

LWW LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS'
OF SOUTH CAROLINA

LEAD

EDUCATION & ADVOCACY

LWVSC Redistricting Timeline

- 2018: Matt Saltzman appointed to LWVSC board as Redistricting Chair
- 2019: LWVSC forms redistricting workgroup at convention, appoints Shayna Howell and Matt Saltzman co-chairs
- 2019–2021: SC Leagues participate in census advocacy and educational programming around redistricting and gerrymandering
- 2019: LWVSC officially joins national People Powered Fair Maps project



LWVSC Redistricting Timeline

- 2020: Lobby Day is reintroduced



- 2021: Census Data is released (several months late)
- 2021: LWVSC releases recommended criteria and forms Redistricting Advisory Committee



Redistricting Advisory Committee



League of Women Voters of South Carolina Redistricting Advisory Committee

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*Dean of Center for Innovative Learning,
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Founder, Upstate Action Alliance

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Former SC Senator (Rep.)

DR. DOUG MCTEER

Former SC Representative (Dem.)

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ANNE SINCLAIR

Former Columbia City Councilwoman

Elections should be decided in the voting booth, not the map room.

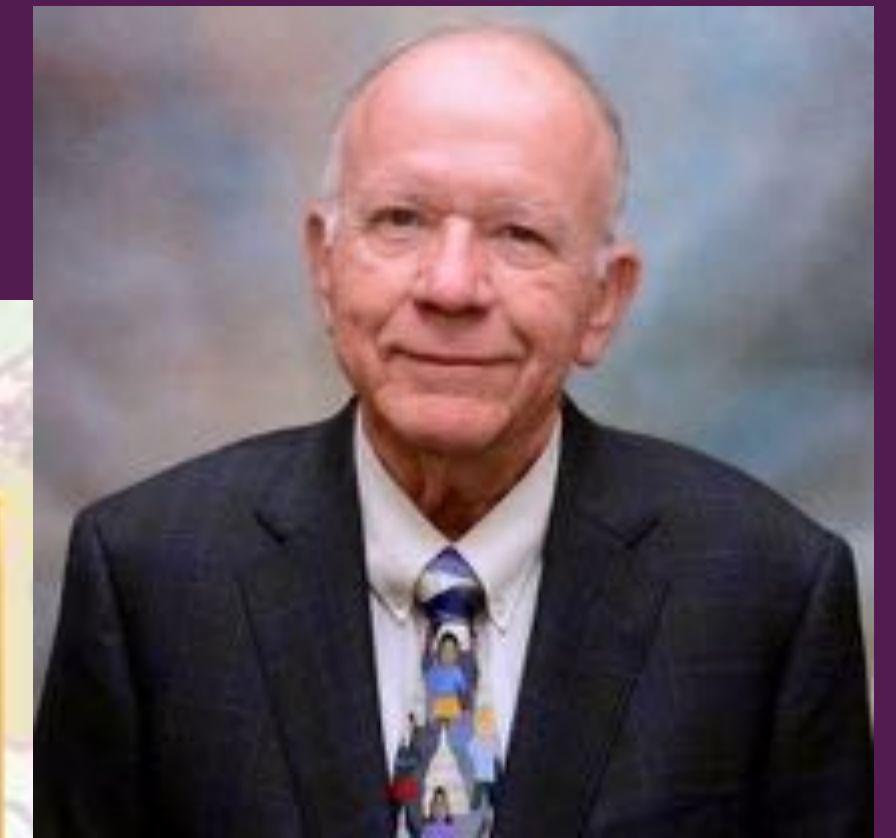




2021 Emphasis on Redistricting

- Dozens of state and national news interviews and articles setting our team up as experts
- Local leagues across the state testified at Senate and House redistricting hearings
- LWVSC hosted a Redistricting for Journalists Training with the SC Press Association
- Extensive analysis by Clemson University of existing maps to run for comparisons
- Local leagues collaborated on a statewide Good Government session on Redistricting with a national speaker, in addition to many local programs
- Collaboration on efforts such as #WeAreWatching with partners including Women in Leadership and NAACP; frequent Making Democracy Work updates connected us to allied organizations

Public Map Release



WHAT WOULD FAIR MAPS LOOK LIKE?

