

Session 15

In today's session, Bernadette Reyes from the UCLA Voting Rights Project guided us through an in-depth discussion of vote dilution in the United States. She introduced us to the concepts of "cracking" and "packing," two methods used to dilute the voting power of racial and ethnic minorities through redistricting. The speaker also discussed key court cases that marked important turning points in the fight against racial gerrymandering, including *Thornburg v. Gingles*, *Allen v. Michigan*, and *Louisiana v. Callais*. She explained the impact that *Louisiana v. Callais* has had on redistricting decisions across the nation and offered advice on how we can address racial and political gerrymandering. She encouraged us to become involved in our local communities, participate in civic organizations, and exercise our right to vote.

To-do's Before Next Session

- Sign up for Slack for updates here: [Slack Sign-up — Common Power](#)
- **Optional: Check out these resources to prepare for the next session with Laurel Hattix on 8/13 !!**
 - [The Alabama Solution](#): Available on HBO, Google Play, Prime Video
 - CNN Article: [A jury voted for Jeffery Lee to receive a life sentence. Alabama plans to execute him anyway.](#)
 - Yale Law Journal Article: [Innocence and Override](#)
 - Project Hope : [On the Wings of Hope Vol. 30, Issue 2](#)

Action Opportunities

- Check out the Calendar [Action Calendar](#)

Missed this session

- Watch the session recording first
 - Email your state crew lead to schedule a meeting to make up your session!

Recording of this session

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