

NAME OF EVENT: Supreme Democracy Distortion

DATE | TIME | LOCATION: July 23, 2019 | 12:00 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. | San Francisco, CA

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

This term, the U.S. Supreme Court decided two of the most pivotal political decisions in the last decade. The Court held that (1) partisan gerrymandering is a "political question" beyond the reach of the judicial branch and that (2) the Trump Administration could not (at least not yet) add a citizenship question to the Census. What do these decisions mean for the future of our political process? Will extreme partisan gerrymandering get worse? Is there any hope? Is the census case over? And what is happening with the Department of Justice Attorneys working on this case?

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MATERIALS FOR EVENT:

[Brief of Former Census Bureau Directors as Amici Curiae Supporting Respondents](#), U.S. Dep't of Commerce v. New York, No. 18-966 (U.S. Apr. 2019).

[Brief of Nicholas Bagley et al. as Amici Curiae Supporting Respondents](#), U.S. Dep't of Commerce v. New York, No. 18-966 (U.S. Apr. 1, 2019).

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Hansi Lo Wang, [How the 2020 Census Citizenship Question Ended Up in Court](#), NPR (Nov. 4, 2018).

Jennifer Nou, [Census Smoke Signals](#), TAKE CARE (Mar. 29, 2018).

Jess Bravin & Brent Kendall, [Supreme Court Declines to Set Limits on Political Gerrymandering](#), *The Wall Street Journal* (Jun. 27, 2019).

John H. Thompson & Robert Yablon, [Preparing for the 2020 Census: Considerations for State Attorneys General](#), ACS (Oct. 2018).

Ken Klukowski, [Gerrymandering Symposium: Janus-like Judicial Restraint in Political Gerrymanders and the Census](#), SCOTUSblog (Jun. 28, 2019)

Miriam Valverde, [What You Need to Know About the Census' Citizenship Question](#), Politifact (Mar. 28, 2018).

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Peter Ciurczak & Ted McEnroe, [Citizenships and the Census, in Context](#), BOS. FOUND. (last visited Apr. 17, 2019).

Tara Bahrapour, [Federal Judge in Maryland Blocks Trump Administration's Plan to Add Citizenship Question to 2020 Census](#), Wash. Post (Apr. 5, 2019).