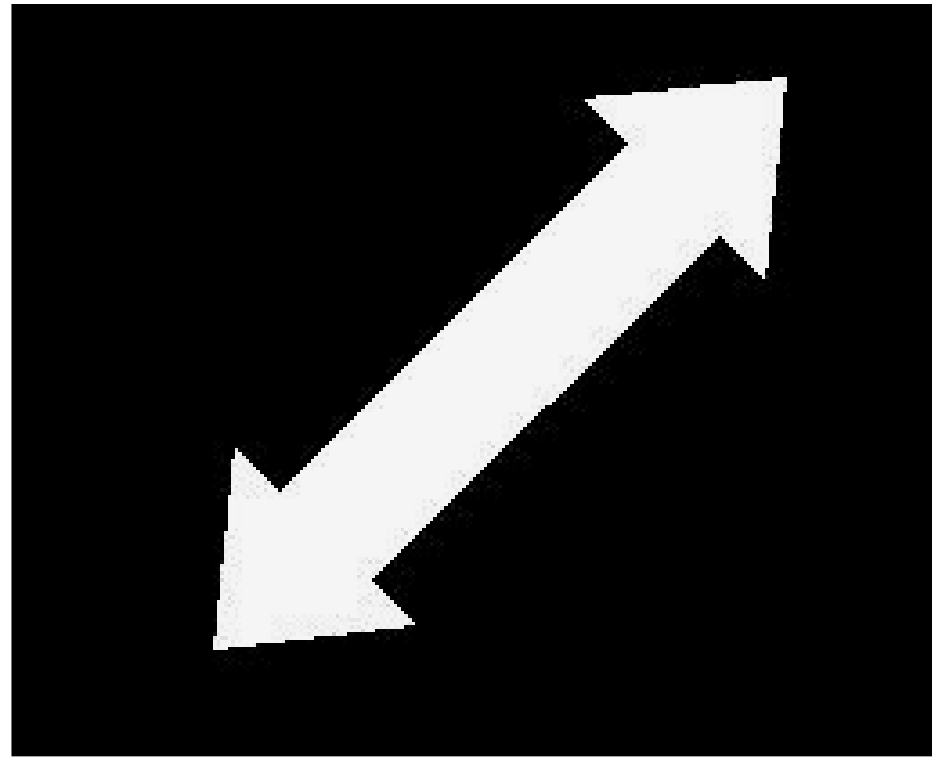


PARADOX- HOW THINGS HAPPENING SIMULTANEOUSLY CAN PRESENT OPPOSITE, OPPOSING, OR CONTRADICTORY IDEAS.

-THE TWO SIDES OF POLITICAL TACTICS ARE THE DEMOCRATIC PRACTICE OF VOTING, AND THE TACTICS USED BY THE POLITICAL PARTIES.

-THE TACTICS USED BY THE POLITICAL PARTIES INTERFERE WITH THE DEMOCRACY INVOLVED IN VOTING BY PROVIDING BIASED INFORMATION AND RESTRICTIONS.



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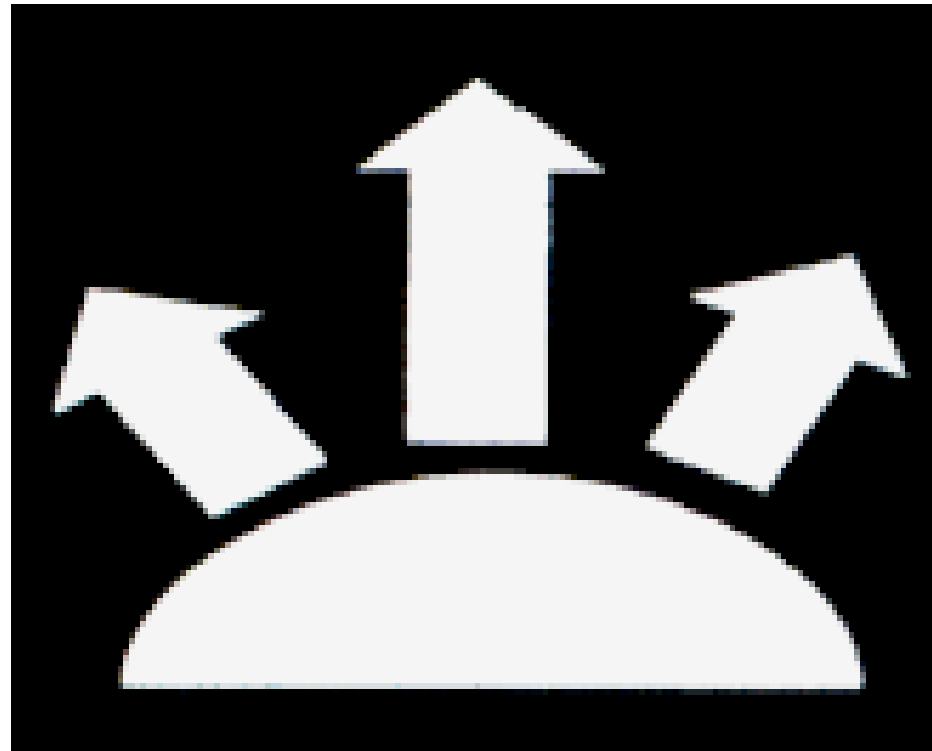
- FOR INSTANCE, VOTER PURGING COMPLETELY STOPS PEOPLE FROM VOTING BY REMOVING PEOPLE FROM VOTING ROLLS.

