

Slips to Cut Out:

Each group of four should receive the four slips below; students within each group should have exactly one of the four slips.

Suppose you live in a district that always “goes blue” in the sense that its representatives are almost always Democrats. If you are among the 10% in the district who tend to vote Republican, does your vote “matter”? Why or why not?

Suppose you live in a district that always “goes blue” in the sense that its representatives are almost always Democrats. If you are among the 90% in the district who tend to vote Democrat, does your vote “matter”? Why or why not?

Suppose you live in a district that is highly competitive and that the 2016 winner was a Republican, with a final vote tally of 51% Republican votes and 49% Democrat votes. What happens to the votes of the Democrats that comprise the 49%?

In an ideal nation where gerrymandering does not take place to influence election outcomes, what would vote tallies look like? A simple example of a vote tally would be 60% Democrat votes and 40% Republican votes.