Political Discourse Symposium
Redistricting

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Redistricting

• 10-year cycle
  – Count up the population
  – Divide districts between the states

• Most redistricting done by legislatures

• Commissions

• Courts

• Constraints
  – Equal population
  – Contiguous
  – Voting Rights Act?
    • Dr. Hagle Shelby v. Holder

• Wish List
  – Competitive districts
  – No funny shapes
  – Keep cities/town in tact
PLAN 5
MODIFIED DEMOCRATIC RE-DISTRICTING PLAN

OKLAHOMA
PLANNING AND RESOURCES BOARD
POPULATION TOTALS*
District 1 - 241,693
  2 - 238,500**
  3 - 393,812**
  4 - 378,521
  5 - 388,808
  6 - 333,658**

* Preliminary Census
** Total does not include Tulsa portion

(House: Reeder, Pitman, Wilson (Beckham), Edgecomb, Ivester, Griffin, Krieger, Wilson (Greer), Wilcox, Moad, Dale. Senate: Worthington, Jones.)

Source: William G. Stigler Collection, Carl Albert Center
2016 Election

• Advantage Republicans
• Who drew the lines in 2010
  – 40% of Seats: Republicans
  – 10% of Seats: Democrats
  – 50% of Seats: Divided, courts, commissions

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Is Redistricting a Problem?

• Too many safe representatives?
  – Pulled toward extremes only fearing primary challenge
  – Dr. Brunell may argue this is a good thing for individuals

• Can we make races more competitive and less gerrymandered?
  – Dr. McGhee will tell us about the new California system
  – Dr. Brunell will talk about other avenues for reform