

PRISON POLICY INITIATIVE

PRISON GERRYMANDERING SONG

(To the tune of Yankee Doodle)

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If there's a prison in your district,
don't get so elated
'cause it's not fair to count folks there
who are incarcerated

Your district may be padded full,
but please don't you gloat
'cause you are violating my right
to one person, one vote

Chorus:

Legislators listen up,
we want fair elections!
You can't count constituents
in your house of corrections

When my vote is diluted
I don't think it's very funny
You're jeopardizing civil rights,
it's not about the money

What do you think this game is called?
Why don't you take a gander?
I'll tell you what, you've just engaged
in a prison gerrymander!

(Chorus)

If we want democracy
with fair representation,
we must draw our districts
based on real population.

So when you are redistricting
I'll tell you what to do:
count everyone at home
and we will have fair districts too!

(Chorus)