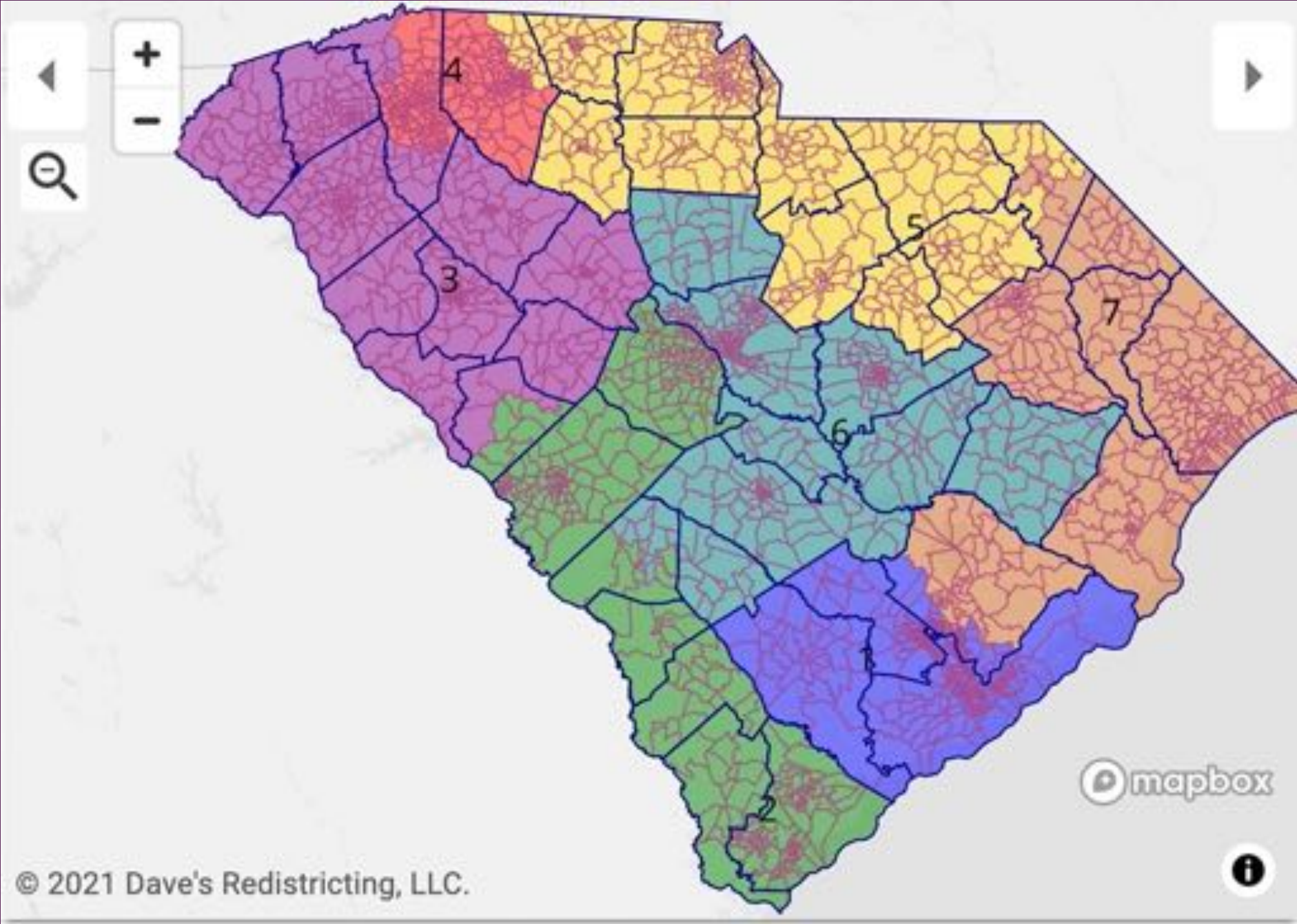
Wednesday, September 29, 7:00 PM
Release of LWVSC Maps + Redistricting Update



PEOPLE
POWERED
FAIR MAPS



LWVSC PROPOSED CONGRESSIONAL MAP





2021 Emphasis on Redistricting, cont.

- Our maps are submitted to the SC House and Senate and become part of the public record
- Lynn Teague and John Ruoff testify at the SC State House numerous times



