

Worksheet

Has gerrymandering gotten worse?

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Name: _____ Class period: _____ Date: _____

Note-taking: Watch with purpose

Use this notetaking space to capture key information from the video.

Question	Cracking	Packing	Partisan gerrymandering
What is it, in plain terms?			
How does it work, or when is it used?			
Why does it matter?			
Example or scenario mentioned in the video			

Fill in key numbers as the video mentions them.

Facts from the video	Number or amount
Total seats in the US House of Representatives (since 1929)	
House seats Republicans won in North Carolina in 2024	
House seats Democrats held in Illinois in 2024	
Year of the Baker v. Carr “one person, one vote” decision	
Year of the Rucho v. Common Cause decision	

Comprehension: Check your understanding

1. What is a congressional district, and how is the total number of House seats divided among the states?

2. What is the difference between reapportionment and redistricting?

3. What is the difference between cracking and packing?

4. What is the difference between racial gerrymandering and partisan gerrymandering, and why are they treated differently under the law?

5. Does gerrymandering cause political polarization, or is it more a symptom of it? Explain the video's argument.
