




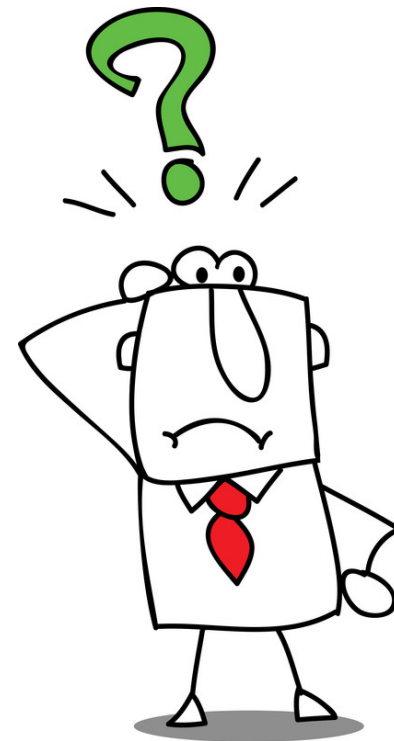
Redistricting Overview

May 25, 2016



What's The Problem?

- **Under-representation**, marginalization of minority communities
- **Polarization**, ideological dysfunction
- **Non-competitive districts**, Incumbent Protection
- **Policy Agendas Stymied**
- **Partisan Minority Rule**
- **Barriers to civic engagement & power building**



Desired Policy Outcomes

- **Stronger Voting Rights** & Increased Minority

Representation:

- Litigation, statewide reform policies,
- local campaigns



- **Commission- versus Incumbent-Drawn Maps, Standards/Defined Criteria**

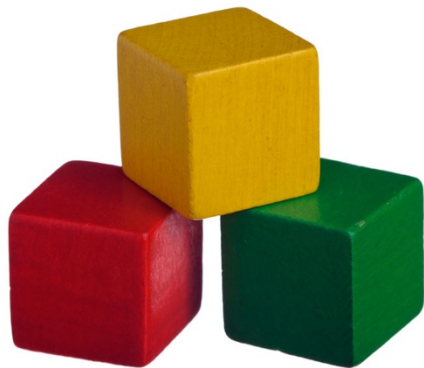
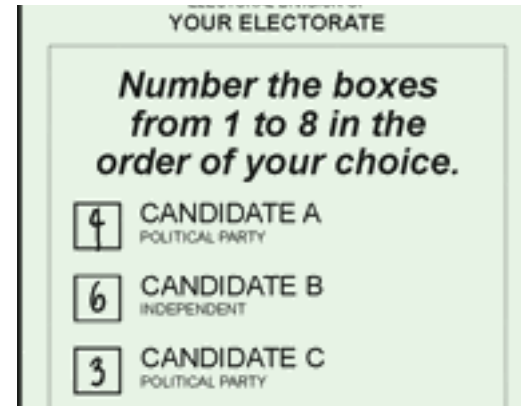
- Independent commissions
- Bi-partisan commissions
- “Criteria” Bills



