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Attached is a Power Point concerning our US House of Representatives Redistricting Issue.

Allow to start by stating, I firmly believe this issue is the sole responsibility of the State Legislators, especially when you consider 2/3 of the State Legislators over road our ex-Governor's veto.

Hopefully the attached Power Point show why a second minority WILL require Gerrymandering to achieve that goal.

Directly related to this topic, I along with many other, are very concerned with Election Integrity.

The latter part of the attached Power Point highlights an option on redrawing the map based on maximizing, not dividing our State parishes - for your consideration.

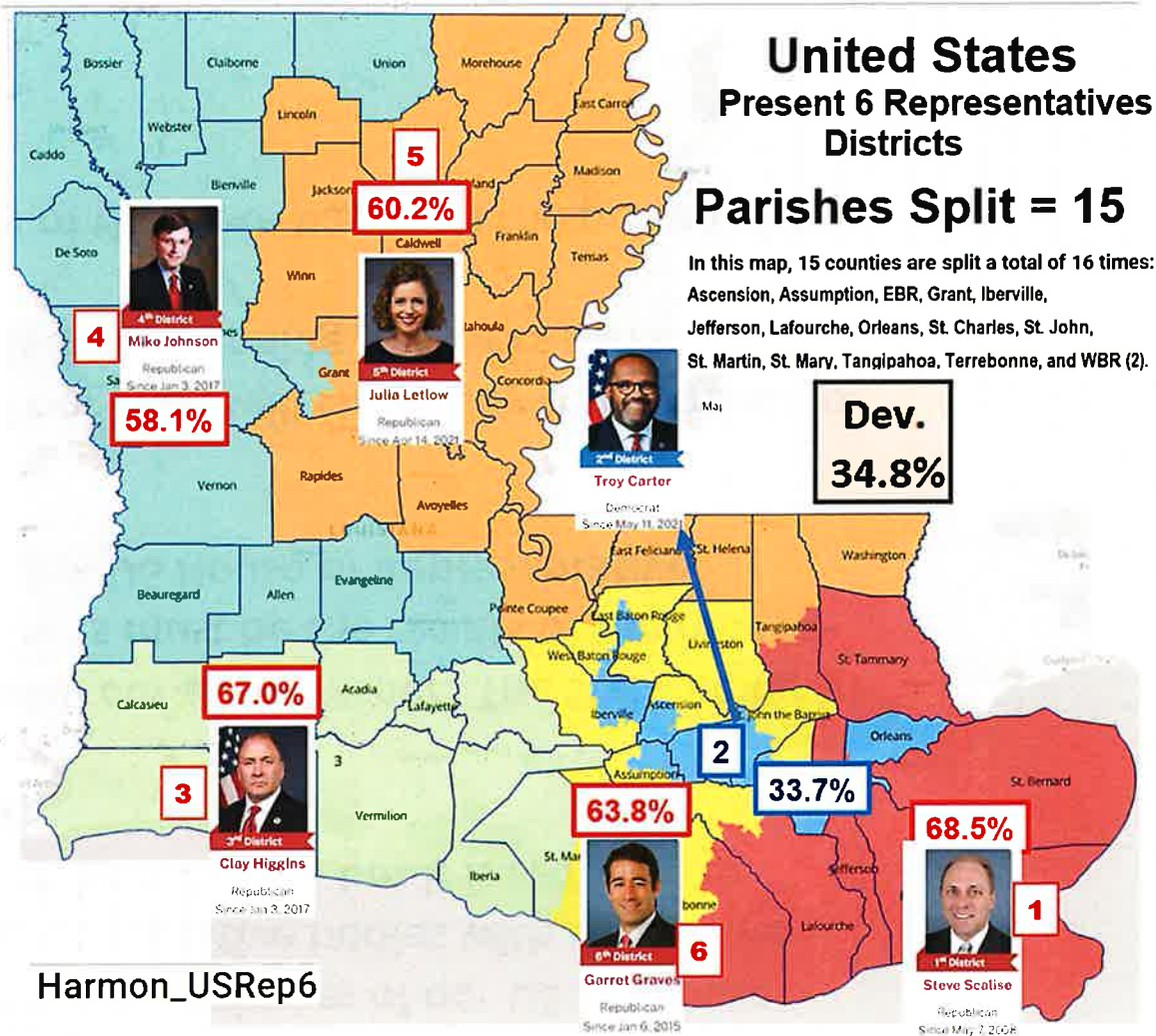
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This is our present US House of Representative six Districts. These districts were redrawn last year (as required) per the 2020 census.

