



ON SUPREME COURT GERRYMANDERING CASE:

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The American people do not like gerrymandering. It leaves them feeling powerless and discouraged; that their votes are wasted and voices silenced. They see it rigging our political system to favor special interests...

The Supreme Court can clean up a cause of America's crisis in confidence in our democracy, protect our elections from wildly partisan "bulk" gerrymandering, and return control of our elections to the people. We hope the Court will.

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U.S. Senator John McCain

Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee

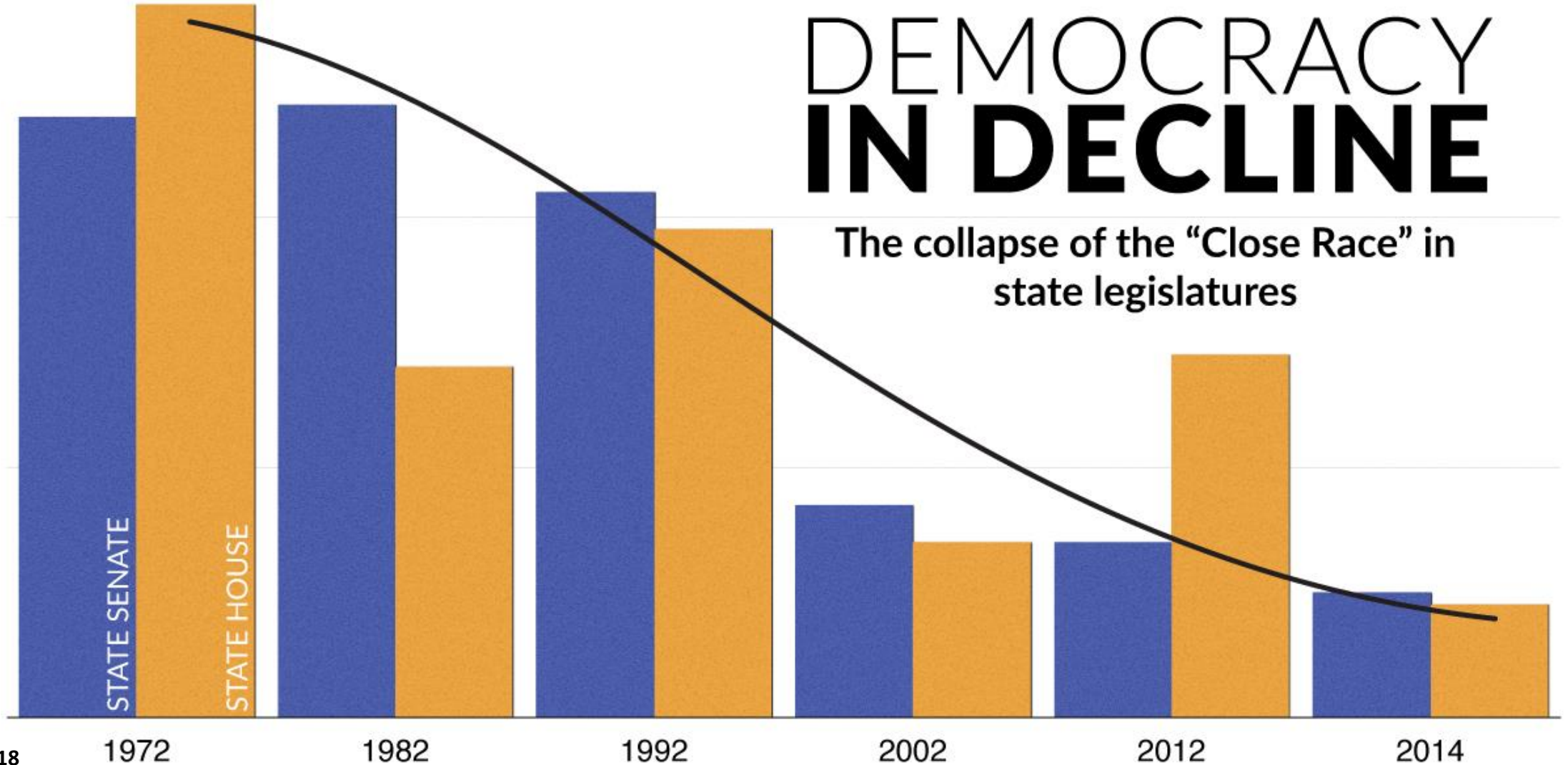