-ACCORDING TO BALLOTPEDIA, "WRONGFUL VOTER PURGING CAN PREVENT PEOPLE FROM VOTING, AND IS PRONE TO MANIPULATION."

-PURGING CREATES A PROBLEM WHEN AN ELIGIBLE, REGISTERED CITIZEN SHOWS UP TO VOTE AND DISCOVERS THAT HIS OR HER NAME HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM THE VOTER LIST. THIS INTERFERES WITH THE DEMOCRACY OF VOTING BY STRIPPING PEOPLE OF THEIR SIMPLE RIGHT TO VOTE..

ORIGIN- HELPS US LOOK AT HOW SOMETHING GOT STARTED OR BEGAN
-THIS TOPIC IS MAN-MADE BECAUSE THE POLITICAL PARTIES OR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS MAKE THOSE TACTICS SO THE VOTING RESULTS ARE SWAYED ONE WAY.

-ANOTHER TACTIC THAT WAS COMMONLY USED DURING THE TIMES OF SEGREGATION WERE LITERACY TESTS. THEY VARIED BETWEEN THE WHITE PEOPLE'S TESTS AND THE PEOPLE OF COLORED TESTS, ONE WAS EASIER AND THE OTHER WAS LITERALLY IMPOSSIBLE.



**MAY BE
NATURAL OR
MAN-MADE**

- ACCORDING TO A TIME ARTICLE, "GERRYMANDERING—THE MANIPULATION OF DISTRICT BOUNDARIES TO PROTECT OR HARM THE POLITICAL INTERESTS OF INCUMBENTS, PARTIES AND MINORITIES."
-VOTER PURGING AND GERRYMANDERING WERE CREATED SO THAT ONE POLITICAL SIDE WOULD ALWAYS BE UNDERREPRESENTED, AND FAVOR THEIR POLITICAL PARTY.

-FURTHERMORE, THE LITERACY TESTS WERE MADE SO THAT PEOPLE OF COLOR COULD NOT VOTE, BU IT SEEMED LIKE THEY WERE GIVEN A FAIR CHANCE.

CHANGE OVER TIME- THIS ALLOWS US TO THINK ABOUT THE PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE. WHAT HAS CHANGED?..

-THE CONFLICT BETWEEN THE PEOPLE WHO ADVOCATE THE DEMOCRATIC PRACTICE OF VOTING AND THE POLITICAL PARTIES CAN BE CHANGED THROUGH LAWS.

- GERRYMANDERING IS ONE OF THE BIGGEST ISSUES IN THE UNITED STATES, AND CURRENTLY WE HAVE EXTREMELY GERRYMANDERED STATES, MARYLAND AND NORTH CAROLINA.

DESPITE THOSE VERY GERRYMANDERED STATES NEW YORK HAS TAKEN ACTION, **PROGRESSING** POSITIVELY DECREASED THE LEVEL OF GERRYMANDERING.



IS PROGRESSIVE

-AS SHOWN IN A THE WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE, "MARYLAND AND NORTH CAROLINA ARE THE TWO MOST GERRYMANDERED STATES TODAY, AND WHILE THEIR NUMBERS HAVE REMAINED CONSISTENTLY HIGH, THEY'VE ALSO SHIFTED UPWARD SINCE THE 1950S."

