

# Reforming and Redistricting

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Revision is essential to a coherent understanding of a topic - being able to look back at past interpretations and creating a new perspective on issues is critical to any professional setting. Such a principle was elucidated on through the reformation of my professional image and the assessment of Texas' current issue with redistricting policies; truly, my initial exposure to real-world policies towards a statewide topic has underlined the significance of never expressing overconfidence in your beliefs.

As do politicians learn from their mistakes both in and out of office, I have learned from my first attempt in branding my professional presence so to improve the initial impression others receive during its analysis. Throughout this week, I have revised and finalized multiple professional resources, namely my résumé, that will efficiently portray my aspirations and motives. Perhaps unsurprisingly, the recreation of these materials have accelerated my drive to contact professionals and present myself in a formal manner and promoted a greater interest in adding towards my professional knowledge of public policy.

Concordantly, I have recently learned more of the extreme gerrymandering issue facing Texas legislative bodies today. Not only does this information affect the entire population of Texas, but it also highlights on the direness of the partisan-motivated redistricting topic for elected officials across the state. I feel that through understanding more of how the national Supreme Court may interpret the use of gerrymandering in each

of the 50 states, I have become more passionate and active in expanding public awareness about the issue in an attempt to rectify past redistricting mistakes.