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Message:

Is redistricting about power or fairness?

This question is rhetorical and I don't expect it to be answered directly.

Consider that the statewide vote in 2020 for statewide races split about 55%:45% Republican:Democrat and my home county of Collin split at about the same percentage. Fairness would suggest that representation would approximate this same split.

When we look at the current and projected representation in Texas, we see, for example, that:

- 23 of 36 US House of Representative seats are currently held by Republicans (64%). If Texas gains the expected 3 seats due to the 2020 Census, fairness would give Democrats 17 or 18 seats to 21 or 22 for the Republicans.
- 18 of 31 Texas Senate seats are currently held by Republicans (58%); fairness would give Democrats 14 seats to 17 for the Republicans.
- 83 of 150 Texas House seats are currently held by Republicans (55%); fair at State level •Within Collin County, 5 of 5 Texas House seats are held by Republicans; fairness would suggest a 3R:2D split currently, but since Collin County is growing significantly faster than the state as a whole, we might expect possibly 7 seats in the next session, which should split 4R:3D

Voters should select their representatives; representatives should not select their voters.

Political power grabs must be removed from redistricting. An independent or bi-partisan commission should be formed and discharged with the responsibility of drawing politically unbiased electoral maps.

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