- ONE OF THE SPECIFIC DISTRICTS THAT HAS GROWN IN SIZE IS MARYLAND'S THIRD DISTRICT IT HAS GROWING ABOUT FIVE TIMES IN SIZE, AND THE NUMBERS CONTINUE TO GROW.

- TAKE NEW YORK, FOR EXAMPLE. "IT'S THE ONE STATE AMONG THE EIGHT THAT HAS SHOWN A MEANINGFUL DECREASE IN THE LEVEL OF GERRYMANDERING ACROSS MULTIPLE CONGRESSIONAL TERMS."

CHANGE OVER TIME- THIS ALLOWS US TO THINK ABOUT THE PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE.WHAT HAS CHANGED?..

-THE CONFLICT BETWEEN THE PEOPLE WHO ADVOCATE THE DEMOCRATIC PRACTICE OF VOTING AND THE POLITICAL PARTIES CAN BE CHANGED THROUGH LAWS.

-THERE IS ALSO THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 1965. THIS RIGHT PROHIBITED RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN VOTING.DESPITE THIS, THERE ARE STILL TACTICS USED, LIKE VOTER PURGING AND GERRYMANDERING TO MAKE SURE THAT A GROUP OF PEOPLE ARE UNDERREPRESENTED



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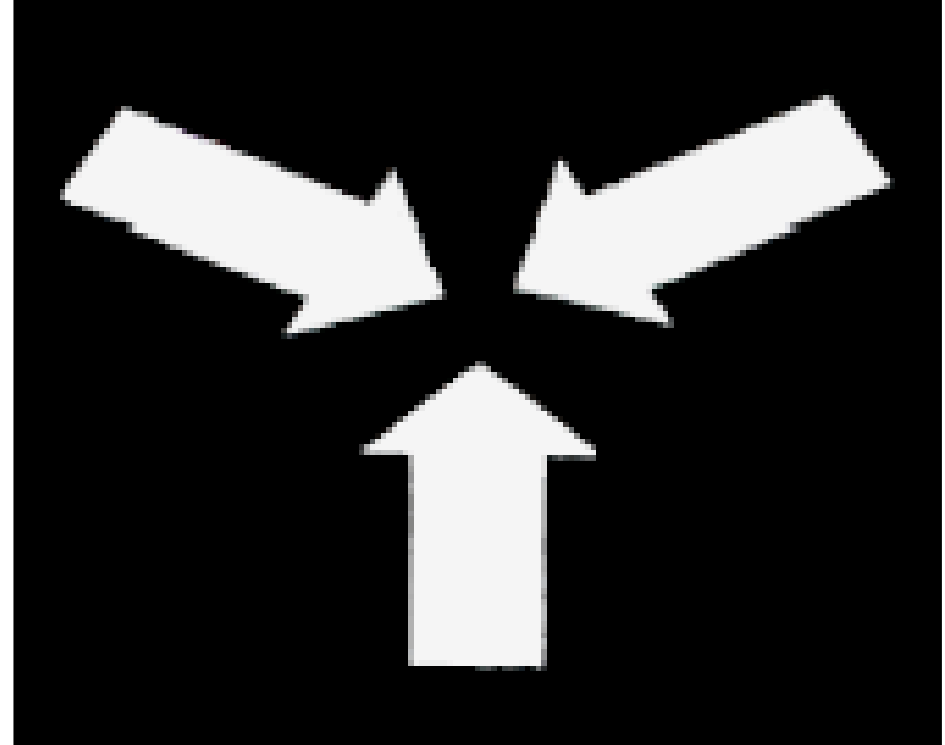
MAY ALLOW FOR SYNTHESIS AND CHANGE

-FOR INSTANCE, THERE ARE ALREADY CHANGES BEING PUT IN PLACE IN CERTAIN STATES TO STOP VOTER CAGING, "MINNESOTA OUTLAWED THE PRACTICE OF BUILDING VOTER CAGING LISTS COMPILED FROM RETURNED MAIL SENT BY A POLITICAL PARTY AFTER THE 2004 ELECTION AND TACTICS LIKE THOSE."

- THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 1965, SIGNED INTO LAW BY PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON, AIMED TO OVERCOME LEGAL BARRIERS AT THE STATE AND LOCAL LEVELS THAT PREVENTED AFRICAN AMERICANS FROM EXERCISING THEIR RIGHT TO VOTE AS GUARANTEED UNDER THE 15TH AMENDMENT TO THE U.S. CONSTITUTION.

CONVERGENCE- HOW IDEAS COME TOGETHER OR MEET WITH EVENTS THAT OCCUR.

-THIS CONFLICT IS UNINTENTIONAL AND INTENTIONAL BECAUSE THE DISPUTE OVER THE POLITICAL TACTICS IS NOT INTENDED TO CAUSE PROBLEMS, IT IS JUST THE SIDES THAT OPPOSE EACH OTHER. HOWEVER, THE THINGS THAT CAUSE THE CONFLICTS, LIKE GERRYMANDERING, VOTER PURGING, AND VOTER CAGING ARE ALL DONE PURPOSELY TO SWAY THE RESULTS OF AN ELECTION ONE WAY.



**MAY BE
INTENTIONAL
OR
UNINTENTIONAL**

-AS ILLUSTRATED IN AN ARTICLE BY BALLOTPEDIA, "VOTER REGISTRATION LISTS, ALSO CALLED VOTER ROLLS, ARE THE GATEWAY TO VOTING BECAUSE A CITIZEN TYPICALLY CANNOT CAST A VOTE THAT WILL COUNT UNLESS HIS OR HER NAME APPEARS ON THE VOTER REGISTRATION ROLLS. STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS REGULARLY REMOVE—OR PURGE—CITIZENS FROM VOTER ROLLS."

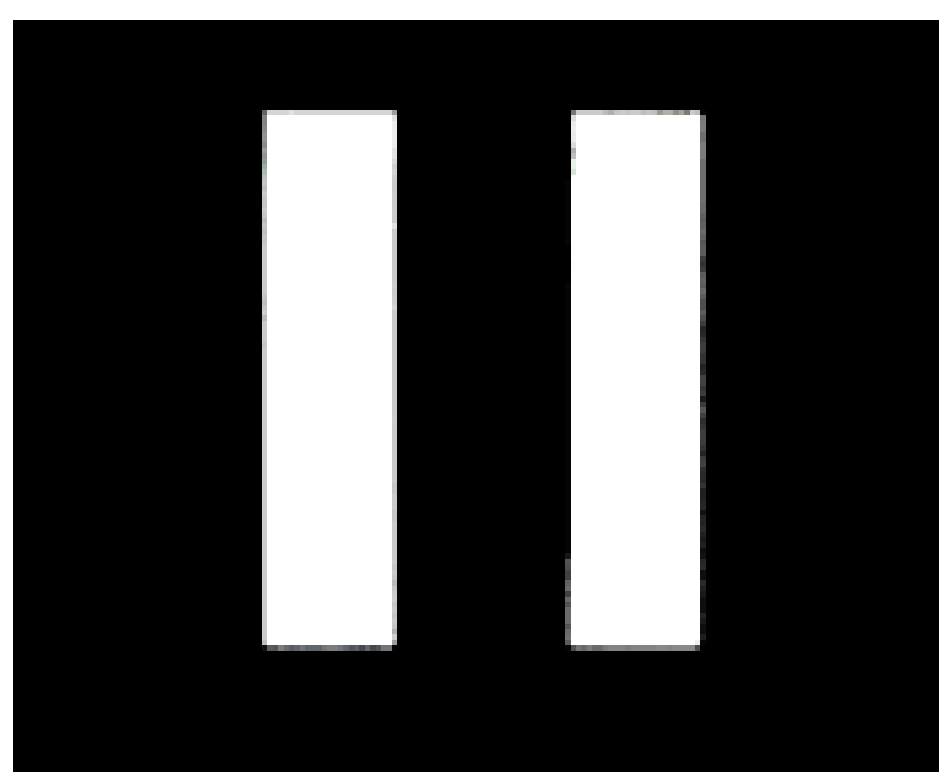
- ON TOP OF GERRYMANDERING, VOTER CAGING, AND VOTER PURGING, OFFICIALS REMOVING NAMES FROM VOTER ROLLS CONVERGE TO SWAY THE RESULTS OF AN ELECTION ONE WAY.