Note: While our ex-Governor did not approve of these districts, (he demanded the State Legislators resubmit a map with 2 minority districts). Thus, returning the task back to the State Legislators in 2022.

The Legislator, upon reconsideration, 2/3 of the member of both Houses re-approved these districts, thus overriding his veto.

Now the court's are requiring the State Legislators to redraw this map to include two minority districts.



Now the courts have questioned the fairness of our US six House District as drawn by our State's Legislative bodies with a mandate not only does the map need to be redrawn, but it is required to contain two minority districts.

The court appears to agree with our ex-Governor. The State being 57% white, two minority districts must be the results of the new re-districting map for our Louisiana US House of Representative Districts.

A closer look at the layout of our state will show why the demand for a second minority district is faulty reasoning and lacks merit.

We'll begin with an overview of the State based on the present State Senatorial districts.

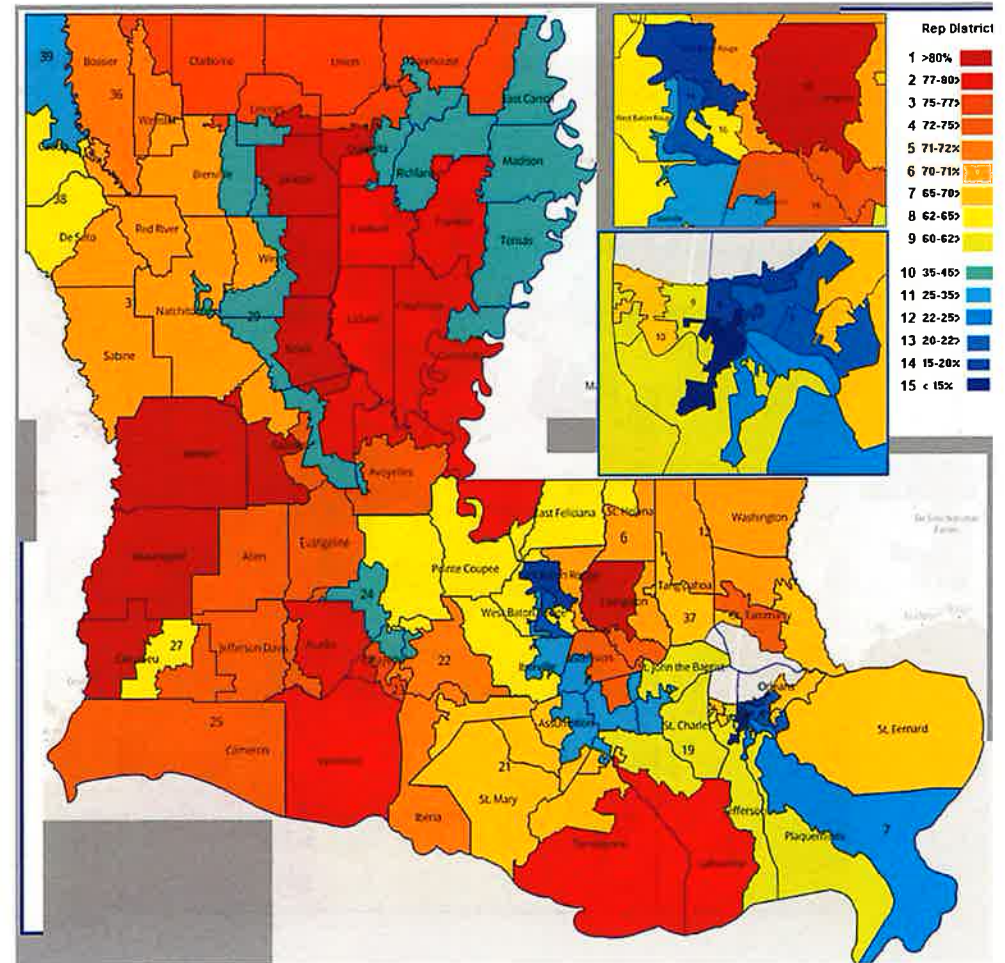
This map shows our present 39 Senatorial Districts. Deeper red more Republican, deeper Blue more Democrats, yellow/green more evenly split. (Legend included).

With the requirement Louisiana is allocated six US Reps., simple math means one US House District would require 6.5 Senatorial Districts. ($39/6 = 6.5$).

Looking at the northern part of the State, we clearly have only 3 blue districts and none of them dark blue. This easily removes the northern part of the state as a candidate for a minority district. (without serious gerrymandering to achieve that goal.)

An objective look at the remainder of the state shows one area (Greater New Orleans) dictates a minority district with its deep blues and NO red areas and a possible second two minority district in the Baton Rouge area.