Desired Policy Outcomes

- **Alternative Voting Methods**

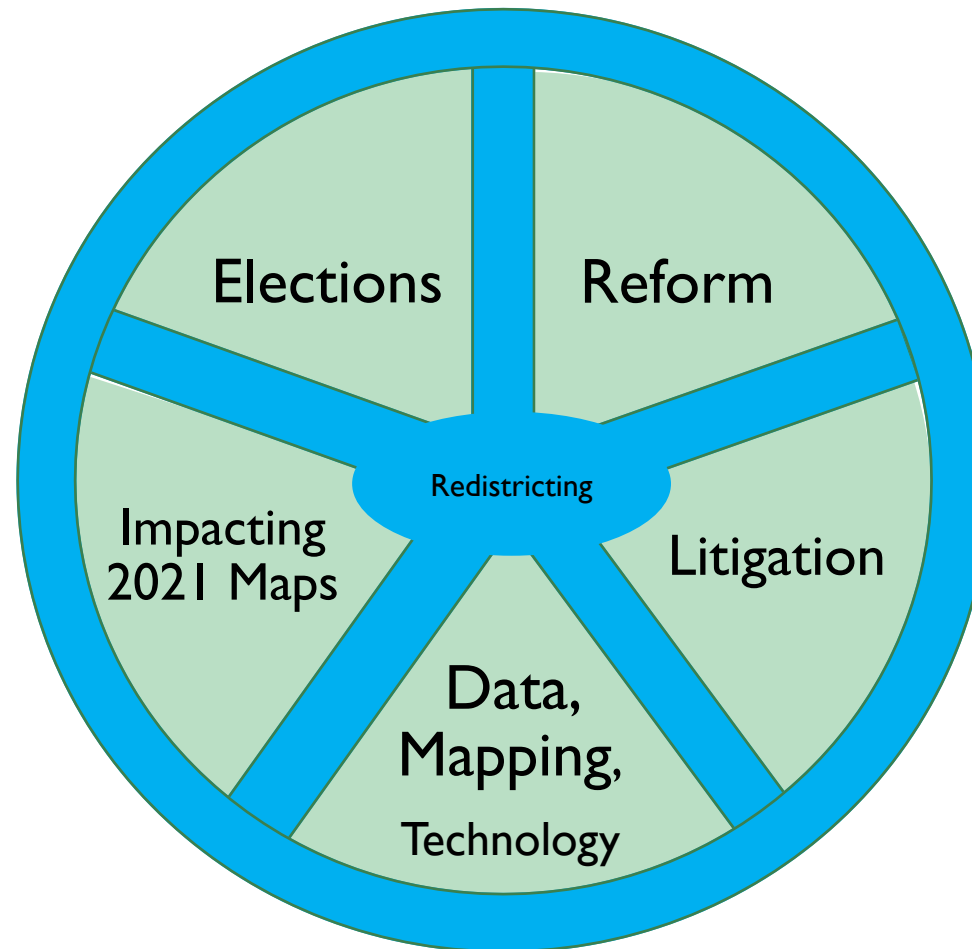
- Ranked-choice
- Top-two
- Multi-member



- **Community Empowerment and/or Power Building**

State / Community specific, consistent with state power building, important for policy agendas

Influencing 2021 Process



Issue becoming prominent



“And if we want a better politics, it’s not enough to just change a Congressman or a Senator or even a President; we have to change the system to reflect our better selves.”

- President Obama, January 12, 2016

Work on the Ground

- **Building coalitions and consensus** on policy, strategy and timeline.
- **Education** of chattering class, media, elected officials, and the public.
- **Outreach** to bring new voices to the table.
- **Implementation** of litigation strategy, legislative strategy, ballot initiative strategy, engagement strategies.

Illinois

- **Independent Commission constitutional amendment**, needs 60% on Nov 2016
- **Legal challenges**, but coalition confident in language and signatures
- **Strong Campaign Team** w/ bi-partisan credentials
- **Opposition powerful and organized**
- **Divides our coalition** not consensus the timing is right, some community of color organizations opposed.

South Dakota

Three measures on ballot November 2016

- **Amendment T creates a 9-person appointed commission** to draw state legislative maps. Requires new lines in 2017, 2021 & every 10 years after.
- **Amendment V creates a non-partisan legislature** modeled on Nebraska by removing party labels from the ballot designation, creates a open primary where the top two candidates proceed to general election, eliminates party caucuses and allows for members of either party to become committee chairs.
- **Initiated Measure 22 imposes campaign contribution limits** from PACs and individuals, establishes low donor public financing system, tightens disclosure requirements.

Maine

- **Ranked Choice Voting Measure on Nov 2016 ballot.**
- **Comprehensive**, covers gubernatorial, federal and state legislative races.
- **League of Women Voters & FairVote** leading the effort, building out a broader coalition.
- **Focus on public education, build grassroots capacity**
- **Simple majority to win.**