

Civics for Adults Update, June 10, 2022

The final public workshop of the season!

Upcoming Tuesday, June 21. 3:00-4:30 PST. Free. Virtual. The Constitution: Fulfilling Democracy's Promise? - Democracy, The Constitution and Representation in Congress.

Sponsor: Schenectady, New York, PL.

Register: <http://tinyurl.com/Civictinker>

Status of democracy

- Forming a country
- Bill of Rights
- Interpreting the Constitution
- Structural issues / representation
- Changes to the Constitution needed?

Selected Civics for Adults Facebook posts:

Next Jan 6 Select Committee hearings is on June 13 at 7:00 PST.

The official page of the Jan 6 Select Committee:

https://january6th.house.gov/legislation/hearings?fbclid=IwAR3h1Zs_2-PQRYqYrFTu--faxpF4NRaZP6TMqBNd50Onz6g1w9zRggxHWQc

From Brookings - **background material on the Jan 6 Select Committee.** <https://www.brookings.edu/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Trump-on-Trial.pdf>

**

Excellent! I talked about **this gerrymander in Louisiana** in the Elections workshop recently. Hopefully, this court ruling will stand. **Court Blocks Louisiana Congressional Map.** King. 6/6/22.

https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/politics/court-blocks-louisiana-congressional-map/ar-AA9UcH?ocid=msedgntp&cvid=b3db51ae77b945d9a561e2cb8ce1ef52&fbclid=IwAR0U9XKbH3MAbzR7Yil1HOkk9rG2xq8EA5249jbIBVL_PYTHm5Jx8mElbQ

One of - or the most – egregious gerrymanders is Florida. It has already gone through two court hearings and the Florida Supreme Court just let stand the last ruling, which agreed with the gerrymandered map that Governor DeSantis strong-armed the legislature to pass. "In a surprise move, DeSantis created his own map, vetoed two less aggressive maps that the Republican-controlled legislature passed and called lawmakers into a special session to vote on his proposal."

The state is roughly evenly split between Democrats and Republicans but the new map will preference 20 of the 28 districts for Republicans. It also eliminates one primarily African-American district. This may end up in the U.S. Supreme Court.

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/florida-supreme-court-lets-desantis-backed-congressional-map-stand/ar-AA90Pwa?bk=1&ocid=msedgntp&cvid=470da92805a844f3995d076b36828aba>

**

In the Elections workshop I talk about all the court cases that were lost by those claiming the 2020 election was stolen, including the main lawyers Giuliani, Powell et al. Here is the latest one to receive consequences for baseless claims that took up a court's time. "The state's high court dismissed the group's petition, saying it "offers no competent evidence of voter fraud based on non-citizen voter registration."

'Stop the Steal' Group Fined Over Lack of Evidence in Voter Fraud Lawsuit

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/politics/stop-the-steal-group-fined-over-lack-of-evidence-in-voter-fraud-lawsuit/ar-AA91qlf?ocid=msedgntp&cvid=60abb0f5b02d47898e42f171b285163d>

**

Another great publication from the Brennan Center. It's a compendium of where we stand vis-a-vis candidates and bills/laws that support election subversion or defend election integrity. Also includes organizations working on both sides. **Financing of Races for Offices that Oversee Elections.** Brennan Center. May 2022.

<https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/research-reports/financing-races-offices-oversee-elections-may-2022>

More at <https://www.facebook.com/Civics-for-Adults-1490728887922036>

Ask your local library or community group to sponsor a workshop! Thanks.

Flyer describing workshops: https://static.s123-cdn.com/uploads/2516289/normal_5fe8c854352d5.pdf