With the understanding one minority district should be drawn in the NO area, now let's focus on the Baton Rouge Area.

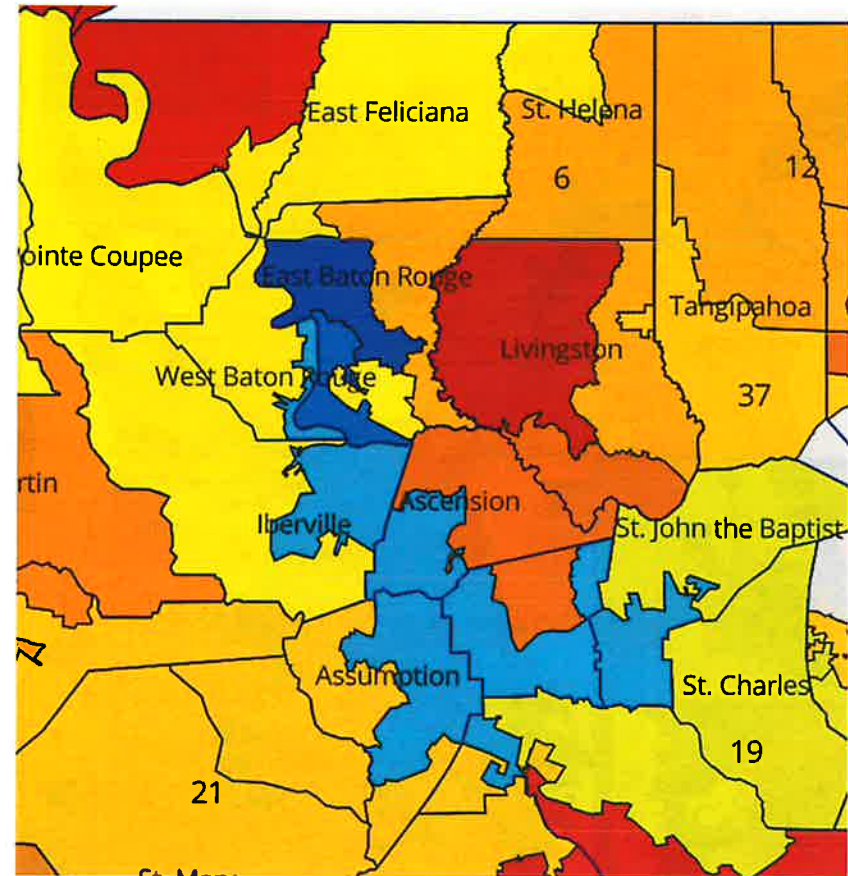


This map of the Baton Rouge Area clearly shows the issue with drawing a second possible minority district. Let's explain further...

The requirement 6.5 Louisiana Senate Districts to makeup one US House District. The second possible minority district has only three districts with only one of those being dark blue as a starting point, and it is block to the east by one of the reddest parishes in the State.

As this map clearly shows a second minority district is not easily drawn. It **WILL** require Gerrymandering to obtain that goal.

Hopefully, this puts the misconception of a second minority district off the table, lets look at another approach. One closely tied to Election Integrity.



Again the goal, to increase Election Integrity by minimizing division of our State Parishes.

We have 64 parishes in the great state of Louisiana.

Let's approach the redrawing of the State's US House Representative districts using parishes as our criteria.

Per the 2020 Census each US House District requires a contiguous make up with a population target of 776,293. (+/- .075%).

Working through multi variations, a clean solution with only ONE parish being split was achieved .

With my engineering background, this task started as most of my task with a basic block diagram.

