

Fact Checking Democrats' Claims About Texas Redistricting

Texas' redistricting effort to create five new GOP seats in its congressional delegation is part of a nationwide fight to control the U.S. House of Representatives during the second half of President Trump's four-year term.

The stakes are big. If Democrats seize control, they will do anything they can to slow down President Trump's reforms, including impeaching him for a third time. They know Texas' redistricting could secure Republican victories not just here at home, but also in key states like Ohio, Missouri, and Florida that may follow Texas' lead.

Democrats are already attacking the plan with two tired arguments. First, they claim redistricting is an "assault on democracy." Second, they claim it is "racist."

These accusations are nothing more than political theater designed to undermine fair representation and protect their own power.

Republicans, meanwhile, are standing up for voters and ensuring Texas's growing population has the strong conservative voice in Congress it deserves.

Democrat Claim #1: Redistricting is an "Assault on Democracy"

In case anyone doubts Democrats are making this argument, here are a few of their own words:

- "This precious democracy we have is not a given, it is not self-executing. It requires us to fight for it." - Barack Obama
- "We will not have our democracy taken on our watch." - Texas Rep. Trey Martinez Fischer
- "Your continued support reminds us that the fight to protect democracy is not confined to one state, the fight is for all 50." - Texas Rep. Mihaela Plesa
- "We're not going to tolerate our democracy being stole in a modern-day stagecoach hoist by a bunch of law-breaking cowboys." - New York Gov. Kathy Hochul

The real reason Democrats are making this claim is simple: it sounds better than admitting what they truly want: to retake the U.S. House, impeach President Trump again, and restore on-demand abortion nationwide. And we know their claim doesn't hold water. Why? Because Democrats have been gerrymandering districts to benefit themselves for decades. Just look at a few examples:

- **Massachusetts:** No Republican has served in the congressional delegation in 28 years, even though Trump received 36.5% of the statewide vote in 2024

- **Illinois:** Democrats received approximately 56% of the 2022 statewide U.S. House vote, yet they won 14 out of 17 seats (82%)
- **New Mexico:** Democrats secured about 55.06% of the total vote in 2022. However, they achieved a clean sweep—winning all 3 House seats.
- **California:** In 2024, Democrat House candidates won 43 congressional seats compared to the Republicans 9 seats, 83% of the total. Yet their share of the statewide popular vote was only 60%.

Democrat Claim #2: Texas Redistricting is “Racist”

Here are some examples of Democrats claiming that Texas’s redistricting effort is racist:

- “What I don’t respect is an obviously racist move on ... what you’re attempting to do.” – State Rep. Barbara Gervin-Hawkins
- Redistricting will result in “taking economic engines from black people or Hispanic people.” – State Rep. Christian Manuel
- “Given Texas disgraceful, racist, unconstitutional history of shameful voting rights violations against people of color, the targeting for elimination of four districts wherein people of color elect people of color, is consistent with the well- documented history of racist voting rights discrimination in Texas.” – U.S. Rep Al Green
- “This map is so terrible. The two new black seats they are telling us that they gave us. They’re like, be happy we gave you some scraps.” – U.S. Rep. Jasmine Crockett
- “Our return allows us to build the legal record necessary to defeat this racist map in court.” State Rep. Gene Wu

There are two clear counters to these arguments.

First, Democrats have been fighting for and drawing race-based districts for decades. In *Pette-way v. Galveston County*, along with two private lawsuits and one from the U.S. Department of Justice, Democrats [argued](#) new district lines “diluted” minority representation. But the real issue wasn’t race—it was politics. The new lines resulted in a black Republican winning office instead of a black Democrat. This approach is not new; for decades, practically every Democrat legal challenge to congressional and state district maps has been made on the basis of race.

Second, minorities are actually better represented under the new map.. Four of the five newly drawn districts are majority-Hispanic, and, for the first time ever, Texas would have two majority-black congressional districts: Houston’s District 18 and Dallas’ District 30, both with more than 50% black citizen voting-age populations. These seats were not created through

racial quotas but reflect real population growth and voting trends.

Conclusion

Democrats claim Texas' redistricting effort is about racism or an "assault on democracy," but the evidence tells a different story. The real issue is power. **Democrats fear losing their grip on Congress and will say anything to protect it.** For decades, they've gerrymandered states like Massachusetts, Illinois, and California without hesitation, creating maps that lock out Republicans while hiding behind accusations of racism and voter suppression when Texas or other red states do the same. In reality, Texas's new map reflects population growth, respects the law, and gives minority communities more representation than ever before. **Republicans are not undermining democracy; they're strengthening it by ensuring Texans of all backgrounds have a voice.** The redistricting fight is not about race or fairness; it's about whether Democrats or Republicans will control the future of Congress. Texas is leading the way, and if Republicans stay strong, the path to a secure House majority runs right through the Lone Star State.



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