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Message:
There was no pretext given for this out-of-census redistricting except as a naked act of partisan vote manipulation.

This should offend any voter, red,blue, or purple polka dotted. We choose the people that go to Congress on our tax dollars, not vice versa. There is a balance between keeping communities and neighborhoods with commonalities represented together and drawing maps that make sense beyond the sometimes awkward outlines of those neighborhoods, and that balance has consistently been tipped into crazy-shape precincts to serve the political team in power. That's as bad as the winning team getting to be the refs for future games.

As a voter, I feel like a spoil of war. My vote should not be a politician's foregone conclusion, but I shouldn't be thrown out or have the lines literally redrawn around me if the home team suspects they won't like the result I give. No Republican smash and grab in Texas, no Democrat smash and grab in California.

The argument Abbott is now making, that minority heavy districts are racially gerrymandered and need to be re-examined is disingenious bull.Thanks to red-lining and past racism, ethnic neighborhoods are some of the most natural common interest districts there are, and cracking them is just another way of saying the government isn't interested in hearing them.

Wait until the next census and get a non-partisan commission to make a map that's for the voters, not the politicians.

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