

Many commentators and election experts have named Ohio as one of the worst, perhaps the worst, examples of gerrymandering in the country and this has had a number of detrimental consequences. One of the most damaging is the distortion it has caused in the proportion of Republican and Democratic representatives, resulting in many voters having little to no representation of their views, imperiling the cause of democracy. It's also meant that more and more those elected in the majority tend to have radical and extremist views, and they stand up for a distorted ideology rather than the needs of their own constituents. Do we really need to hear from a "medical expert" who claims in a formal hearing that vaccinations cause people to become magnetized? The voters of the state made clear in 2018 that this needs to change, and a more reasonable process is now part of the Ohio constitution. We expect the redistricting commission to follow their guidelines, with transparency and accountability. We do not want another round of redistricting that protects legislators from voters, and prevents voters' opinions from being heard in any meaningful ways.