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Comment: President Trump has been extremely outspoken as to the true

purpose of this data collection, that being to eliminate noncitizens from the population numbers used for political gerrymandering. Maps based only on the citizen population would create an overwhelmingly white and non-diverse electorate that is truly not representative of the nation. The United States has never had a registry of citizens and noncitizens, and in theory this data collection could create one. Using this newly mined data to redraw the districts could change the balance of power in American politics, as areas with large numbers of residents who cannot vote, including noncitizens who are in the country legally and unauthorized immigrants, on the whole tend to be urban and to vote Democratic. If passed, the repercussions the immigrant community will face are vast and at this point, largely unknown. There is fear, and fairly so, that the information collected will be used as a weapon against this community. The data collection on citizenship is discriminatory and unjust, and should not be allowed. **

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