

Filibusters

**In practical terms,
it essentially means that
a simple majority of 51 votes
isn't nearly enough to pass legislation.
If you don't get 60 votes for a bill, it's dead.
Which means, theoretically, senators
from the 21 least populated states
representing just 11% of Americans
could overrule everyone.
It seems pretty extreme.
So, to quote everyone who's ever sat in
a bathroom stall with a 3" gap in the door
— why on earth was it designed this way?**

**John Oliver,
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