



Viewing Guide:
White v. Regester (1973)

The Background of Reapportionment and Redistricting (00:00-2:05)

1. How often is the census taken in the United States?

2. For what three major things are the results of the census used?

3. What are three types of maps dealing with elections which are drawn using census results?

4. Define the following two terms:
 - a. Reapportionment:

 - b. Redistricting:

Stop and Think: What problems do you see arising in this process of redistricting?

Two Precedent Supreme Court Cases (2:06-3:14)

5. What was the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Westbury v. Sanders* with regards to Georgia's U.S. House districts?

6. What was the decision in *Reynolds v. Sims* with regards to districts for state legislatures?

7. Explain what is meant by "one man (one person), one vote."

Facts in *White v. Regester* (3:15-6:54)

8. What was the problem with the plans drawn by the Texas Legislature after the 1970 census?

9. What did the Texas Supreme Court decide concerning the legislature's redistricting plan for the Texas House?
10. What were the two complaints about the Texas Legislature's new plan for the Texas House?
11. Define the following:
- a. Multi-Member District:

 - b. Single Member District:
12. Who was the petitioner, White, in the case filed in U.S. District Court? Who was the respondent, Regester?

Stop and Think: What is your opinion of multi-member districts vs. single member districts?

Decision in the U.S. District Court (6:55-8:04)

13. What was the decision of the three-judge U.S. District Court?

Question brought to the U.S. Supreme Court (8:05-8:44)

14. What two questions did the Supreme Court have to answer?

The Ruling (8:45-9:30)

15. How did the Supreme Court answer the first question?

16. How did the Supreme Court answer the second question?

Stop and Think: Do you agree or disagree with the Court's answer to both questions? Explain your opinion.

Conclusion: Explain what the law professor means when she said that this case provides “a fresh opportunity for all of us to understand why we need to vote and why voting is important.” Do you agree or disagree with her statement? Explain your reasoning.