Testimonials for Dave's Redistricting which is powered by precinct-level election data.

Richard H. Pildes – Sudler Family Professor of Constitutional Law

"DRA is an extraordinary gift to the public interested in redistricting issues. It has become so sophisticated that it's a reliable tool that is now used in actual court cases. But it is widely accessible for free to the public. Anyone can evaluate existing or proposed redistricting maps along numerous dimensions, as well as design their own maps with this exceptional tool."

David Wasserman – Senior Editor & Elections Analyst, The Cook Political Report

"Dave's Redistricting is an invaluable tool for political analysts, scholars and junkies as well as reformers seeking to improve how redistricting is done in the U.S. Over the years, the DRA team has taken it from a first-of-its-kind, browser-based basic tool to an amazingly feature-rich app that's on par with if not better than any expensive redistricting software on the market. It's truly given lay users the same detailed capabilities as professional mapmakers, democratizing the redistricting enterprise and allowing citizens more input when legislatures or commissions are considering plans. I'm so grateful to count on DRA for my professional use and don't know what I'd do without it. May it thrive for many more decades to come."

Jonathan Cervas – Special Master & Professor @ CMU Institute for Strategy & Technology

"Dave's Redistricting democratizes what was once an exclusive enterprise. Without public access to open source software designed to be user friendly and requiring no programming knowledge, legislators are shielded from scrutiny. Public commenting about redistricting proposals is elevated when the public has access to tools the professionals use. I use DRA now for many tasks, both professional and academic, and it is beyond just redistricting. I'm often asked by journalists about particular districts, and I point them to DRA to get Census data and the contemporary election data. Dave's Redistricting is an essential resource."

Sean Trende – Special Master & political analyst

"Dave's Redistricting has been an integral part of my work since I began working at RealClearPolitics in 2010. There's no better way to learn about political geography, the practical realities of redistricting, or the possibilities for both parties for drawing both fair maps and gerrymanders. It's an indispensable, professional-grade tool that knows no political affiliation that anyone working in electoral politics today relies upon."

Mike DeWine – Governor of Ohio

In his statement (July 31, 2024) *against* Issue 1, a proposed amendment to the state constitution which would have established an independent redistricting commission and strengthened redistricting reforms prohibiting gerrymandering.

"Dave's Redistricting -- which is considered to be a non-partisan, objective website -- was asked to choose the map that was the closest to proportionality in Ohio, this is the map they chose!"

Jon X. Eguia – Professor of Economics and of Political Science at Michigan State University

"I am Lead Author of a report that was extensively quoted in the federal Court ruling in Agee v Benson, which struck down the 2022 Michigan legislative maps and ordered remedial districts drawn in and around the City of Detroit in time for the 2024 election. I submitted a proposal for remedial maps, and the Commission's adopted remedial map closely aligns with my proposal.

In all this work, I relied on Dave's Redistricting as a main tool of analysis of map properties, and as the sole tool of map-drawing. At this time, DRA 2020 is an indispensable tool for fairness in redistricting. Dave's Redistricting, and any project to compile election data by precinct in every state are the two projects that are most worth funding for any institution, public or private, that seeks to invest in fair redistricting."

Christopher S. Warshaw – Professor of Political Science @ George Washington University

"I worked as a consultant and expert witness to obtain fair state legislative and congressional maps in half a dozen states during the 2021-22 redistricting cycle. DRA was an essential tool for evaluating maps. It enabled me to quickly assess the fairness of a map using a variety of criteria. It also enabled me to assess other traditional redistricting principles, such as the compactness of districts and the number of counties that were split. Finally, it helped me visualize a plan and whether it represented important communities in each state."

Steven Stowitts Elliott – Political scientist & former professional redistricting expert

"On retirement [from an appointed partisan staff position in the New York State Assembly for over 20 years] I helped good government groups in New York understand and take part in the redistricting process during the 2020 cycle … DRA was essential to my work. When I started in the 1980s, we were digitizing paper maps by hand. I watched the computerization of the redistricting process over four decades. Throughout that period, legislatures and consultants

used their data resources to keep the public in the dark. It was not until I used DRA that I could have confidence that outsiders could get accurate and meaningful results on their own."

Geoff Wise – Independent researcher & redistricting reformer

"I'm an independent researcher and redistricting reformer in Ohio. Dave's Redistricting is absolutely pivotal in several areas:

1. Allowing those crafting redistricting reform proposals to visualize what legal maps would look like under these proposals.
2. Providing an easy portal for the public to view current and proposed maps, so they understand what is really going on in redistricting.
3. The ability to create maps easily in DRA is also invaluable. A typical question for my research is 'Can two blue districts be created near St. Louis without violating the VRA?' I can answer this much faster in DRA than via my own code."

John Nagle – Emeritus Professor, Carnegie Mellon University

"I use DRA2020 extensively in my research on redistricting. I would be lost without it."

Select comments from individual users:

"I work at an organization focused on recruiting and training in the campaign space. I reference state legislative maps all the time and use custom overlays to plan my work."

"DRA is indispensable for:
● Testing gerrymanders (and fair maps);
● Using them to simulate Congressional elections (by shifting the results by the difference in Presidential margin vs the real map);
● Using this unfairness to illustrate the need for FairMaps."

"I use DRA a lot to see race breakdowns by precinct and block. The racial dot map on here is so cool, especially since the original racial dot map on which this one is based is no longer viewable online. Also, DRA is by far the easiest way for me to visualize partisan and race data. I especially love how far I can zoom in on a location, and that I can create custom geographic areas to compare to each other."