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DEMOCRACY IN DECLINE

The collapse of the "Close Race" in
state legislatures





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CITIZEN



INCUMBENT



Texas ranks 46th in the nation for voter turnout – 55%

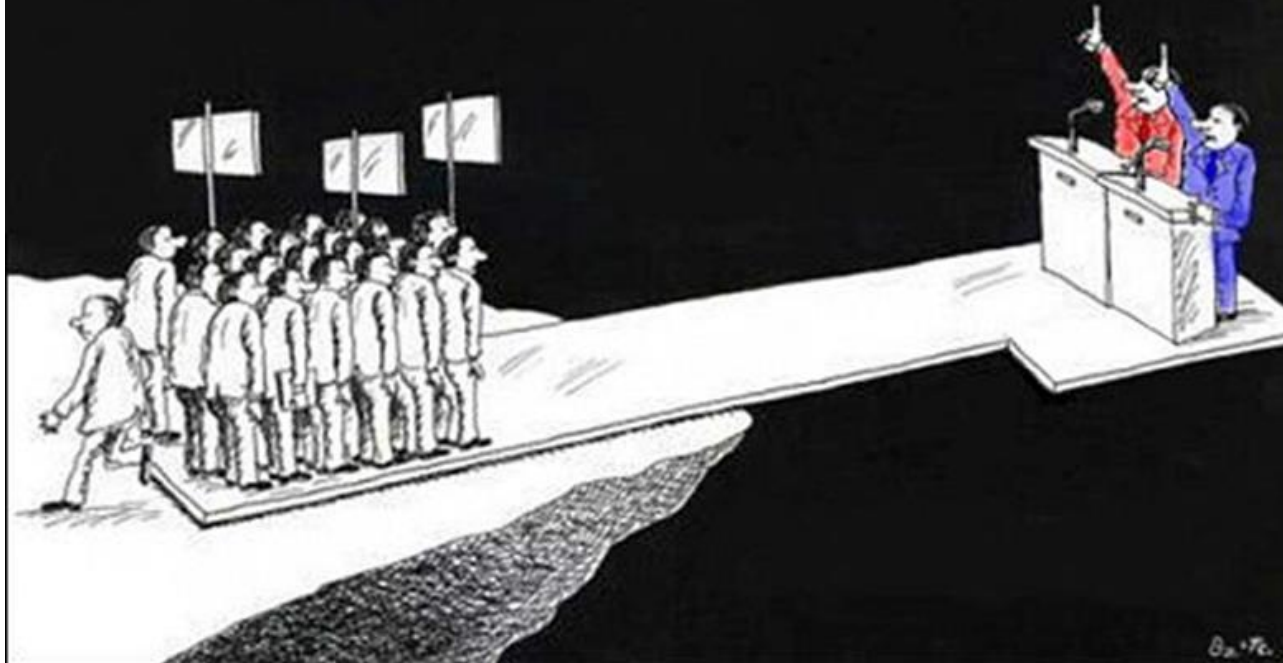
Midterm Average - 35%

There are always too many Democratic congressmen, too many Republican congressmen, and never enough US congressmen. —*Author Unknown*

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**THE PEOPLE DON'T KNOW
THEIR TRUE POWER.
WITHOUT YOU, THEY'RE GONE.**





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CAN GRASS ROOTS ACTIVISM *SUCCEED?*

Yes!