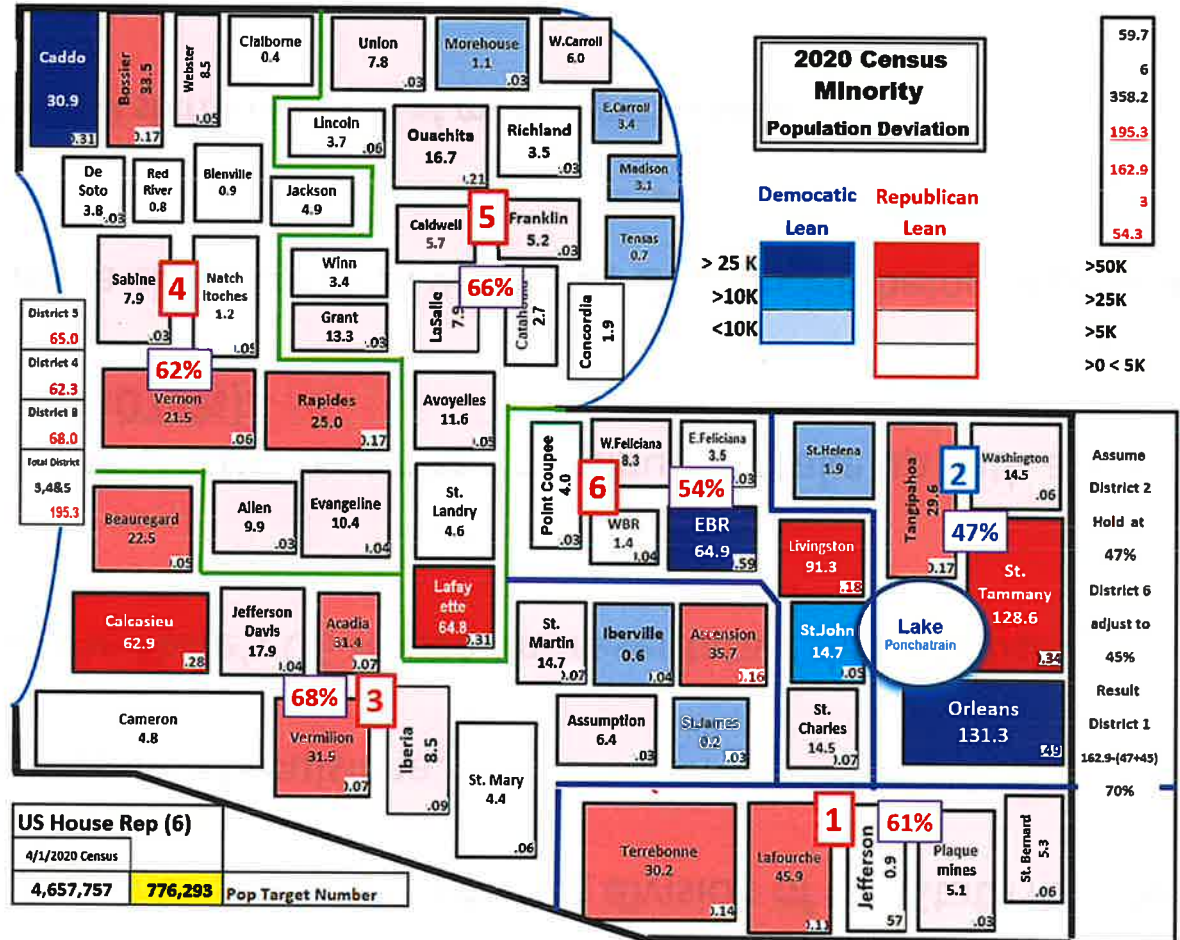
This is my block diagram.

The number below the parish name is the deviation number is thousands (k units ; Reds: +Republican, Blues: +Democrats). The number in the lower right-hand corner is the percent that parish contributes to a US House district.

The green dividing lines depict the three districts on the west side of the State (districts 3,4 & 5) and the blue dividing lines depicts the three districts on the east side of the State (1,2 & 6).

A copy of the follow up detail worksheet is on the next panel.

La. Parishes Block Diagram



Louisiana 64 Parishes Population Breakdown per our 6 Districts

	Parish Pop	Rep	Dem	Other	Rep	Dem	Other
4 Caddo	237,848	114,928	118,734	4,186	48%	60%	2%
4 Bossier	128,746	92,350	34,143	2,253	72%	27%	2%
4 Webster	36,967	24,102	12,414	451	65%	34%	1%
4 Claiborne	14,170	8,414	5,591	165	59%	39%	1%
4 Desoto	26,812	16,505	9,923	384	62%	37%	1%
4 Red River	7,620	4,328	3,181	111	57%	42%	1%
4 Bienville	12,981	7,081	5,760	140	55%	44%	1%
4 Jackson	15,031	10,541	4,306	184	70%	29%	1%
4 Sabine	22,155	18,236	3,671	248	82%	17%	1%
4 Natchitoches	37,515	21,297	15,437	781	57%	41%	2%
4 Vernon	48,750	39,907	7,956	887	82%	16%	2%
4 Rapides	130,023	86,452	41,087	2,484	66%	32%	2%
4 Allen	22,750	17,147	5,217	386	75%	23%	2%
4 Evangeline	32,350	23,250	8,566	534	72%	26%	2%

