2011-2012 Redistricting Across the Country

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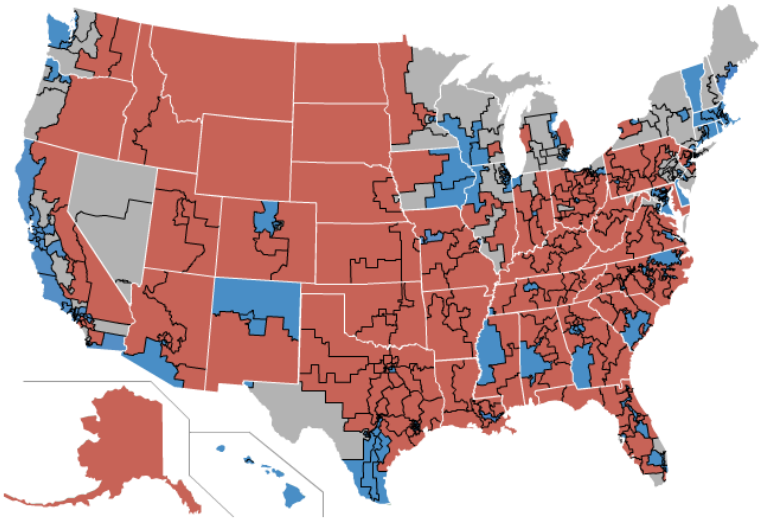
Final Congressional Redistricting Plans



2012 Projections (177R, 156D, 102?)*

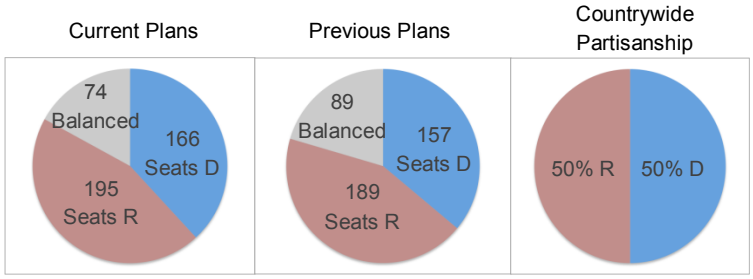
The U.S. House had only one change in partisan control in the half century from 1954 to 2006, but has since changed hands twice. It remains in play in 2012, although Republicans have an advantage in the partisan landscape and incumbency. Because neither party appears to be poised for a "partisan wave" year as in 2006 and 2010, we expect Republicans to maintain control.

In an era of growing rigidity in partisan vote patterns, the GOP is helped by having 195 districts lean Republican compared to 166 Democratic-leaning districts. Democrats had a slight edge in partisan gains in 2011-2012 redistricting, but the GOP seems better-positioned within the shrinking pool of balanced districts.

* See details on the following pages.

The Country's Redistricting Maps Compared to the Previous Lines

New Redistricting Maintains Political Distortion



Partisan percentages and projections are based on an interpretation of the 2008 presidential election.

Competition and Voting Rights in the U.S.

	Current Plans	Previous Plans
District Competition	17% (74/435)	20% (89/435)
African American Voting Strength*	27%	22%
Latino Voting Strength*	24%	25%
Asian Voting Strength*	4%	3%

* Measures the percentage of eligible voters of a racial minority in districts where their racial group is a majority of eligible voters. Voters might not choose to vote for a candidate of their same race.

Redistricting Processes in the U.S.

State accounts of redistricting across the nation have an ongoing theme: it is a true "bloodsport." In many states, even those dominated by one party, partisans engage in rancorous disputes that too often result in courts needing to step in to draw districts. Indeed, courts had a major role in plans being used this year, from New York to Texas.

Some states have turned to independent redistricting commissions, but those bodies had at best a mixed record. Arizona's commission again resulted in partisan finger pointing and lawsuits. California's commission made major changes, but still left the great majority of districts safe for the incumbent party. Having national standards for redistricting remains a sensible goal that would put the United States in line with other modern democracies, but alone will not provide voter choice and fair representation for most Americans.

U.S. House Elections

FairVote's *Dubious Democracy: 1982-2010* report highlighted these facts concerning 2010 House elections:

* *Unusually high seat changes amidst generally lopsided races:* 54 incumbents lost to challengers even as two-thirds of incumbents were re-elected by "landslide" margins of at least 20 percentage points.

* *Landslide wins continue:* In seven states, every race was won by a landslide margin of at least 20%. Only six states (all with three or fewer seats) recorded no landslide wins. The average victory margin was a whopping 33%.

* *Apathy and representation*: Nearly two in three eligible voters did not vote for a U.S. House winner.

* *Women and racial minorities*: Racial minorities remain under-represented. Women declined to holding 72 seats.

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2012 HOUSE ELECTION PROJECTIONS

		Safe Republican				Likely Republican				None				Likely Democrat				Safe Democrat			
State	**TOTAL**	R-Held	D-Held	New*	TOTAL	R-Held	D-Held	New*	TOTAL	R-Held	D-Held	New*	TOTAL	R-Held	D-Held	New*	TOTAL	R-Held	D-Held	New*	TOTAL
Alabama	7	5	0	0	5	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Alaska	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arizona	9	3	0	0	3	1	0	0	1	1	2	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Arkansas	4	1	0	0	1	2	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
California	53	12	0	0	12	1	0	0	1	6	1	0	7	0	6	0	6	0	27	0	27
Colorado	7	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	2	1	0	3	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
Connecticut	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	3
Delaware	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Florida	27	11	0	0	11	1	0	0	1	7	0	1	8	0	0	1	1	0	6	0	6
Georgia	14	8	0	1	9	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	3
Hawaii	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Idaho	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Illinois	18	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	8	1	0	9	0	1	0	1	0	6	0	6
Indiana	9	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	3	1	0	4	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
Iowa	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kansas	4	3	0	0	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kentucky	6	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Louisiana	6	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Maine	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
Maryland	8	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	6
Massachusetts	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	4	0	4	0	4	0	4
Michigan	14	2	0	0	2	3	0	0	3	4	0	0	4	0	1	0	1	0	4	0	4
Minnesota	8	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	1	0	4	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	2
Mississippi	4	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Missouri	8	4	0	0	4	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
Montana	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nebraska	3	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nevada	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
New Hampshire	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Jersey	12	3	0	0	3	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	5	0	5
New Mexico	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0
New York	27	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	6	5	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	15
North Carolina	13	5	0	0	5	1	2	0	3	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
North Dakota	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ohio	16	5	0	0	5	4	0	0	4	2	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4

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Oregon	5	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
Pennsylvania	18	3	0	0	3	4	0	0	4	4	3	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4
Rhode Island	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
South Carolina	7	4	0	0	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
South Dakota	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tennessee	9	7	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Texas	36	20	0	1	21	2	0	1	3	1	1	0	2	0	2	1	3	0	6	1	7
Utah	4	2	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vermont	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Virginia	11	4	0	0	4	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
Washington	10	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	1	1	2	0	2	0	2
West Virginia	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wisconsin	8	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	2
Wyoming	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	**435**	**135**	**1**	**3**	**139**	**34**	**3**	**1**	**38**	**67**	**29**	**6**	**102**	**0**	**27**	**3**	**30**	**0**	**125**	**1**	**126**

* "New" includes districts in IA and OH where two incumbents of different parties were put into one district.