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Kamala Harris interview on Late Night with Stephen Colbert there was a segment that did not air on
television During this portion Stephen asked Kamala to reflect on the contrast between the joy and
enthusiasm people felt during her campaign and the current moment Her response was powerful
so meaningful in fact that it deserves to be read carefully and thoughtfully more than once What I
look back at is how people realize the commonality and collective strength and collective love of our
country We love our country And the thing about that experience is exactly what propels me to
think about this moment and the future and not look back too much Which is those same people
they are still here They still know joy in their hearts They still know how to have a sense of
optimism faith and in the future and to believe and to fight for that And that has not gone away I
just think it is really important that we never let a circumstance situation or person defeat our spirit
You cannot let that happen You cannot give up your belief in what can be and what can be better In
spite of that you know I talked about the day after the election and again I talked about it in the book
That was a rough bleeping day for me and it was important to me in that speech I gave the next day
after the election to remind people to not give up I am so aware of the joy that was there and the
hope and the enthusiasm and I just think we have to remember that it was not just a candidate that
gave that It came from the people who naturally have that and this election cannot take that away
but let us be clear eyed about it Let us be clear eyed about what is going on That is why people are
taking to the streets people are organizing and people are talking to each other and talking about the
issues and they are articulating what we know is wrong and what it should be So let us just not be
defeated right Let us just not be defeated Kamala Harris on The Late Show with Stephen Colbert
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Richardson August 3 2025 Republicans in the Texas legislature are working to redistrict the state
before the 2026 midterm elections Although state legislatures normally redraw district lines every
ten years after the census required by the Constitution Trump has asked Texas Republicans to
redistrict now mid decade in order to **cut up five districts that tend to vote Democratic and create
districts Republicans will almost certainly win** Five additional seats will help the Republicans hold

control of the House of Representatives despite their growing unpopularity. Trump is urging other Republican dominated state legislatures—those in Florida Indiana Missouri New Hampshire and Ohio for example—to do the same thing. We are going to get another three or four or five in addition Trump said to reporters about House seats. Texas would be the biggest one and that will be five voters are...reduced almost to bystanders as Republicans essentially admit to trying to determine the outcome of Texas races long before the elections are held. The White House strategy is Maximum warfare everywhere all the time. Trump and the Republicans would not be trying to rig the system if they thought they could win a majority of voters. Carving districts to either crack political opponents into different districts or pack them into a single district is called gerrymandering after Elbridge Gerry an early governor of Massachusetts in 1812 who signed off on such a scheme even though he did not like it. Parties have always engaged in gerrymandering but computers make it possible to carve up districts with surgical precision. The extreme gerrymander Texas Republicans are attempting is coming on top of partisan gerrymanders already in place. In a book subtitled The True Story Behind the Secret Plan to Steal the Democracy of America after Democrat Barack Obama won the presidency in 2008 Republican operatives worked to make sure he had a hostile Congress that would keep him from passing legislation. To push a plan they dubbed Operation REDMAP which stood for Redistricting Majority Project they raised 30 million dollars mostly from corporations to buy ads and circulate literature that would convince voters to elect Republican state legislators in 2010. The legislatures elected in 2010 would get to redistrict their states with maps that would last for a decade. The plan worked. After the 2010 election Republicans controlled the key states of Florida Wisconsin North Carolina Ohio and Michigan as well as other smaller states and they redrew congressional maps using precise computer models. In the 2012 election Democrats won the White House decisively the Senate easily and a majority of 1 point 4 million votes for House candidates. But Republicans came away with a thirty three seat majority in the House of Representatives. Gerrymandering does not just weight the scales of an election toward one political party it also depresses turnout for the opposing party if you know your candidate is going to lose why bother to vote? In one heavily gerrymandered North Carolina district in 2024 Democratic candidate Kate Barr worked to call attention to gerrymandering by using the campaign slogan Kate Barr Cannot Win. Sometimes the opposing party does not even bother to run a candidate. Meanwhile the party with a lock on the district gets more radical as candidates have to worry about being primaried by someone more extreme than they are rather than about attracting centrist voters that in a fair district they might lose to an opposing candidate of the party. Trump is also confronting his unpopularity by trying to cement his power in the federal courts. Republicans began working to cement their power by stacking the courts during the Reagan presidency. The Reagan attorney general Edwin Meese deliberately politicized the Department of Justice in an attempt as he said to institutionalize the Reagan revolution so it cannot be set aside no matter what happens in future presidential elections. On July 20 Trump demanded the Senate abandon its longstanding tradition of so called blue slips an informal process by which a senator from the minority party can effectively block a judicial nominee proposed for their state. While this system can be abused by senators holding seats open for a president of their party—as Senator Josh Hawley R MO did during the Biden administration—it is designed to prevent a president from stashing unqualified or bad appointees in their states. Benjamin S. Weiss of Courthouse News noted that Democratic New Jersey senators Cory Booker and Andy Kim used the system to prevent the Trump lawyer and advisor Alina Habba from consideration to be the U S attorney for the District of New Jersey. After posting on social media that the practice means the president of the United States will never be permitted to appoint the person of his choice Trump demanded that Senator Chuck Grassley R IA the chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee end the system IMMEDIATELY and not let the Democrats laugh at him and the Republican

