



ICYMI: In Scathing Editorial, The National Review Calls Out Virginia Democrats for "gerrymandering vandalism"

As Virginia Democrats continue their desperate gerrymandering crusade, there is a growing chorus of outrage about the absurdity of their actions.

From today's [editorial](#) in the National Review:

“Politics ain’t beanbag, as the saying goes, and few areas of it are as grubby and self-serving as redistricting. But even by the low standards of gerrymandering, what Democrats are doing in Virginia is both outrageous and legally dubious. Abigail Spanberger, the state’s new supposedly moderate governor, is scheming with Democrats in the legislature to create an expected ten-to-one Democratic House district map,” writes the National Review Editorial Board.

“Democrats would prefer that Alexandria, Arlington, and the rest of the D.C. suburbs — currently represented by three heavily blue districts — be able to control the rest of the state. So, under the new map proposed by Spanberger in a naked partisan power grab, five different districts snake their way to the Beltway. Of the three districts west of the Brunswick line, one has a long tendril reaching east, and the other has one reaching west to pick off all the Democratic cities in the western portion. By their 2024 presidential votes, these two districts flip from 12.2 percent and 24.1 percent Republican to 8.5 percent and 3.1 percent Democrat, respectively; the upper Chesapeake district shifts from 4.9 percent Republican to 7.5 percent Democrat. Few of these districts now look like communities rather than mapping-software abstractions.”

The editorial goes on: “Virginia isn’t even pretending to do this for any reason other than to benefit Democrats — and unlike the majority parties in California or Texas, they can’t claim a longstanding mandate from voters for governance by just one side. They ought to be ashamed, and they ought to be defeated.”

Read the editorial board's position in its entirety here: [Virginia Gerrymandering Plan Would Benefit Democrats | National Review](#)

The public is awaiting a decision by the Virginia Supreme Court as to whether it will hear an appeal of the redistricting case.

About Virginians for Fair Maps

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