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GERRYMANDERING

"It's okay when WE do it"

Gerrymandering is a practice that attempts to establish a political advantage for a particular party or group by manipulating geographic boundaries to create partisan districts. District lines can be drawn either to shut out minority voices or strengthen them. The way in which district lines are drawn has a great effect on who wins representation in Single-Member District, Winner-Take-All elections.

Below is a map of the political geography of a typical city. Your job is to redistrict in order to give your political party an advantage in districts. Your party should have a 3 to 1 advantage. To do this, you need to "pack" the opposing political party in one district, and "crack" them in the other three districts. **Each district must contain 10 "people" (each "person" is represented by a single letter).** To have an advantage in a district, your party must have at least 6 people from your party in that district. There are **21 Democrats (D)** concentrated in the center and **19 Republicans (R)** dominating the suburbs.

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Define the following terms:

- ◆ Census –
- ◆ Reapportionment –
- ◆ Redistricting –