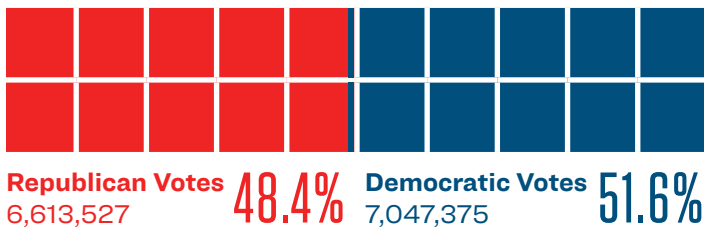


How Gerrymandering Hurts the Environment in Missouri

Missouri Voters are Relatively Split Evenly by Partisanship

In the past six general elections (2008-2018), Missouri voters cast their votes evenly for the top of the ticket state races (Governor or State Auditor). In 2014, we substituted Congressional Races because there was no Democratic candidate for Auditor. (see table below)

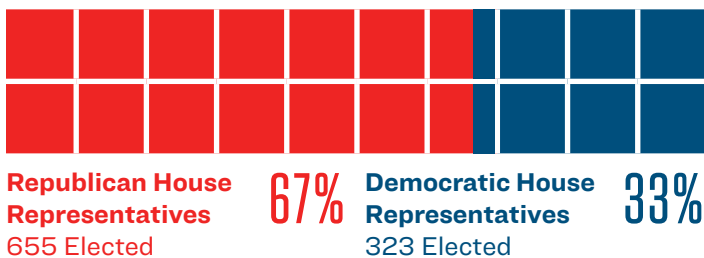


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Gerrymandered Lines Lead to GOP Control in State House

However, in the same six elections, the State House of Representatives races show very different voting outcomes; 67% of elected state representatives were Republicans, whereas only 33% of elected representatives were Democrats. (see table below)

With Missouri voters about evenly split, fair house district maps would have generated a roughly equal split of the State House seats by party. The skewed results demonstrate that politicians have drawn district lines to subvert voters' intentions.



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Republican State Legislators Vote Against the Environment

The Sierra Club's interest is not to promote any particular political party, but instead to protect public lands, reduce air and water pollution, and promote clean energy. However, during the time frame of this report, Republican State Representatives have chosen to vote consistently anti-environment.

In examining 8,527 votes over the past 11 years, Republican House members have a 10% pro-environment voting record while Democrats have an 85% pro-environment voting record. (see table below)

Since partisan gerrymandering in Missouri disproportionately advantages Republicans, gerrymandering also negatively impacts environmental policy in Missouri.

	VOTING PERCENTAGE
Republican State Reps' Voting Record	10%
Democratic State Reps' Voting Record	85%

SOURCES: bit.ly/PoliticalAction (2011-2019), bit.ly/MVCScorecard (2009-2010)

Evidence of Pro-Environment Missouri Voters

During the same time period, two statewide environmental ballot measures received overwhelming support at the polls, proving Missourians care about environmental policies. Prop C, creating renewable energy standard for electric utilities, passed in 2008 with 66% support. In 2016, voters approved Amendment 1, the Parks, Soil, and Water sales tax, with 80% support.

Our state representatives should respect the pro-environmental majority of Missourians, but through gerrymandered lines our pro-environment majority is being disenfranchised.

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