


# THE GERRYMANDER PROJECT



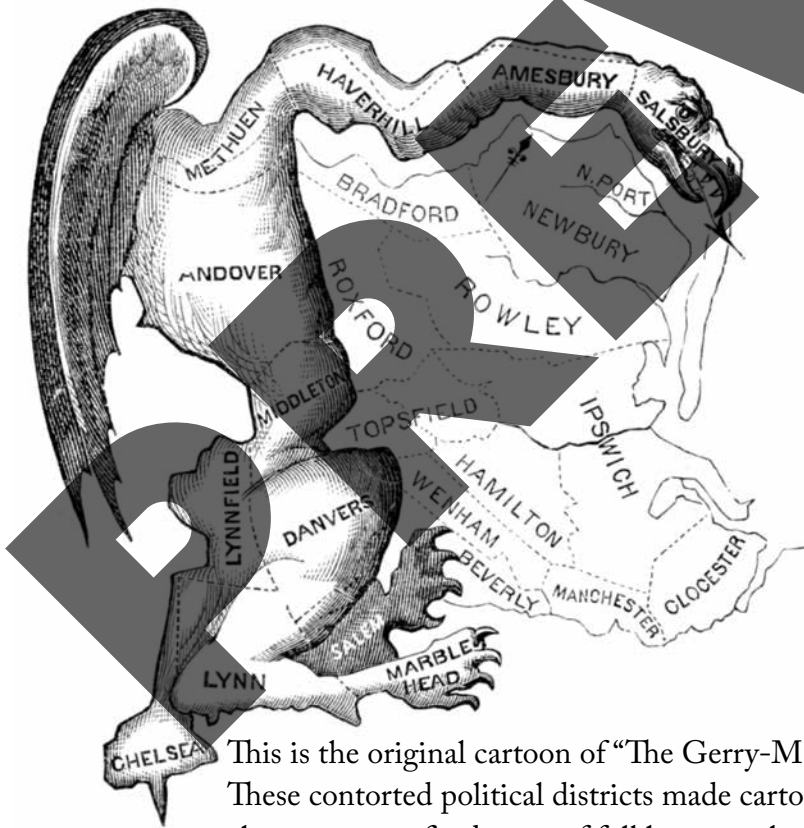
Math  
in the  
World of  
Politics

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This is the original cartoon of “The Gerry-Mander,” published in the *Boston Centinel*, 1812. These contorted political districts made cartoonist Elkanah Tisdale think of a salamander—the monstrous fire-dragon of folklore, not the real-world amphibian. The Massachusetts legislature under Governor Elbridge Gerry drew these boundaries to favor their own incumbent Democratic-Republican party candidates over their challengers, the Federalists.

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## Elbridge City Map



Majority Party:  
60% 

Minority Party:  
40% 



**PREVIEW**