

D2: Representation, the Electoral College, Popular Vote and Voting Power

Group Activity

Representative Democracy

1. The United States has a representative democracy because we elect representatives for our national Senate and House of Representatives.

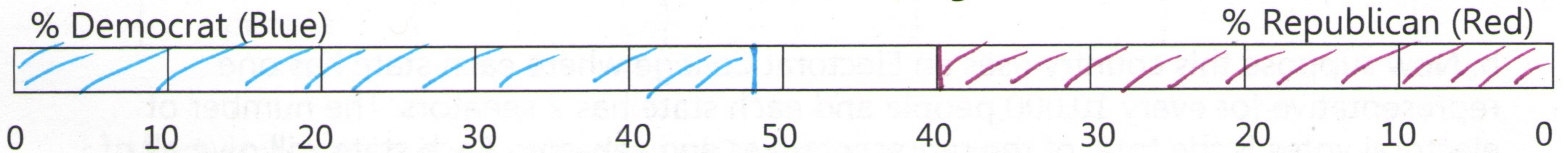
a. Is our current representation fair? Let's compare the percentage of voters who vote with each party, taken from a national poll. Color in the percentages on each side.

(Asked of independents) As of today, do you lean more to the Democratic Party or the Republican Party?
 Figures are combined party identifiers + leaners

	Republicans + Republican leaners	Democrats + Democratic leaners
	%	%
2018 Oct 1-10	40	48

Source: <https://news.gallup.com/poll/15370/party-affiliation.aspx>

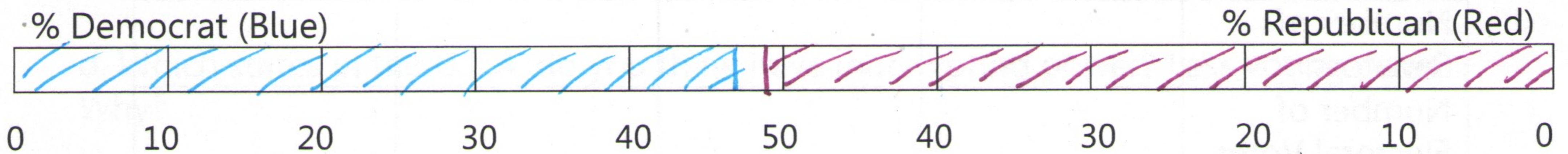
Overall Voter Percentages



b. Then search online for the current number of democrats and republicans in the Senate and the House and color in the percentages on each side.

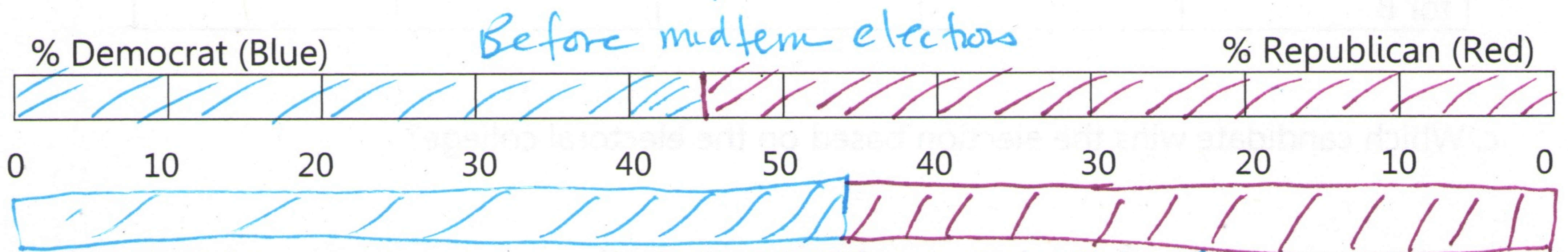
Senate Percentages

https://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/history/one_item_and_teasers/partydiv.htm



House of Representatives Percentages

<https://history.house.gov/Institution/Party-Divisions/Party-Divisions/>



c. Do you think our current representation is fair? Why or why not?

after midterms