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*FAQ on Preliminary House Map*

**What is the definition of a gerrymander?**

Dictionary definition: "When the boundaries of an electoral constituency are manipulated so as to favor one party or class."

**Why is the Nordenberg map a gerrymander?**

Because it is drawn to give Pennsylvania House Democrats an advantage beyond Pennsylvania's natural political geography.

**What is Pennsylvania's natural political geography?**

Pennsylvania's natural political geography, which has Democrats largely clustered in urban areas and Republicans in suburban/rural districts has Democrats largely top out at around 93 seats under any map using Pennsylvania's natural political geography.

**How does this map help Democrats above Pennsylvania's natural political geography?**

Map analyses show anywhere between 99 and 106 seats for Dems under this map. Our analysis and that of Dave's Redistricting App put it at 106.

That means this map gives Democrats an unnaturally-crafted advantage of between six and 13 seats above Pennsylvania's natural political geography.

That means this map is drawn to favor Democrats beyond what they should naturally get, which is the very definition of a gerrymander.

### **How does it achieve this result?**

Splits. Unexplained splits of cities like Harrisburg, Reading, State College, Allentown, Lancaster, and Scranton can only be explained to give Democrats more seats than necessary.

These splits also lead to a diminishment in Republican representation with Republicans more scattered and Democrats more packed.

### **Who is to blame?**

Chancellor Nordenberg.

He refused to break down the barriers of conflict to get the parties together to develop a consensus product. Based upon his description of the process, he clearly drew this map. He was a rogue agent from the beginning and this map reflects his ideological priorities and does not reflect the best interests of Pennsylvania.

The Princeton Gerrymandering Project rates the map an "F" for competitiveness, which means districts and future legislatures will be more polarized with only a handful of competitive seats. This is bad for Pennsylvania and is an impediment to getting stuff done.

### **What about the current map?**

It was agreed to and supported by the Democrat leader Frank Dermody and approved by the PA Supreme Court after extensive litigation.