PARALLEL- WHEN TWO THINGS RUN ALONG SIDE EACH OTHER BUT DO NOT TOUCH OR INTERSECT. LOOK AT HOW EVENTS AND IDEAS ARE SIMILAR AND HOW THEY CAN BE COMPARED TO EACH OTHER.

- TWO EVENTS THAT ARE THE SAME ARE THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 1965 AND THE 19TH AMENDMENT.

-IN BOTH OF THESE THERE WAS A GROUP OF PEOPLE THAT WERE STRIPPED OF THEIR BASIC HUMAN RIGHT TO VOTE, THEREFORE INTERFERING WITH AMERICA'S DEMORACY, SOLELY BASED OFF THEIR RACE AND GENDER.

- AFTER MANY YEARS OF THEM NOT BEING ALLOWED TO VOTE, AND MANY UPRISINGS, BOTH WOMEN AND AFRICAN AMERICANS WERE ALLOWED TO VOTE.



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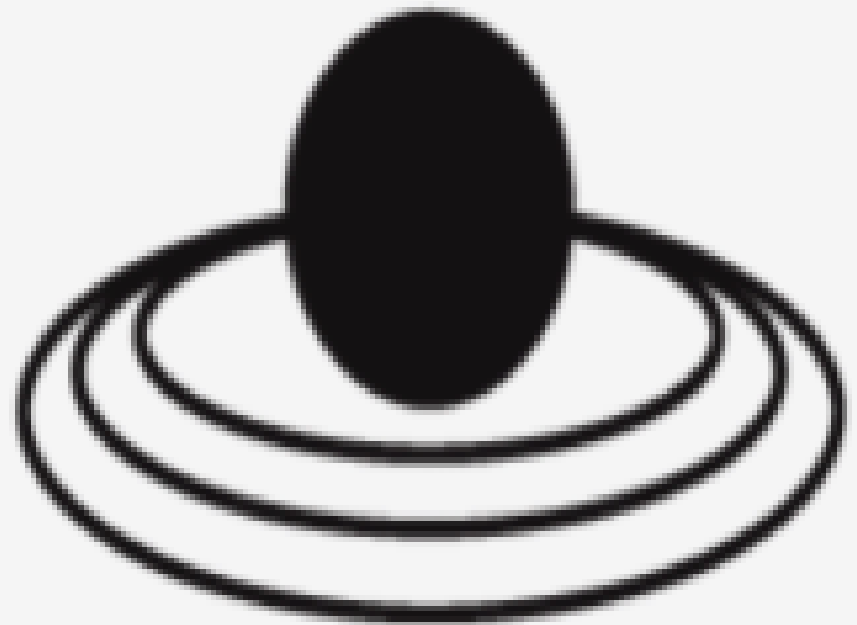
- ACCORDING TO A HISTORY.COM ARTICLE, " THE 19TH AMENDMENT TO THE U.S. CONSTITUTION GRANTED AMERICAN WOMEN THE RIGHT TO VOTE, A RIGHT KNOWN AS WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE, AND WAS RATIFIED ON AUGUST 18, 1920, ENDING ALMOST A CENTURY OF PROTEST."

- IN ANOTHER HISTORY.COM ARTICLE IS STATES, " THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 1965, SIGNED INTO LAW BY PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON, AIMED TO OVERCOME LEGAL BARRIERS AT THE STATE AND LOCAL LEVELS THAT PREVENTED AFRICAN AMERICANS FROM EXERCISING THEIR RIGHT TO VOTE AS GUARANTEED UNDER THE 15TH AMENDMENT TO THE U.S. CONSTITUTION.

IMPACT- ALLOWS US TO LOOK AT HOW EVENTS OR THINGS INFLUENCE OR AFFECT OTHER EVENTS

- IT IS SHOWN THAT THE TACTICS USED, SPECIFICALLY VOTER CAGING ACTUALLY DO HAVE AN **IMPACT** ON THE RESULTS OF AN ELECTION.

- FOR INSTANCE, IF INFORMATION IS GIVEN TO A VOTER THAT WILL FAVOR THE. THE VOTER WILL MOST LIKELY CHOOSE THAT SPECIFIC CANDIDATE,



IMPACT

-THE EIGHTH GRADERS DID SHOW HOW VOTER CAGING IMPACTS THE PEOPLE BECAUSE IN MY CONTROL GROUP 48% VOTED FOR XIMENA(THE CANDIDATE SOME RECEIVED MORE INFORMATION FOR), WHILE IN THE VOTER CAGED CLASS, 50% VOTED FOR HER.

