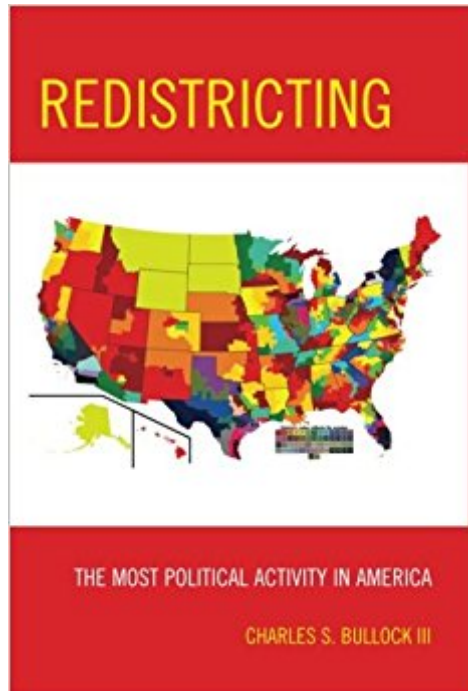




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Synopsis

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There is a saying that 'History teaches us many lessons.' Dr. Bullock's book does a masterful job of tracking the history of redistricting in this country. It should be required reading for all those involved in the upcoming 2010-2012 round of redistricting. (Kimball Brace) Charles Bullock brings substantial insight into the complicated and varied redistricting process. Redistricting has been called the most partisan part of partisan politics, and Bullock elucidates why by laying out the importance of redistricting. (Janet Box-Steffensmeier) On the eve of the upcoming round of redistricting, Charles Bullock III, one of the nation's foremost experts on redistricting, has provided us with a comprehensive review of the political and legal issues involved in the districting process. (Brunell, Thomas L.) Bullock (Univ. of Georgia) provides a comprehensive description and analysis of redistricting and the factors that influence the 'most political activity in America.'....[B]oth scholars and laypeople would be well advised to use this work as the starting point for understanding the heated controversy of redistricting. Highly recommended. (Choice)

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I love material and the writing style of the author. First rate. However, making the book available on the Kindle was a mistake. It is as though someone just slapped it together after the book was printed. Here are my complaints: 1) the maps are unreadable -- even after zooming -- which defeats the point of having the illustrations. Obviously, proofing the maps on the Kindle was nonexistent or done by someone in their 20s. The zooming feature is slightly better on the Kindle for PC app but still unacceptable; 2) The Acknowledgements and the biography of the author can not be read on the Kindle; 3) There is no table of contents. You have to page through the 5 way button to get to the next chapter; 4) My biggest complaint is the Notes section. This is a research book and you can't read the footnotes. Again it allows only one level of zooming. So I can't read the details. If any book needs to read the notes it is a book that is thoroughly researched. Between unreadable maps and small blurring notes a Kindle user is getting only half of an otherwise very good story. Save your eyes; buy the paperback. It is my hope that the publisher and read this review and takes corrective action.

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Awesome, just what the description says!

Way too much recitation of statistics, far too little analysis. Very pedantic without being very informative. The author needs to learn to write succinct, well-formed sentences.

Despite the ubiquitous use of the term "Gerrymander" the subject of redistricting is little understood and rarely explained. Charles Bullock's book gives a thorough and politically dispassionate analysis of the subject. There is a lot of detail and the book will be best appreciated by those dedicated to understanding this extremely important subject. The idea that politicians can choose their voters has not gained as much traction as could be expected from the new wave in politics. For those interested in the "dark arts" this book details the machinations and bravado used to distort the weight of individual votes one way or the other. As an avid reader of The Economist I thought I knew something about redistricting but was happy to learn more. It was more enjoyable than I expected and a lot more informative than I imagined.

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