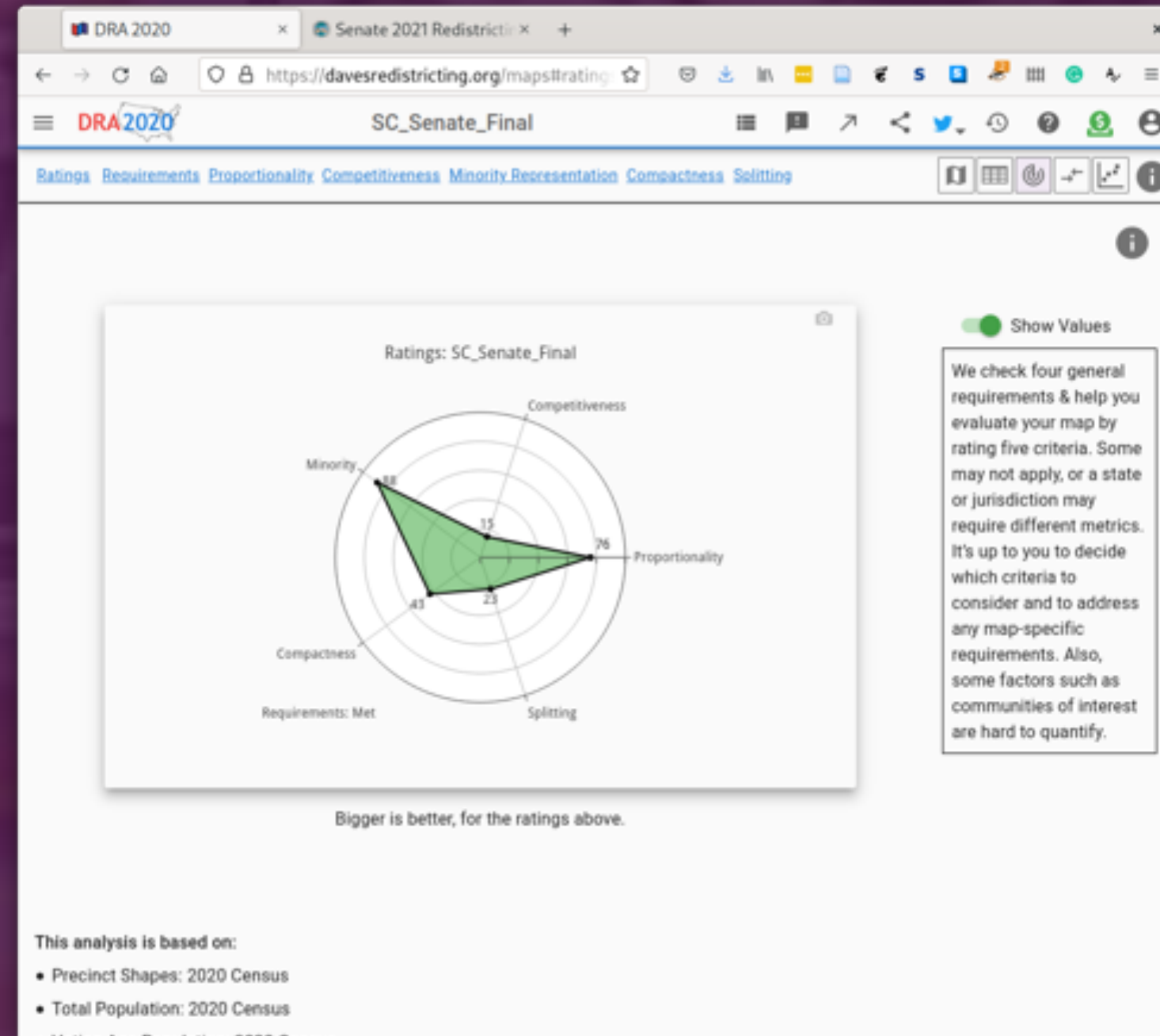
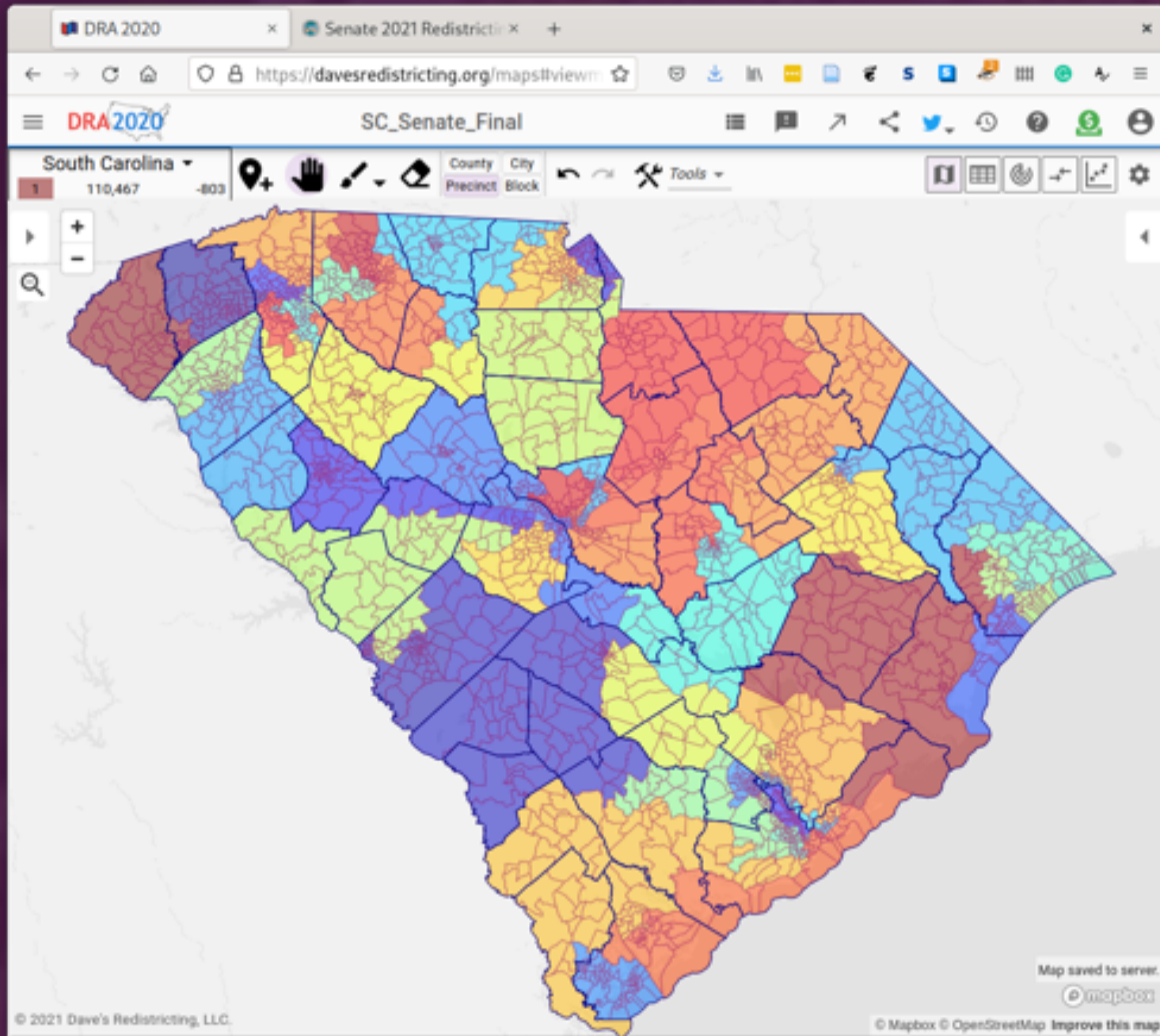
- Analysis of House and Senate maps are released, making a solid mathematical case instead of one that can be labeled partisan

