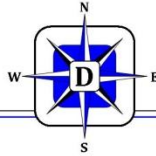




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NC Republican Remapping Double-Whammy: Liberal Democrats Doomed by Double-Bunking

Drawing an advantage in the number of districts likely to elect a GOP majority for the next 10 years is Remapping 101. Double-bunking opposition leaders is ... priceless.

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NC Congressional Delegation Likely to Shift from “Centrist” to “Conservative”

The new revised congressional district map, released Tuesday, added insult to injury for North Carolina’s embattled Democrats. Not only does the new map strengthen the opportunity for Republicans to pick up 4 new seats and enjoy a 10 to 3 partisan advantage in the US House delegation for the next decade, it disrupts the opposition by double-bunking 4 Democrats, including the most liberal members of the delegation.

Since 1981, the *National Journal* has rated/ranked members of Congress as “Liberal, Centrist and Conservative” in three policy categories: Social, Economic and Foreign.

2011-12 NC Congressional Delegation			2013-14 Likely NC Congressional Delegation		
Current District	Name	Nat'l Journal 2010 Liberal Score	New Districts	Name	Estimated Liberal Score*
US House 1	Butterfield - D	73	US House 1	Butterfield - D	73
US House 2	Elmers - R	N/A	US House 2	Elmers - R	??
US House 3	Jones - R	40	US House 3	Jones - R	40
US House 4	Price - D	90	US House 4	Price - D	90
US House 5	Foxx - R	11	US House 5	Foxx - R	11
US House 6	Coble - R	15	US House 6	Coble - R	15
US House 7	McIntyre - D	44	US House 7	<i>Generic - R</i>	19*
US House 8	Kissell - D	56	US House 8	<i>Generic - R</i>	19*
US House 9	Myrick - R	11	US House 9	Myrick - R	11
US House 10	McHenry - R	16	US House 10	McHenry - R	16
US House 11	Shular - D	55	US House 11	<i>Generic - R</i>	19*
US House 12	Watt - D	79	US House 12	Watt - D	79
US House 13	Miller - D	75	US House 13	<i>Generic - R</i>	19*

*Estimated 2013-14 “Liberal” score for “Generic Republican” is based on an average of the composite liberal score of the current Republicans in the NC Congressional Delegation.

Because they rate/rank the individuals, they can average the scores of the state delegations and order them from “Most Liberal” (Massachusetts) to “Most Conservative” (Wyoming).

In the 2010 *National Journal* study,

- All Southern states have more conservative delegations than North Carolina, even VA and FL.
- North Carolina’s composite “Liberal” score of 48.2 (Massachusetts is #1 at 89.0) ranks us as the 24th “Most Liberal” state delegation in Congress, categorizing us as a “Centrist” state.
- [Click here for complete list of Liberal, Centrist and Conservative state delegations.](#)



If this week's revised congressional map stands, Democrats could lose 4 members of the NC congressional delegation: Heath Shuler, D-Haywood, Larry Kissell, D-Montgomery, and Brad Miller, D-Wake, all now in safe Republican districts, and Mike McIntyre, D-Robeson, who is now double-bunked with Kissell in District 8.

Even if McIntyre runs in District 7, his old district (no constitutional requirement that a member of congress live in their district), he will have a difficult time winning due to the decidedly GOP-friendly shift in the first map, strengthened by the revised map unveiled this week.

The North Carolina composite "Liberal" score will plummet from 48.2 to 34.3 in the *National Journal* study of the 2012 winners, *if those four Democrats are replaced in the congressional lineup by Republicans*. With a 10-3 GOP majority in the North Carolina US House delegation, and all else being equal, the *National Journal* study will read something like this:

- Only 3 Southern states have a more conservative congressional delegation than North Carolina: Texas, Alabama and Louisiana.
- North Carolina plummeted from the 24th "Most Liberal" state delegation in Congress to the 40th "Most Liberal;" from the 26th "Most Conservative" to the 10th "Most Conservative."
- [Click here for the REVISED NC Congressional District Map](#)
- [Click here for 9 pages of data on the new districts \(race, election results, etc.\)](#)
- [Click here for National Journal's 2010 study of state delegations](#)

John Davis Political Report Foretold of Rucho's Right to Retribution on May 26th

On May 26, 2011, a month before the congressional maps were released, I wrote a report titled, [Legal Mischief: Political Realities of Redistricting; Cong. Miller's Millstone: Sen. Rucho's Right of Retributive Justice](#). In that report I wrote:

"US Congressman Brad Miller, D-Wake, is serving his last term whether he has accepted his fate or not. Why? He "double-bunked" the Chairman of the NC Senate Redistricting Committee 10 years ago.

No one understands the devastating political consequences of redistricting better than someone who got "double-bunked" by the majority party mapmakers. Double-bunking occurs when two incumbents from the same party are drawn into the same district. If you are double-bunked you have two choices: run against each other in a brutal and expensive primary, or someone has to agree to go home.

That's what happened 10 years ago ... to none other than Sen. Bob Rucho, R-Mecklenburg, the current Chairman of the Senate Redistricting Committee. Who served as Chairman of NC Senate Redistricting Committee 10 years ago? None other than US Congressman Brad Miller.

Then-state Senator Brad Miller put GOP Senators Robert Pittenger and Bob Rucho, both from Mecklenburg County, in the same district. Rucho decided to bow out rather than risk a fortune trying to beat one of the wealthiest members of the state Senate in a primary race in an expensive media market.



Sen. Rucho went home and practiced dentistry for most of the decade. Then-Sen. Brad Miller drew himself a safe Democratic U.S. House seat (connects Raleigh and Greensboro by way of the Virginia border counties) and spent the remainder of the decade as a member of the United States Congress.

In 2008, Sen. Pittenger resigned. Bob Rucho was appointed to fill his unexpired term. In 2010, the GOP won a 31-19 majority in the NC Senate. Now, low and behold, look who is chairing the NC Senate Redistricting Committee!!! None other than Sen. Bob Rucho.

Miller is history.”

Read the entire report here: [Legal Mischief: Political Realities of Redistricting: Cong. Miller's Millstone: Sen. Rucho's Right of Retributive Justice.](#)

The Democratic Present and Past Standards for Reapportionment Fairness

Politics is about seizing the advantage by all legal means. No one gives you power. You seize political power by recruiting better candidates, raising more money, hiring better consultants, filing better litigation and drawing better political district maps.

North Carolina Democrats understand that political power must be seized. They have enjoyed one of the most successful political reigns in U.S. history. You can't help but admire their winning record.

However, North Carolina Democrats, including G.K. Butterfield ... whose complaint led to the revised congressional maps released Tuesday, have forgotten that they set the standard for fairness when it comes to legislative remapping, and that Republicans are merely lowering themselves to that standard.

If Democrats wanted to be treated with their present sense of reapportionment fairness, they should have set that standard ten years ago.

Esse quam videri.

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