



Against Fairness?

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I'm against fairness?

Nah, it's just Democrats who think that, because I won't vote for their proposed constitutional amendment allowing the legislature to redraw my state's congressional districts.

The official question on the April 21 ballot [reads](#): "Should the Constitution of Virginia be amended to allow the General Assembly to temporarily adopt new congressional districts to restore fairness in the upcoming elections, while ensuring Virginia's standard redistricting process resumes for all future redistricting after the 2030 census?"

What, exactly, is "fair" about this amendment?

"If approved, Virginia's 11 districts would likely go from six Democratic to five Republican leaning seats to 10 Democratic seats and one Republican seat," [explains](#) WJLA, ABC's Washington, D.C., affiliate. "The new map would draw heavily

blue urban areas in Northern Virginia, with rural Republican areas far away."

Democrat House Speaker Don Scott [argues](#) that "levels the playing field."

Well, it would be a fairer [map](#) if the commonwealth's electorate were comprised of 90 percent Democrats and less than 10 percent Republican voters. Yet, in 2024, Democrat Kamala Harris garnered just 51 percent of Virginia's vote for president. Even in last year's blowout gubernatorial election, Democrat Abigail Spanberger won only 58 percent. During that campaign, Spanberger [expressed](#) skepticism of this district map . . . but then, as governor, signed on.

Democrats, always selective in applying "fairness," are [outspending](#) Republicans "by about 14 to 1 on advertising" and holding the vote for this constitutional question early, in April, with low voter turnout expected — for the first time in state history

In the minds of Democrats, this maneuver is fair because President Trump has urged Republican states to engage in such partisan redistricting. That's their case.

But arguments in favor of a measure do not belong in the wording voters see on their ballot as they make their decision.

That's unfair.

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.

Note: In the quoted ballot question, emphasis added.