- DESPITE THE EIGHTH GRADERS DOING SO, THE SIXTH GRADERS THAT COMPLETED THE SURVEY DID OTHERWISE. ONLY 41% OF THE STUDENTS VOTED FOR THE CANDIDATE THAT FAVORED THEM.

- THERE ARE FLAWS TO THE THEORY, AND CERTAIN INSTANCES IN WHICH VOTER CAGING AND THE TACTICS MAY NOT AFFECT THE PEOPLE AT ALL.

LANGUAGE OF THE DISCIPLINE- DEALS WITH TERMS AND VOCABULARY THAT IS IMPORTANT TO THE TOPIC.

-AS DEFINED BY OXFORD DICTIONARIES, THE DEFINITION OF TACTICS MEANS AN ACTION OR STRATEGY CAREFULLY PLANNED TO ACHIEVE A SPECIFIC END.

- THE DEFINITION OF OPPOSITION AS DEFINED MERRIAM- WEBSTER IS SOMETHING THAT OPPOSES.

-THE DEFINITION OF VOTING IS THE MEANS BY WHICH SUCH EXPRESSION IS MADE, AS A BALLOT, TICKET, ETC.



LANGUAGE OF THE DISCIPLINE

-AS DEFINED BY CAMBRIDGE DICTIONARY, POLITICAL MEANS RELATING TO POLITICS. POLITICS MEANS THE ACTIVITIES OF THE GOVERNMENT, POLITICIANS, OR POLITICAL PARTIES, OF THE STUDY OF THESE ACTIVITIES.

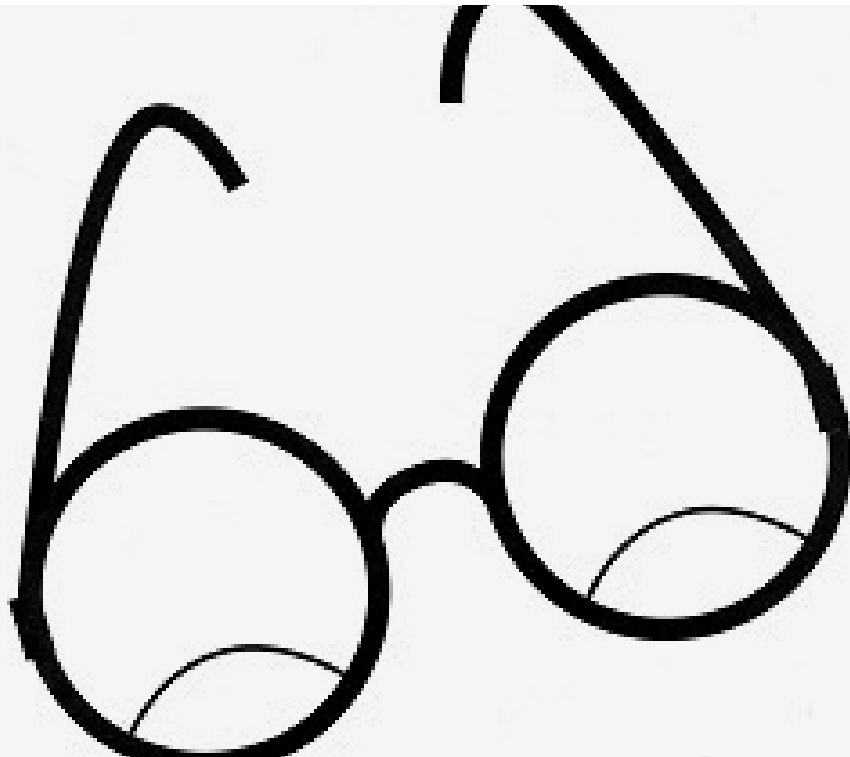
- THE DEFINITION OF DEMOCRACY AS DEFINED BY STANFORD UNIVERSITY IS A POLITICAL SYSTEM FOR CHOOSING AND REPLACING THE GOVERNMENT THROUGH FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS.

THE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF THE PEOPLE, AS CITIZENS, IN POLITICS AND CIVIC LIFE.

PROTECTION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF ALL CITIZENS. A RULE OF LAW, IN WHICH THE LAWS AND PROCEDURES APPLY EQUALLY TO ALL CITIZENS.