Redistricting Status

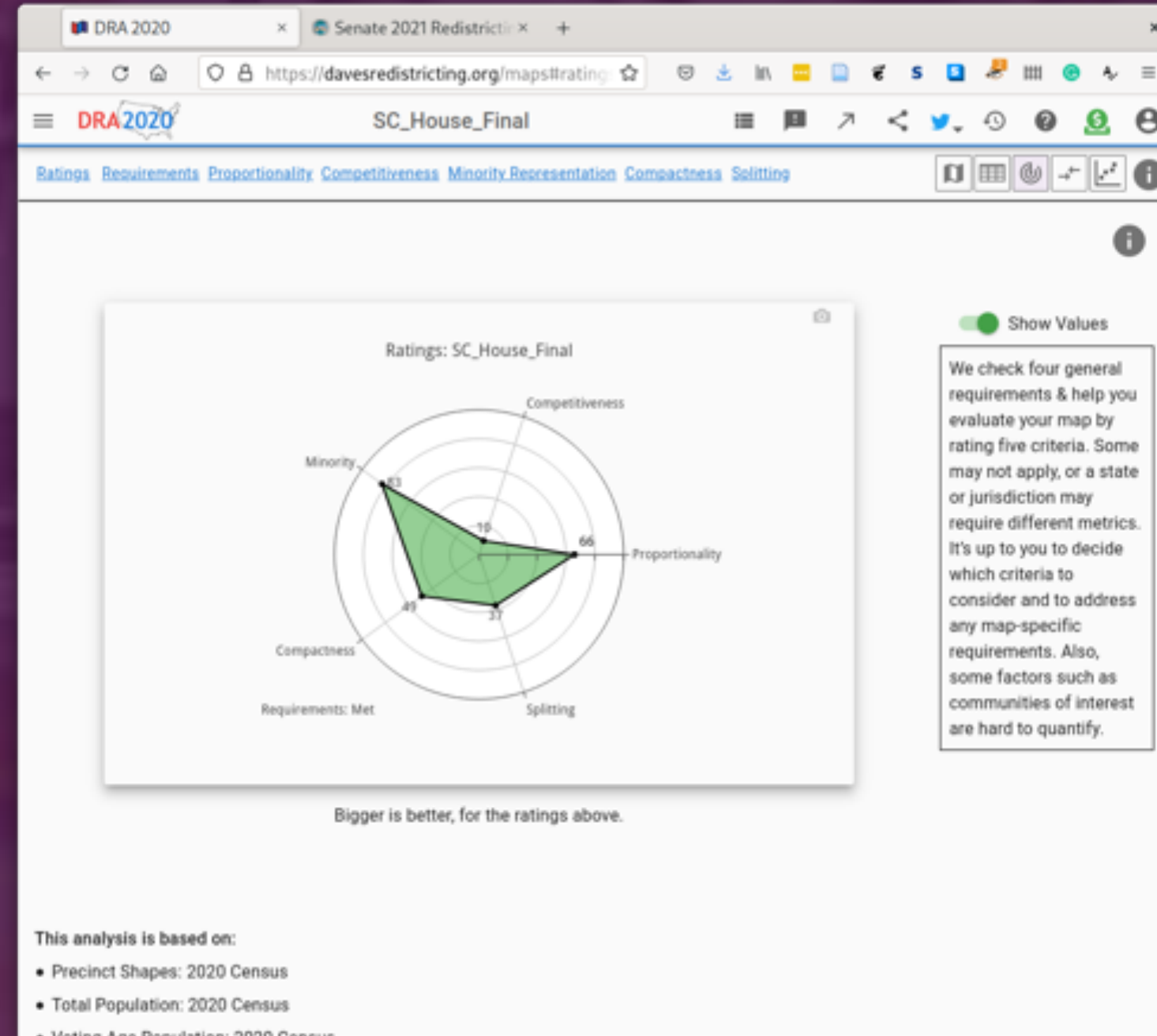
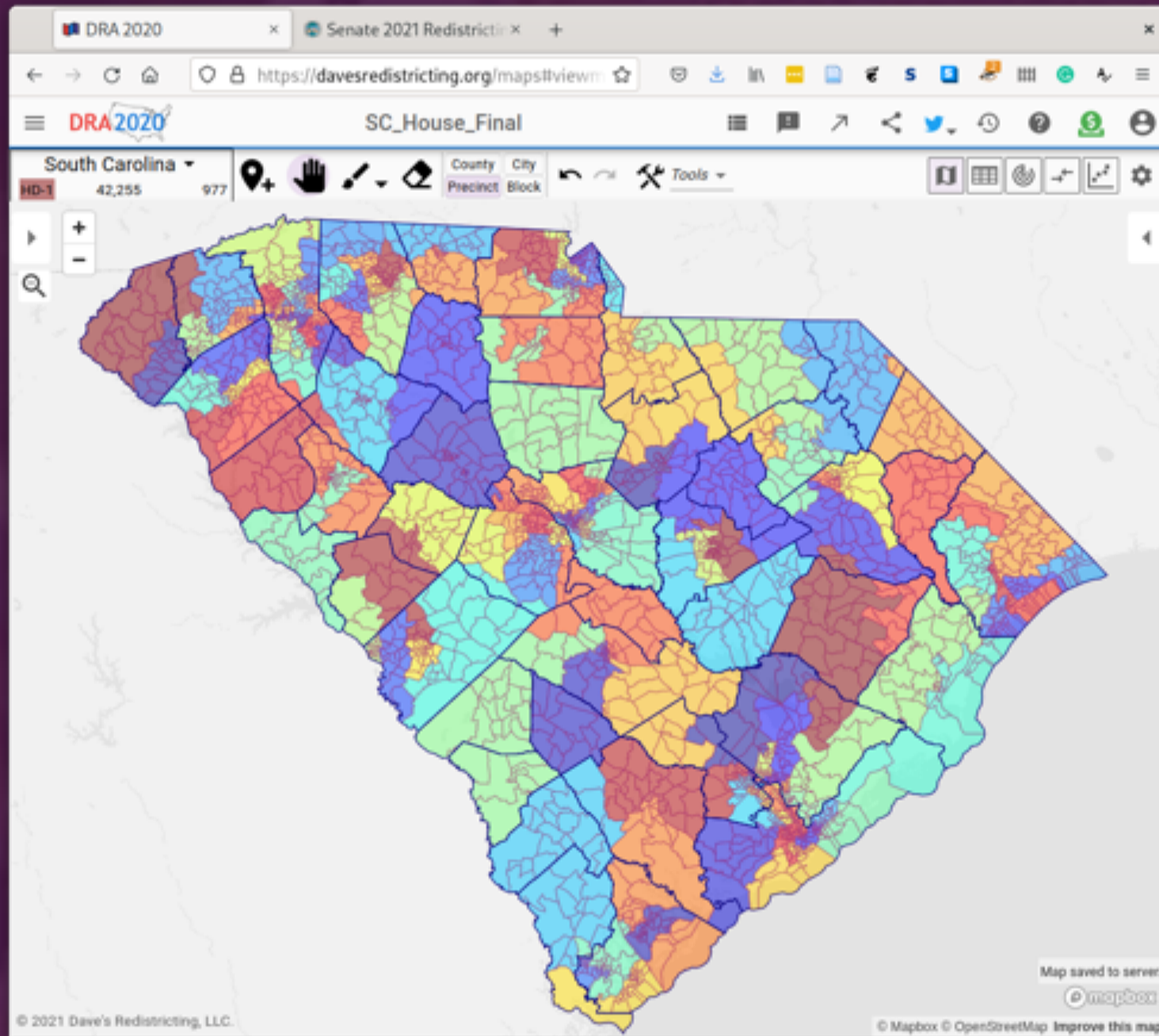
- SENATE MAP: Adopted, signed, no litigation expected
- HOUSE MAP: Adopted, signed, in litigation
- CONGRESSIONAL MAP:
 - Passed in House
 - Senate Judiciary Committee, January 20
 - Then to full Senate, then to conference committee
- Litigation by ACLU and NAACP, not LWVSC
 - But we are in contact and providing support