773,718

	Parish Pop	Rep	Dem	Other	Rep	Dem	Other
3 Beauregard	38,549	29,999	5,943	607	82%	16%	2%
3 Calcasieu	216,785	144,292	67,767	4,726	67%	31%	2%
3 JeffersonDavis	32,250	24,820	6,889	541	77%	21%	2%
3 Acadia	57,576	46,095	10,634	847	80%	18%	1%
3 Cameron	5,617	4,931	586	100	88%	10%	2%
3 Vermillion	57,359	46,409	9,826	1,124	81%	17%	2%
3 Iberia	69,929	46,356	21,545	2,028	66%	31%	3%
3 St.Mary	49,406	31,640	16,709	1,057	64%	34%	2%
3 St.Martin	51,767	35,621	14,981	1,165	69%	29%	2%
3 Iberville	30,241	14,156	15,486	599	47%	51%	2%
3 Ascension	126,500	83,629	40,164	2,707	66%	32%	2%
3 Assumption	21,039	13,015	7,652	372	62%	36%	2%
3 St.James	20,192	9,414	10,482	296	47%	52%	1%

775,210

	Parish Pop	Rep	Dem	Other	Rep	Dem	Other
5 West Carroll	9,751	8,253	1,427	71	85%	15%	1%
5 Morehouse	26,629	14,888	10,398	343	58%	41%	1%
5 Union	21,107	15,919	4,903	285	75%	23%	1%
5 East Carroll	7,459	2,916	4,419	124	39%	59%	2%
5 Richland	20,043	13,737	6,081	225	69%	30%	1%
5 Quachita	160,368	101,657	56,161	2,550	63%	35%	2%
5 Lincoln	48,396	29,415	17,810	1,171	61%	37%	2%
5 Madison	10,017	4,401	5,460	156	44%	55%	2%
5 Tensas	4,147	2,023	2,069	55	49%	50%	1%
5 Franklin	19,774	14,568	4,973	233	74%	25%	1%
5 Caldwell	9,645	7,887	1,658	100	82%	17%	1%
5 Concordia	18,687	11,762	6,673	252	63%	36%	1%
5 Catahoula	8,906	6,468	2,332	106	73%	26%	1%
5 LaSalle	14,791	13,191	1,435	165	89%	10%	1%
5 Winn	13,755	10,155	3,391	209	74%	25%	2%
5 Grant	22,169	18,875	2,942	352	85%	13%	2%

778,630

	Parish Pop	Rep	Dem	Other	Rep	Dem	Other
6 PointeCoupee	20,758	12,258	8,199	301	59%	40%	1%
6 West Feliciana	15,310	9,307	5,750	253	61%	38%	2%
6 East Feliciana	19,639	11,146	8,081	313	57%	41%	2%
6 WBR	27,199	14,965	11,777	457	55%	43%	2%
6 EBR	466,781	205,597	241,591	9,593	45%	53%	2%
6 Livingston	142,282	118,307	21,186	2,789	83%	15%	2%
6 St.John	42,477	15,695	25,979	803	37%	61%	2%
6 St.Charles	52,549	33,647	17,788	1,114	64%	34%	2%

776,895

State Pop	
Remaining for Districts 1&2	
1,553,304	
776,652	to be divided equally
Target Number	776,293 per 2020 census

	Parish Pop	Rep	Dem	Other	Rep	Dem	Other
2 St.Helen	10,920	4,651	5,984	285	43%	55%	3%
2 Tangipahoa	133,157	85,953	43,729	3,475	65%	33%	3%
2 Washington	45,463	30,569	14,130	764	67%	31%	2%
2 StTammany	264,570	192,395	66,195	5,980	73%	25%	2%
2 Subtotal	454,110						
2	84%	322,542					
		776,652					

Orleans	383,997	65,049	310,231	8,717	17%	81%	2%
1	16%	61,455					

	Parish Pop	Rep	Dem	Other	Rep	Dem	Other
1 Terrebonne	109,580	80,771	26,376	2,433	74%	24%	2%
1 Lafourche	97,557	75,421	20,106	2,030	77%	21%	2%
1 Jefferson	440,781	250,055	180,412	10,314	57%	41%	2%
1 Plaquemines	23,515	15,710	7,283	522	67%	31%	2%
1 St.Bernard	43,764	27,812	14,827	1,125	64%	34%	3%
		715,197					
		776,652					

This is the final map based on the parishes. Now the information was inputted on the wonderful website **DRA2020**, titled **Harmon1**.

This US House of Representatives map which contains **NO** gerrymandering, maintains our one minority district but most importantly, it maintains the integrity of 63 of our 64 parishes, a key factor in helping with election integrity moving forward.

Sidenote: The one parish split – Orleans. This was required for the map to be complaint. The area of Orleans required to be allocated to District 1 from District 2 is basically the area of Orleans parish my Senator and our newly elected Senate President Cameron Henry has of Orleans parish in his present State Senate district.