MULTIPLE PERSPECTIVES- CONSIDERING HOW OTHERS SEE THE SAME TOPIC. THIS AREA DEALS WITH POINT OF VIEW, THE EFFECT SOMETHING HAS ON SOMEONE ELSE, OR ANOTHER 'VERSION' OF A CONCEPT OR OPINION.

- THE TWO SIDES OF THE CONFLICT ARE THAT THE CANDIDATES ARE ONLY LOOKING OUT FOR THEMSELVES AND JUST WANT VOTES, WHILE VOTERS WANT TO CHOOSE SOMEONE WHO WILL BENEFIT THEM.



MULTIPLE PERSPECTIVES

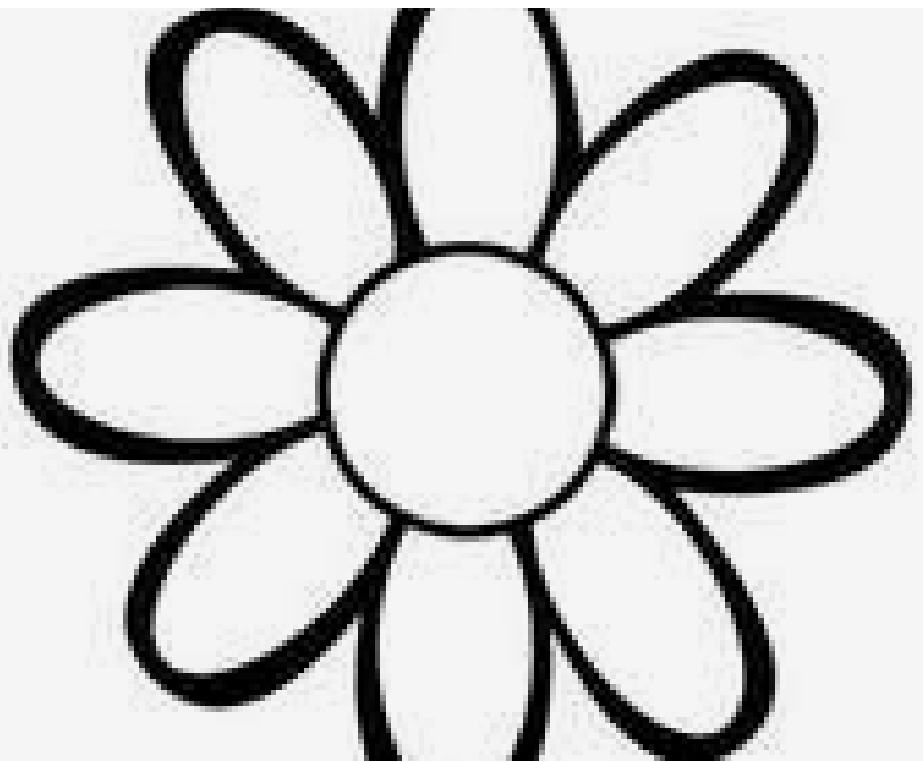
THE POLITICAL PARTIES THINK THAT THERE IS NOTHING WRONG WITH SPECIFIC TACTICS THAT THEY USE, LIKE VOTER CAGING. THE POLITICAL PARTIES ARE JUST RELEASING INFORMATION THAT WILL FAVOR THEIR CANDIDATE, BUT NEVER FORCE ANYONE TO VOTE FOR THEM. PEOPLE HAVE THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE THE CANDIDATE THAT THEY PREFER MOST. ALL THE TACTICS DO IS GIVE PEOPLE INFORMATION THAT WILL SWAY THE RESULTS ONE WAY.

VOTERS WANT TO KNOW THAT THE INFORMATION THEY ARE GIVEN WILL ALLOW THEM TO MAKE THEM TO MAKE THE BEST CHOICE FOR THEM, AND NOT JUST BE GIVEN BIASED INFORMATION. THIS INFORMATION, ALONG WITH ALL OF THE TACTICS USED COULD INTERFERE WITH THE DEMOCRACY INVOLVED IN VOTING.

DETAILS- IT IS ABOUT DESCRIBING CHARACTERISTICS, TRAITS, DIFFERENCES OBSERVING, COMPARING, AND CONTRASTING.