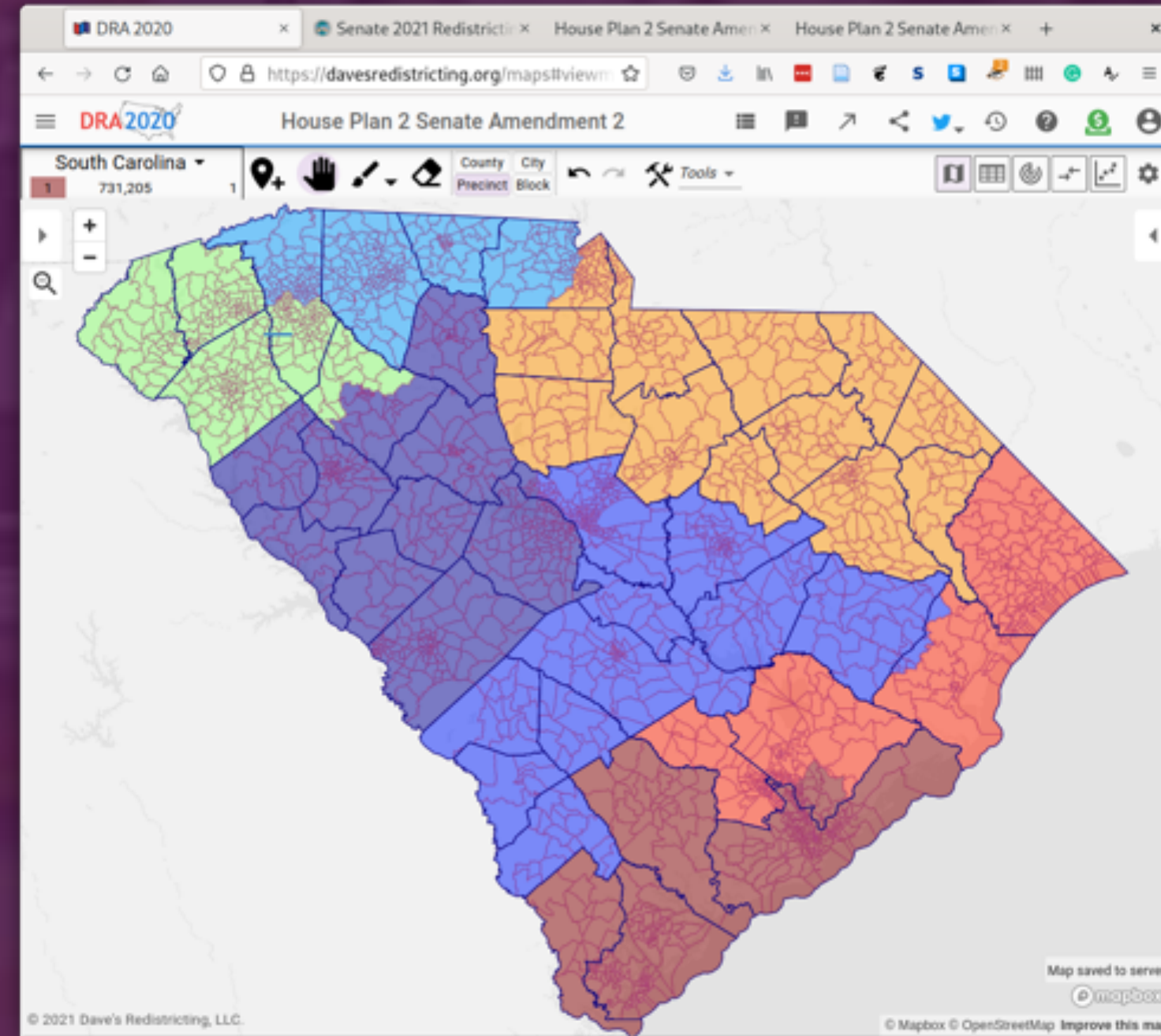
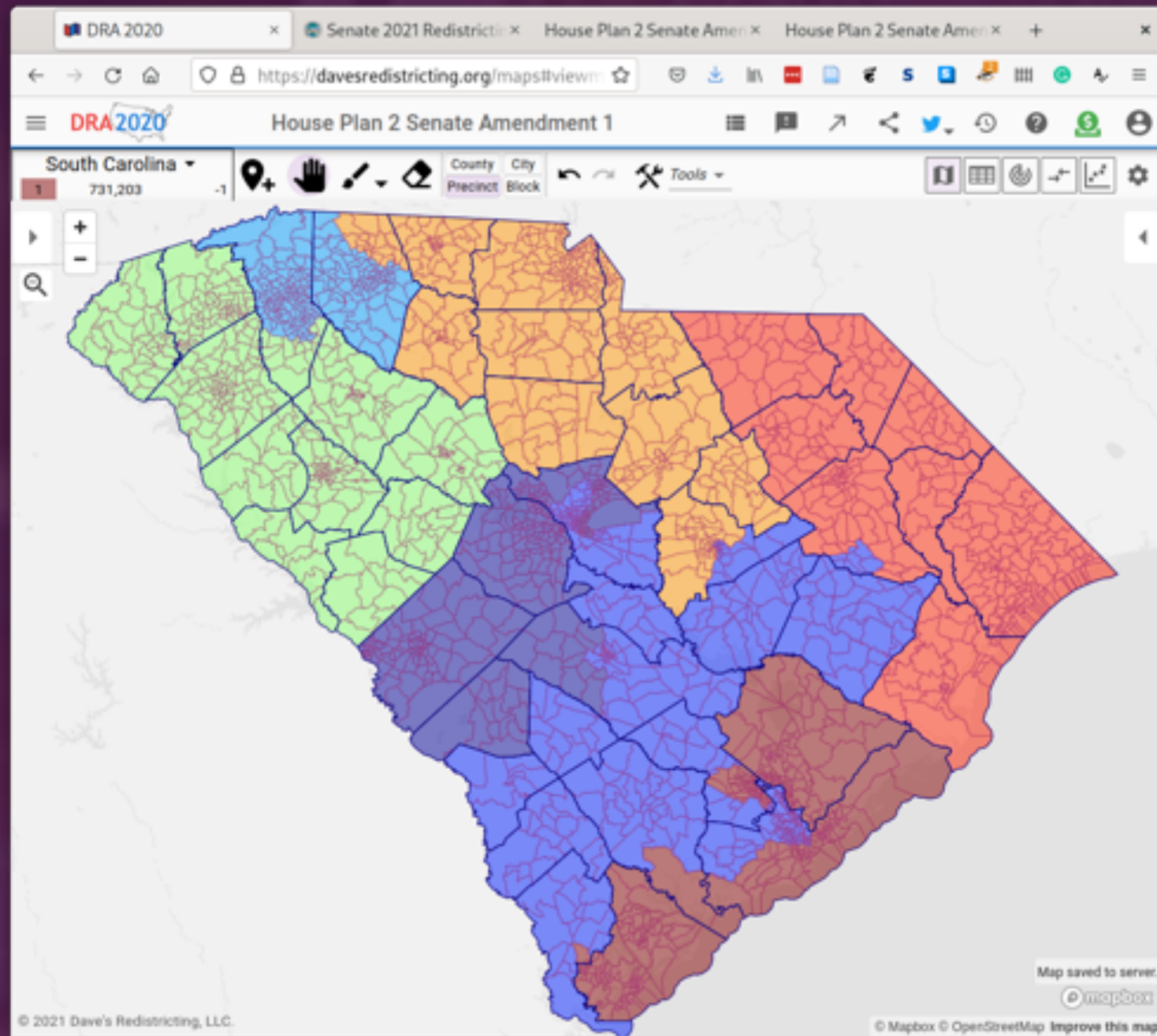
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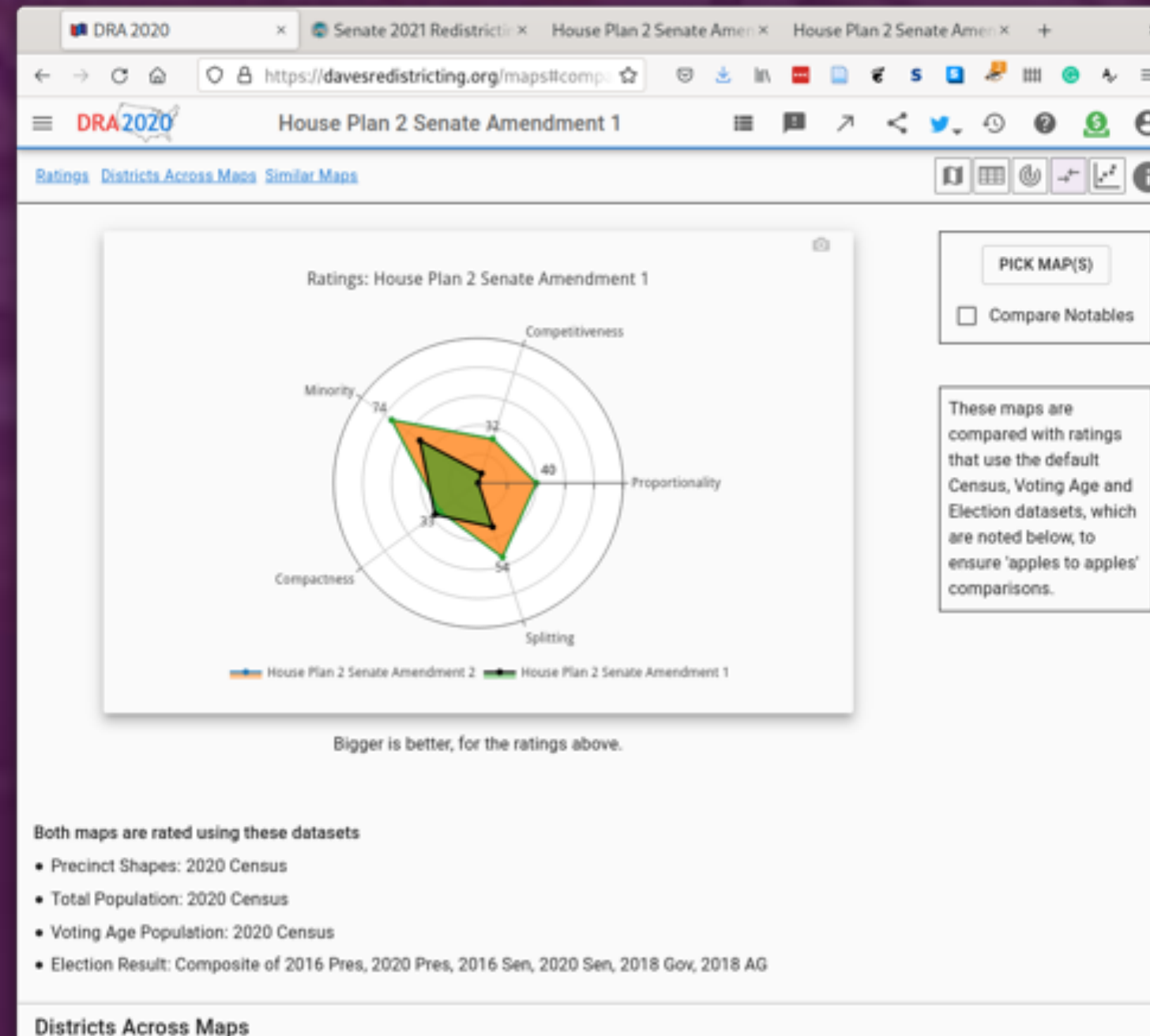
House Map



Congressional Maps



Congressional Map Analytics



Partisan Bias Analysis

- Thanks to Anna Marie Vagnozzi
- Partisan bias: How much are maps tilted toward one party?
- How do we know a map is extreme? Draw lots of maps!
- Senate map: 3–5% of maps we drew were more biased
- House map: Only a few hundred out of billions sampled
- Congress: No useful result
 - Ask a different question: How much better could we do?



What We Lost



- We knew getting fair maps was going to be an uphill battle, and it certainly was
- SC House maps and SC Congressional maps both represent an extreme gerrymander
- SC will lose competitive seats going into elections for the next 10 years

What We Won



WON

- Increased credibility and visibility for LWV expertise and advocacy
- Decent SC Senate map
- Increased partner engagement, membership collaboration, fundraising
- Increased public awareness of the issue; gerrymandering did not take place “behind closed doors” and going forward we will be able to point out impacts with greater public understanding

A group of people in a meeting, with one person holding an American flag. The image is overlaid with a purple tint.

THANK YOU!

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