

# Redistricting | Core Messages

## North Carolinians Demand Reform

We are tired of politicians rigging elections to reduce competition and protect themselves from being held accountable. We demand a government of, by and for the people.

(1) A new poll shows that four out of five North Carolina voters (80%) say it's not fair for politicians to draw their own districts. That includes 85% of Democrats, 74% of Republicans, 80% of independents – as well as 70% of Trump supporters and 80% of African Americans.

(2) The redistricting process must be open, avoid racial or partisan gerrymandering, and allow voters to pick their political representatives, not the other way around.

## A Sham Redistricting Process Is Insulting.

Legislative leaders continue to stall and avoid fixing their unconstitutional maps. They:

(1) hired the same consultant (Thomas Hofeller) who drew the current illegal maps. He is nationally known for rigging maps to help his Republican clients.

(2) declared they would not consider the race of voters, as if that would stop them from drawing biased maps. In fact, that approach ignores the directive of the courts to examine whether black voters have a fair chance to elect candidates of their choice in the new districts.

(3) declared they would consider past election outcomes and the ability of their party to win elections in the new districts. They admit they drew districts for partisan advantage.

***(4) refused to reveal the new maps until just before this hearing – and then didn't provide data about registration or race to fully analyze the maps. This process is a charade.***

## New Maps Attempt to Protect an Illegal Legislature.

Legislators elected from illegal districts have created new maps to protect themselves.

(1) N.C. lawmakers have used unlawful gerrymandering to win elections in 2012, 2014 and 2016; they keep passing laws in an illegal General Assembly that can ignore voters.

***(2) The new maps continue extreme partisan gerrymandering. About 90% of the districts clearly favor one party, creating safe seats, with little or no partisan competition.***

(3) General Assembly leaders have spent \$4.8 million of taxpayers' money to defend their maps in court, but they keep losing. Stop cheating, stop wasting our money!

## Racial Gerrymandering Is White Supremacy.

Racial gerrymandering promotes racial divisions to give white elites political power.

(1) In 2011, N.C. Republicans purposefully packed black voters into a small number of districts to undermine the new fusion coalition that elected Barack Obama.

***(2) GOP lawmakers combined racial gerrymandering with an anti-voter "Monster Law" that targeted African Americans, as the court said, "with almost surgical precision."***

(3) Racial gerrymandering is a tool of white supremacy. It produces rigged elections that hurt all North Carolinians except the wealthy, white, mostly male power brokers.