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Background Video Questions

Would independent commissions improve the redistricting process?

Answer the following questions as you watch the background video, “Background on Independent Redistricting Commissions”

(<http://www.c-span.org/video/?c4554892/background-independent-redistricting-commissions>).

1. Who complained about the maps created by Arizona’s independent commission?
2. What Constitutional argument was brought against Arizona’s independent commission?
3. How many states use commissions to determine Congressional maps?
4. How are Arizona and California unique when it comes to redistricting?
5. Will the Supreme Court decision lead other states to create independent commissions?
6. Do independent commissions lead to competitive elections?



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Answer the following questions as you watch the background video, “Americans for Redistricting Reform”

(<http://www.c-span.org/video/?c4555623/background-independent-redistricting-commissions>).

1. What are the “Americans for Redistricting Reform” concerned about?
2. Why would a state choose to redistrict mid-decade instead of right after a census?
3. Describe how gerrymandering may benefit the minority party.