

Doing this redistricting properly is extremely important

The redistricting process really should be an independent endeavor, *but we depend on a two-party system where norms of mutual tolerance and respect make the system work.* This must be a bipartisan effort! (Doesn't look like one, so far.)

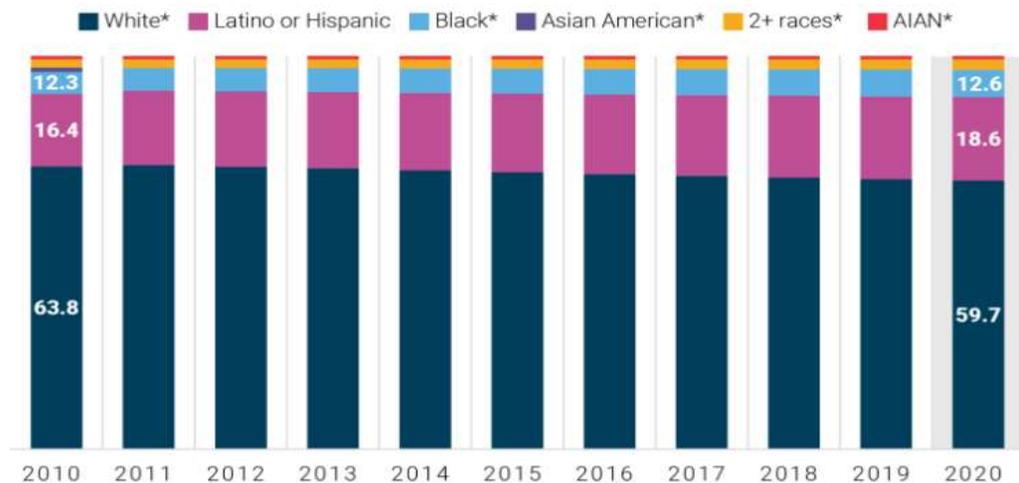
I'm just an engineer, not a political scientist. But I think this quote from a book I read recently summarizes an important aspect of the redistricting process: (highlighting mine)

- **“Where norms of forbearance are strong, politicians do not use their institutional prerogatives to the hilt, even if it is technically legal to do so, for such action could imperil the existing system.”**
 - From *“How Democracies Die”*, by Steven Levitsky and Daniel Ziblatt

**Institutional forbearance, tolerance and respect are the guardrails of our democracy
– without them we crash and burn.**

The demographics of our country and of Ohio are changing

Figure 2. Race-ethnic make-up of US population, 2010-2020 (%)



* non-Latino or Hispanic members of race-ethnic group
AIAN=American Indians and Alaska Natives. Asian American includes Hawaiian and other Pacific Islanders

Source:

<https://www.brookings.edu/research/all-recent-us-population-growth-comes-from-people-of-color-new-census-estimates-show/>

- Ohio's Diversity Index increased from 32.6% to 40.4% (2020 census data)
- **Redistricting needs to reflect changing demographics** – trends that will continue through this 10-year redistricting cycle . . .

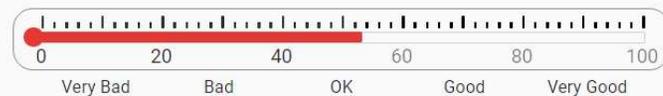
Maps analysis

Senate Districts						
Parameter	<i>Current</i>	<i>Proposed</i>	<i>Padmanabhan</i>	<i>Wise</i>	<i>Nieves</i>	<i>Goal</i>
Minority	55	49	50	47	57	> 55
Proportionality	53	43	78	98	73	> 60
Competitiveness	25	26	24	36	22	~ 30

House Districts						
Parameter	<i>Current</i>	<i>Proposed</i>	<i>Padmanabhan</i>	<i>Wise</i>	<i>Nieves</i>	<i>Goal</i>
Minority	62	58	66	64	69	> 65
Proportionality	60	51	66	82	71	>65
Competitiveness	23	22	23	31	24	~25

Analysis results via use of the web app at:
<https://davesredistricting.org/maps#home>

Ratings key:



Citizen-submitted maps used for comparison by:

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(Note: Each of these individuals also submitted a narrative for their maps.)

Summary

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For the next iteration of the maps, the Redistricting Commission needs to:

- *Improve minority representation*
 - Predominantly minority districts should skew towards 95% of the target persons/district (to minimize “packing”)
 - Strive for compliance with the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment and the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965
- *Improve proportionality and competitiveness*
 - Proportionality closer to the 55%/45% Republican/Democrat distribution of previous popular votes (**exercise mutual tolerance and respect – work together!**)
- *Provide a narrative*
 - Explain what was done and why when the next set of maps are submitted
 - At least an executive summary! (In the business world, submittal of the maps without any supporting documentation, as was done for the first iteration, is completely unacceptable.)