

Political inequality

The House of Representatives is more balanced [than the Senate], but even there Democrats can win a majority of votes and end up with fewer seats. The Economist's own model suggests that Democrats need to win by seven points to have a greater than 50% chance of gaining a majority in the House. Gerrymandering is partly to blame. But the Democratic vote is also inefficient: its candidates pile up votes in districts they win by a landslide. The Republican vote is more thinly spread, so its candidates can win more seats with fewer votes.

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