

ARE WE LETTING THE FOXES GUARD THE HENHOUSE?



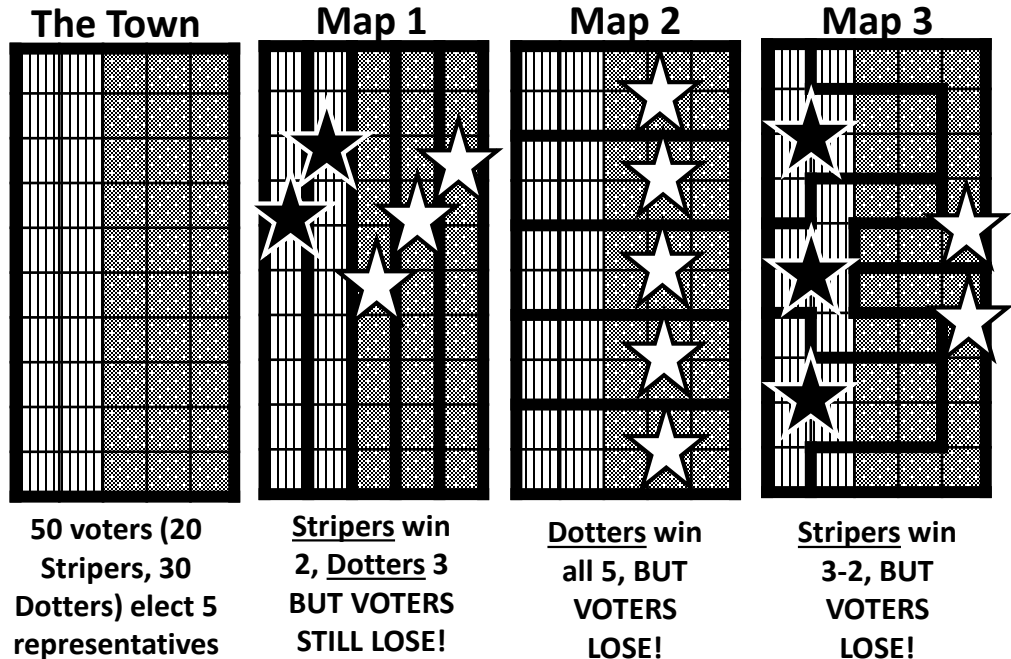
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Here's how either party can gerrymander the districts to win more than its fair share of seats:

- **Map 1** looks good at first glance: Stripers get 2 and Dotters get 3. **But** five safe seats mean no competition, no choice for voters.
- **Map 2** was drawn by the **Dotters** so they will **WIN ALL 5!** 2 in 5 voters are Stripers, but they can never win even a single seat.
- **Map 3** was drawn by the **Stripers** to guarantee a Striper majority (3-2), even though they have far fewer voters.



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