

THE GERRYMANDER PRINCIPLE: DILUTING THE GREEN VOTE

Purple = Purple Party

Green = Green party

In the below chart we see the US state of Despair, which happens to be square. Despair has one major city, the city of Anxiety, a perfectly circular city in the center of the state. In the 2030 state legislature elections, the Purple Party won majorities in the state senate and the state house of representatives. In the 2030 national census, Despair earned an extra congressional seat for a total of eight seats. The state legislature, dominated by members of the purple Party, drew the districts in such a way that divided up Anxiety among multiple congressional districts. This meant that Green Party voters were a minority in each district, making it unlikely that any US representative from Despair would be Green.

