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Message:

This so-called ‘redistricting’ isn’t about fair representation. It’s about theft. Texas Republicans are weaponizing the lines to grab up to five extra U.S. House seats in the 2026 cycle, despite holding just 58% of the vote. Under the current map they already control 25 of 38 seats, about 66%, which is a stark mismatch to the will of the electorate.”

They’ve hijacked democracy using sophisticated tools (like RedAppl) to surgically dilute urban and minority voting strength, cracking and packing communities of color into unusable districts while bolstering white, GOP-friendly ones. Texas’ population growth, 95% of which comes from nonwhite communities, has been completely ignored.

What’s worse, this is an unprecedented mid-decade redraw. It’s a break from the traditional post-census cycle, done purely to entrench power before the next election rather than reflect population shifts. This isn’t redistricting. It’s political engineering.

Such actions deeply erode public trust. Voters — especially in Latino and Black communities — are being systematically robbed of political influence. Legal challenges from the DOJ and civil rights groups cite violations of the Voting Rights Act and the Constitution’s equal protection clause.

Texas has a long, shameful history with this. Courts have repeatedly struck down its maps for racial discrimination, yet the tactics persist. GOP emails have even discussed “Optimal Hispanic Republican Voting Strength,” a chilling and cynical acknowledgment of their intent.

This isn’t strategy. It’s electoral theft masked as law. Worse still, Texas lawmakers pushed this forward while deadly floods struck the state, showing a complete disregard for public need in favor of party dominance.

If allowed to stand, this power grab sets a dangerous precedent. Democracy becomes a game of who controls the pen. And as long as Texas leaders draw maps in secret, disenfranchise communities of color, and ignore the voters themselves, they’re not governing — they’re rigging the system.

There is nothing more unethical than rewriting the rules to guarantee you never lose. And that’s exactly what’s happening here.

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