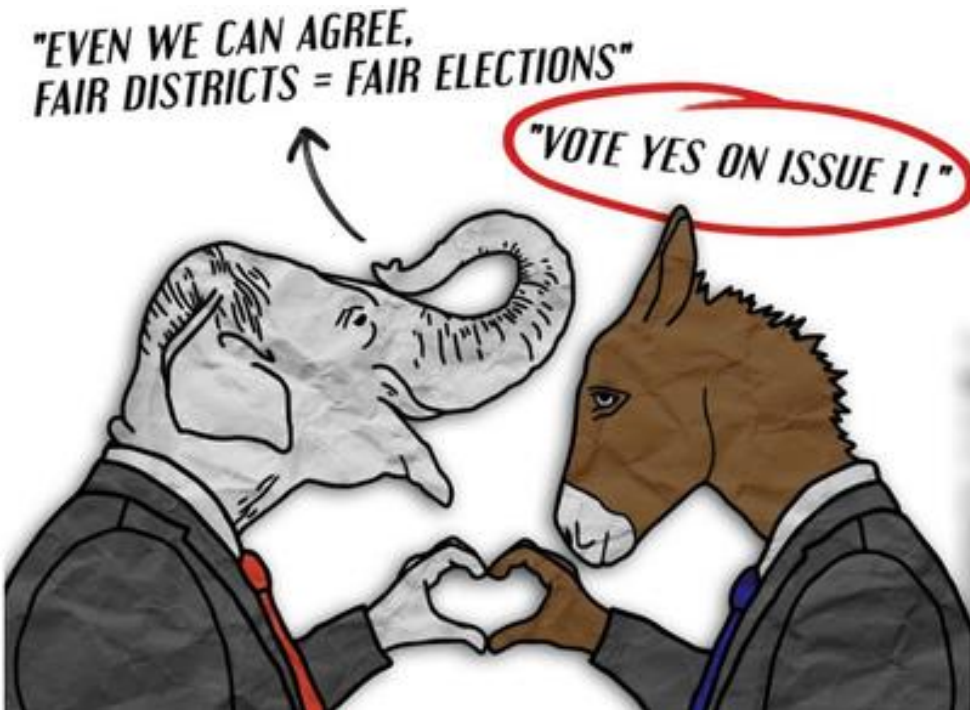
MICHIGAN: Meet Katie Fahey the founder of **Voters Not Politicians**. It all started with a Facebook post.... In just 3 months, she mobilized over 3,000 volunteers to gather 450,000 signatures to support a ballot proposal to create an Independent Redistricting Commission.



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OHIO: FAIR DISTRICTS OHIO successfully gathered sufficient signatures to put a ballot initiative on to change redistricting in the state. GOP Legislatures were pressed to create their own for an earlier ballot date. With pressure from Fair Districts Ohio, the ballot initiative became acceptable and is now endorsed by Fair Districts Ohio.



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**FAIR
DISTRICTS
PA**

PA: LWV won the legal challenge! New/fairer maps are in place for the 2018 elections. FAIR DISTRICTS PA is working on two bills SB 22 and HB 722 for long lasting redistricting reform. HB722 was recently hijacked by the GOP.



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TX: **Fair Maps Texas** recently launched as a coalition lead by the LWV and includes Independent TX Redistricting, Common Cause, ACLU among others. Group promotes redistricting reform.

Action Plan: Build citizen awareness and commitment for change. Engage with cities to pass resolutions affirming the need for redistricting reform.



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Local Activism

Denton Vote Group: The Denton VOTE Group focuses on Voter Registration, Voter Education, & Civic Engagement. Our goal is to increase voter education & voter turnout for all elections... Any organization or individual who does voter registration is welcome. This is a nonpartisan and cross-organizational effort.

ACLU People Power: fosters “the right to vote for people with prior criminal convictions; creating independent, nonpartisan redistricting commissions; enacting early voting periods; and implementing automatic voter registration, online voter registration, and Election Day registration.”

Independent TX Redistricting (aka Texas Redistricting): provides education and resources on redistricting in the DFW Area and advocates for an Independent Redistricting Commission.



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Is redistricting reform possible in Texas?