- THE DETAILS OF MY TOPIC INCLUDE THE FACT THAT IT HAS BEEN GROWING OVER THE YEARS. THERE HAS ONLY BEEN ONE STATE, MINNESOTA, THAT HAS BANNED VOTER CAGING, WHILE OTHER STATES ARE LAGGING BEHIND.

-THE GROUPS INVOLVED ARE ANY OF THE POLITICAL PARTIES, OR PEOPLE WHO ARE RUNNING FOR A POSITION IN AN OFFICE.



DETAILS

-THIS EVENT HAPPENS DURING ALL ELECTIONS, STATEWIDE, OR EVEN TO THE NATIONAL LEVEL. FROM WHAT I HAVE RESEARCHED IT HAS HAPPENED IN THE UNITED STATES, AND FOR YEARS.

- DESPITE THE FACT THAT THESE TACTICS REMOVE THE DEMOCRACY FROM VOTING THEY ARE STILL ALLOWED AND COMPLETELY LEGAL.

THE MAIN DETAIL THAT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE IS THAT THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE TO NO CHANGE THROUGHOUT THESE TACTICS AND THEIR PREVENTION

STUDENT-LED RESEARCH

PLAN:

- FOR MY STUDENT-LED RESEARCH I DECIDED TO DO AN OBSERVATION. IN THIS OBSERVATION I GAVE DIFFERENT CLASSES TWO CANDIDATES. SOME CLASSES WERE CONTROL GROUPS IN WHICH THEY RECEIVED GENERAL INFORMATION, WHILE OTHERS RECEIVED INFORMATION FAVORING ONE CANDIDATE.

RELEVANCY:

- I CHOSE TO DO THIS SO THAT I CAN SEE HOW CERTAIN TACTICS USED BY POLITICAL PARTIES WILL AFFECT THE RESULTS OF AN ELECTION. THIS RELATES TO MY DRIVING QUESTION BECAUSE IT SHOWS THE IMPACT THAT THESE TACTICS WILL HAVE ON VOTERS.

- AT THE END THE IMPACT IS ACTUALLY VISIBLE HALF THE TIME, AND ACTUALLY SHOWS THAT IF VOTERS ARE GIVEN INFORMATION THAT WILL FAVOR THEM, THEY WILL VOTE FOR THAT CANDIDATE, SOLELY BASED OFF THE INFORMATION.

STUDENT- LED RESEARCH

- **EXECUTION:**

- -WE DECIDED TO DO AN OBSERVATION OF STUDENTS, OR VOTERS TO FIND OUT IF THE TACTICS USED BY THE POLITICAL PARTIES HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE ELECTION RESULTS OR NOT. THIS RELATES TO MY DRIVING QUESTION BECAUSE IT WILL ALLOW ME TO SEE THE IMPACT POLITICAL TACTICS HAVE ON MY VOTERS. OUR HYPOTHESIS WAS THAT IF WE OBSERVED THE WAY THE STUDENTS REACTED, THEN WE WOULD FIND THAT THEY WOULD CHOOSE THE CANDIDATE THAT THEY RECEIVED THE BETTER INFORMATION ABOUT.

- **RESULTS:**

- -MY FINDINGS SHOWED THAT IT VARIED DEPENDING ON GRADE. THE EIGHTH GRADERS DID FALL FOR THE TRICK BECAUSE IN MY CONTROL GROUP 48% VOTED FOR XIMENA(THE CANDIDATE SOME RECEIVED MORE INFORMATION FOR), WHILE IN THE VOTER CAGED CLASS, 50% VOTED FOR HER.

- **LIMITATIONS:**

- -THESE FINDINGS SHOW SOME LIMITATIONS OF OUR EXPERIMENT. FOR EXAMPLE, ONE WAY THAT OUR RESULTS MIGHT NOT BE COMPLETELY ACCURATE OR VALID IS THAT THE INFORMATION THAT IS SUPPOSED TO SWAY THE RESULTS ONE WAY MAY NOT EVEN MATTER TO THE STUDENTS.

- **CONCLUSION:**

- -MY FINDINGS RELATE TO THE DRIVING QUESTION OR RESOLUTION BECAUSE IT SHOWS THAT IN SOME CASES, THERE IS AN ACTUAL IMPACT. THERE IS A TWO PERCENT DIFFERENCE, THAT IS A LOT IF IT IS CONSIDERED ON A NATIONAL LEVEL.