Party for being weak and ineffective Trump then reposted other posts calling Grassley a RINO or Republican In Name Only and sneaky and suggesting he hates America Ending the blue slip practice would effectively cut senators in the minority from any influence at all on judicial appointments and Grassley who has gotten the Trump many controversial appointees through Senate confirmation has refused to agree In July Trump demanded the Senate cancel its scheduled August break and long weekends to confirm his incredible nominees Democrats have deployed the same techniques Republicans used to slow the confirmation of nominations of the Democratic presidents Senate minority leader Chuck Schumer D NY said he would agree to let some nominees go through quickly in batches so the senators could go home but only if the administration unfroze the federal funds Congress appropriated for agencies like the National Institutes of Health and programs like foreign aid and only if Trump agreed he would not push for another rescissions package clawing back appropriations Congress passed Tonight Trump posted Tell Schumer who is under tremendous political pressure from within his own party the Radical Left Lunatics to GO TO HELL! Do not accept the offer go home and explain to your constituents what bad people the Democrats are and what a great job the Republicans are doing and have done for our Country Have a great RECESS and MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN!!! Schumer reposted the Trump rant and commented The Art of the Deal Meanwhile Democrats say they will fight back against Republican gerrymandering They will challenge any Republican redistricting in court but after standing firm on democratic institutionalism in the past they now say they are willing to fight fire with fire and redistrict their own states to create Democratic districts What the Republicans are doing is so un American and it is a constant threat to our democracy Wisconsin governor Tony Evers said So I am really pissed frankly and we are going to do whatever we can do to stop this from happening Governors Kathy Hochul of New York and J B Pritzker of Illinois are weighing options for redrawing maps in their own states This will be more difficult for them than for Republican states because Democratic states tend to use independent citizen led redistricting commissions rather than partisan systems California governor Gavin Newsom posted on social media Trump is so scared of the American people holding him accountable for his catastrophic actions he wants Republicans to rig the 2026 elections for him Newsom pointed out that it would be easy for California to eliminate its Republican leaning districts altogether getting rid of nine Republican seats He posted on social media Game on

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DTE and Consumers Energy Michigan's second largest utility monopoly DTE and Consumers were very unhappy with recent decisions the commission made around the profit margin of the utilities' profit margin Many of the top environmental groups in Michigan signed a June 18 2025 letter to Whitmer that stated they were deeply concerned with the decision not to renew the Carreon appointment and potentially replace her with someone who has clear conflicts of interest or strong industry allegiances They urged the governor to reconsider Democratic Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer did not Related article The Michigan utility aided sabotage of Covid lockdown policies documents reveal Read more Air Pollution and the airborne disease COVID 19 Michigan governor Democrat Gretchen Whitmer Group aiming to sabotage the Democratic Governor Gretchen Whitmer Covid policies funded by dark money Michigan The Guardian Air Pollution and the airborne disease COVID 19 Michigan governor Democrat Gretchen Whitmer Michigan utility aided sabotage of Covid lockdown policies documents reveal Michigan The Guardian

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