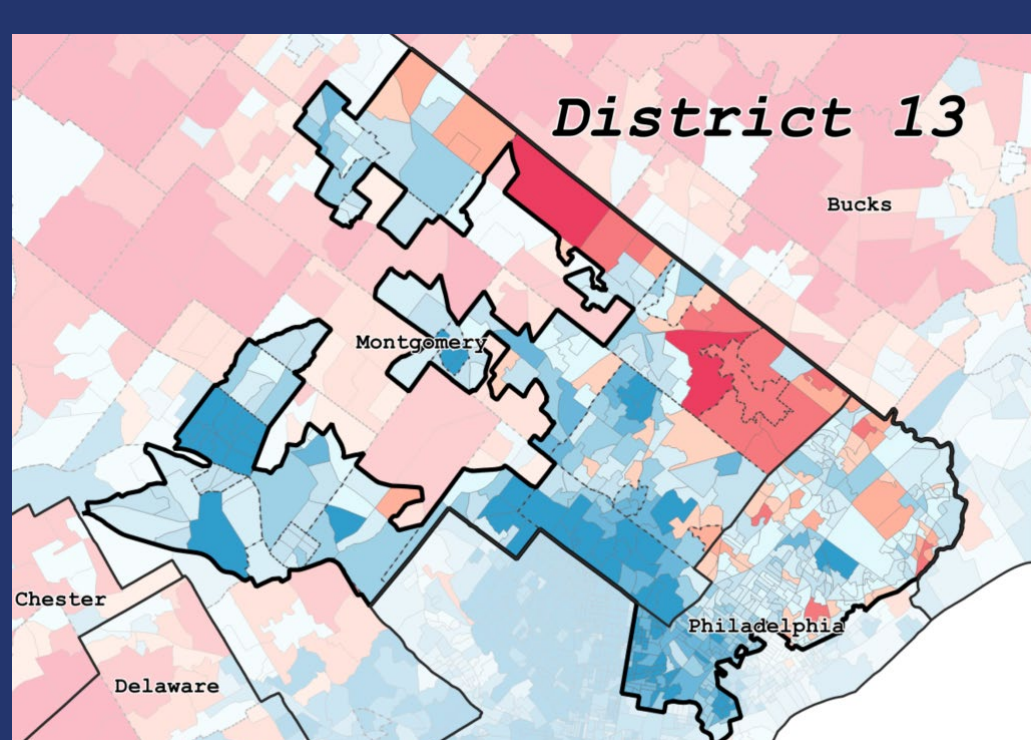
Consider three vastly different electoral outcomes for a group of 50 voters, depending on how their districts are drawn:



How is it done?

PACKING

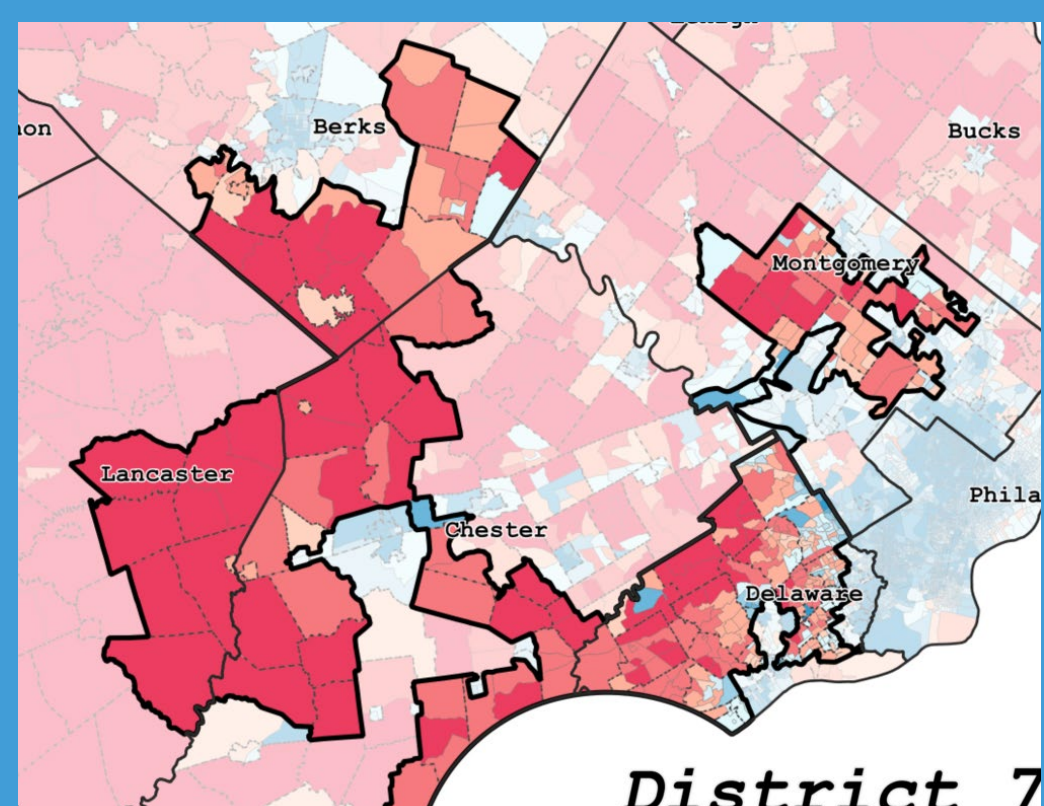
concentrating as many of the opposing party's supporters into as few districts as possible.



Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District was packed to create a heavily Democratic district, resulting in an odd shape that specifically excludes certain areas.

C R A C K I N G

SCATTERING THE REST OF THE OPPOSING PARTY'S SUPPORTERS INTO DISTRICTS WHERE THEY HAVE NO CHANCE OF WINNING.



Gerrymandered boundaries spread poor urban communities out among suburban and rural areas.

Pennsylvania's 7th Congressional District was one of the most gerrymandered districts in the country before PA Supreme Court declared it unconstitutional in 2018.

REDISTRICTING

HAPPENS IN **2021**

the people we elect to our
STATE LEGISLATURES
will draw the district maps for the next
10 YEARS