

Congressional Districting Plan Comments
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In the Federalist Papers, James Madison's greatest fears addressed partisanship and factionalism, which could render government ineffective. Alexander Hamilton once called political parties "the most fatal disease" of popular governments. James Madison, who worked with Hamilton to defend the new Constitution to the public in the Federalist Papers, wrote in Federalist 10 that one of the functions of a "well-constructed Union" should be "its tendency to break and control the violence of faction."

The Princeton University reports on the Citizen Districting Plan reviewed in October graded out with an A. This plan did not create odd-shaped districts designed to protect current house members. How did the "citizens" plan become a final plan that received a grade of F? This plan does not provide equal representation for the people of Maryland. It continues a policy of partisanship that is rendering government ineffective at the local, state, and federal levels. Representative government requires those in government to work together to form coalitions that work for the greater good of the people. This map demonstrates that our government representatives are more concerned with maintaining power and status than fixing average Americans' problems.