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Message:

Hello,

I'm pleased to see that the state of Texas has decided the review its absolute abomination of congressional districts Is it ever embarrassing to those of you who have only won districts that they are so Gerrymandered that if it was ever corrected they would lose in a landslide?

I forgot you feel no shame in disappointing the country and state you swore to serve.

Although you are believers in the Lost Cause and I'm sure you don't all wait for doors to be closed before talking about the "good old days" of the 1850s and 1920s where you had total control and you didn't have to pretend to care about others including people of color and women.

For a state founded on the desired extension of slavery, I don't know what else I expected especially from people who claim that they want to make America great again but blatant disregard for history, society, and the human life of others.

Your colossal failures and embarrassing victories can be corrected though - if you are people with any honor, guts, patriotism, or ability to think logically you will plan your redistricting on guidelines that don't favor one party or ethnic group over the other. Some particularly egregious examples that make us the joke to the rest of the country and democratic world (if we can even include ourselves in that)

- The second congressional district. Clearly, someone in this legislature's favorite animal is a snake and you love to pay homage to that with the district that just so happens to avoid the parts of Houston where any people of color live.
- Congressional district 35, in which it basically is trying to escape San Antonio and its own crippling embarrassment by just stretching as long as possible.
- District 33 which is clearly trying to keep together it's divorcing the parents of Fort Worth and Dallas - they are better apart, sorry kiddo.

There are a million more examples, which you can see below at an easy to read the website in case this was too difficult for some of our slower members.

<https://mode.com/blog/finding-the-most-gerrymandered-districts/>

Please feel free to contact me if you need more clarification. I've been teaching high school so I might move a little fast for your clear lack of understanding of basic shapes and geography but I will try and slow it down.

