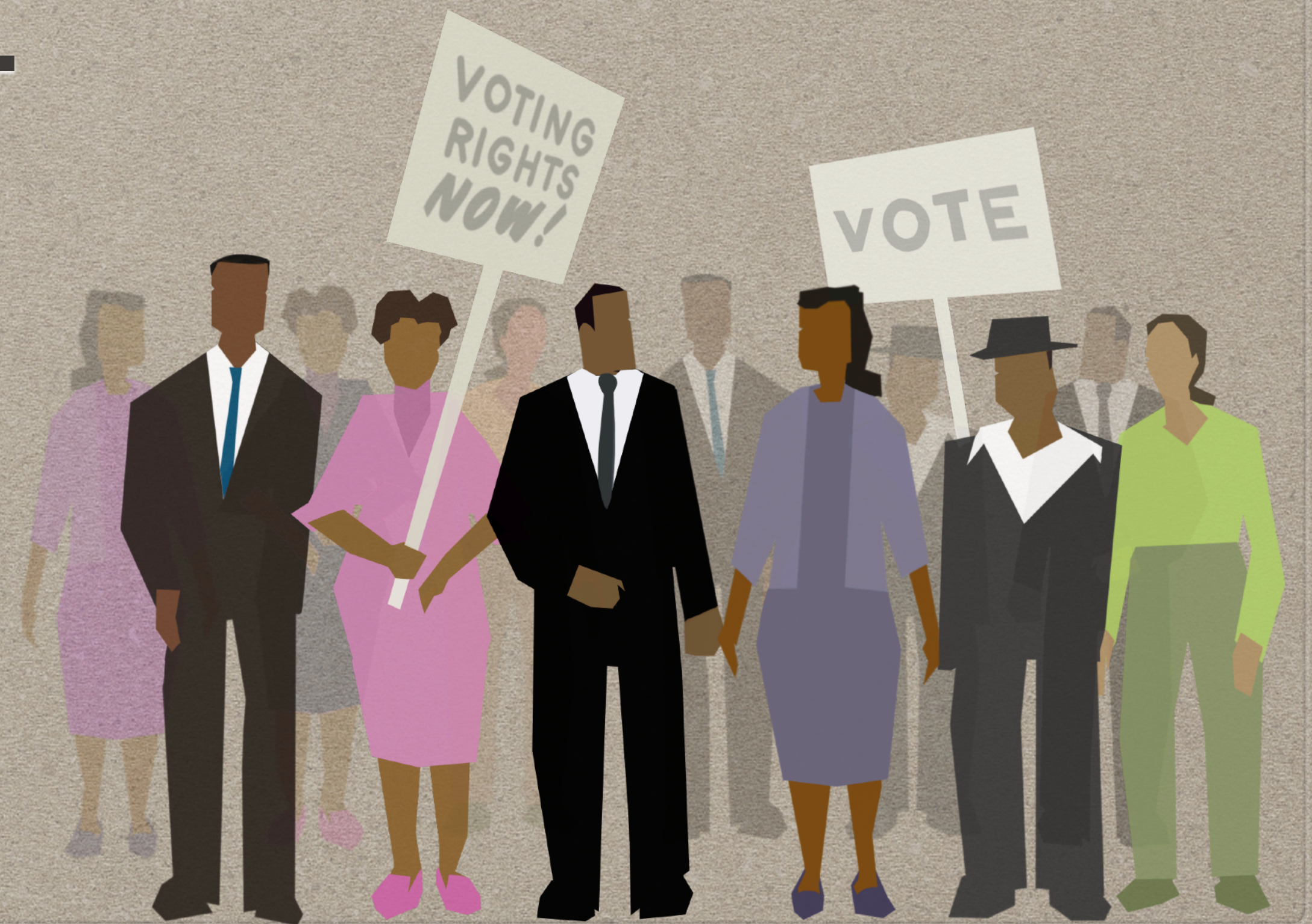


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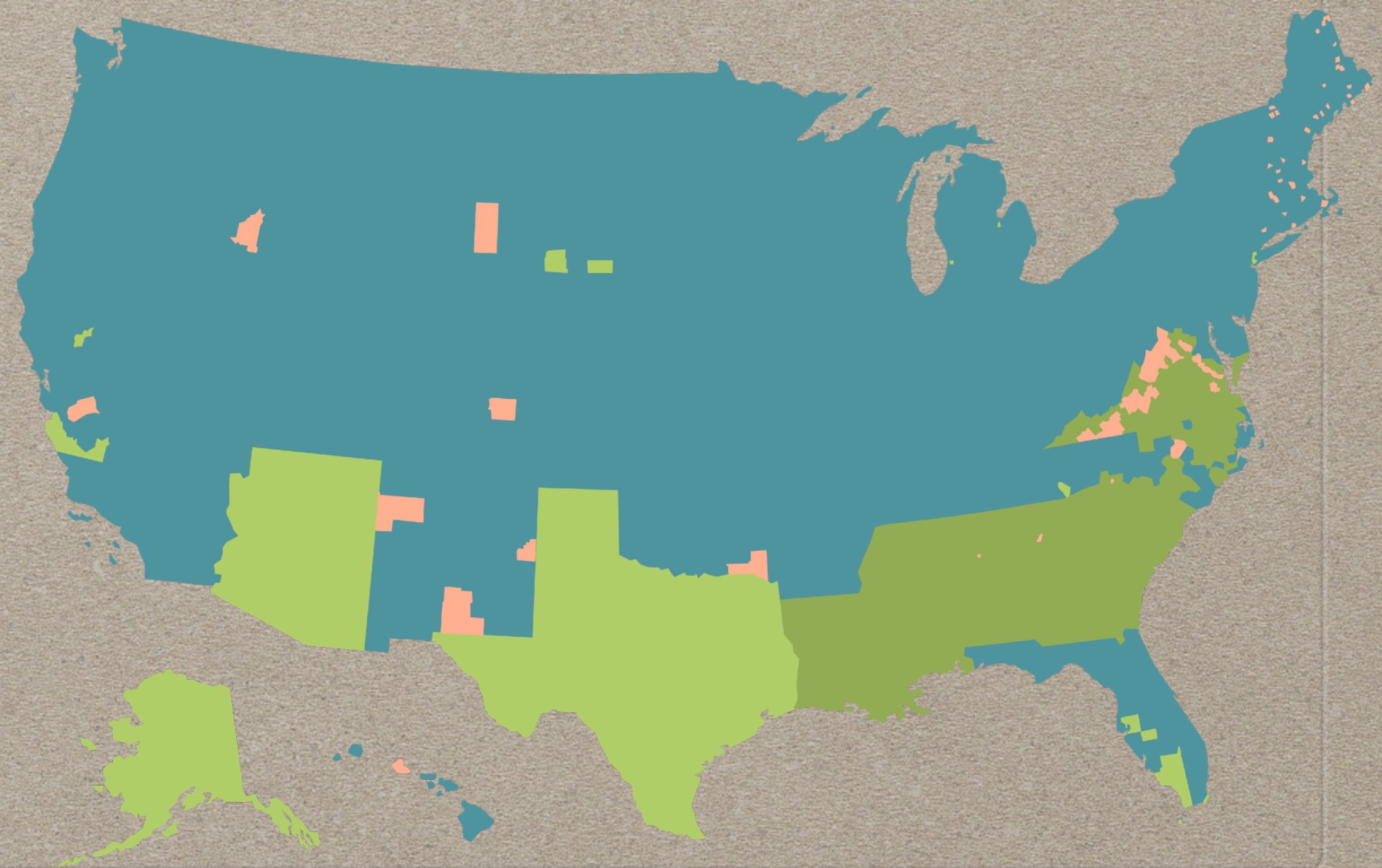
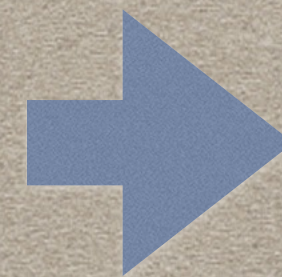
- precursor: Jim Crow, poll taxes, literacy tests
- VRA passed in 1965, originally for four years





- **Section 2:** "minority groups" should have the "opportunity to elect a candidate of choice"
- **Section 5** - "preclearance": historically problematic states and localities have to get all voting changes pre-cleared by feds

*"preclearance formula"*





- later: *results* suffice to sue (no proof of racist *intent* needed);
- language minorities count;
- Gingles Factors help make it concrete
- Shaw cases from 1990s: race can't predominate over other criteria in district lines

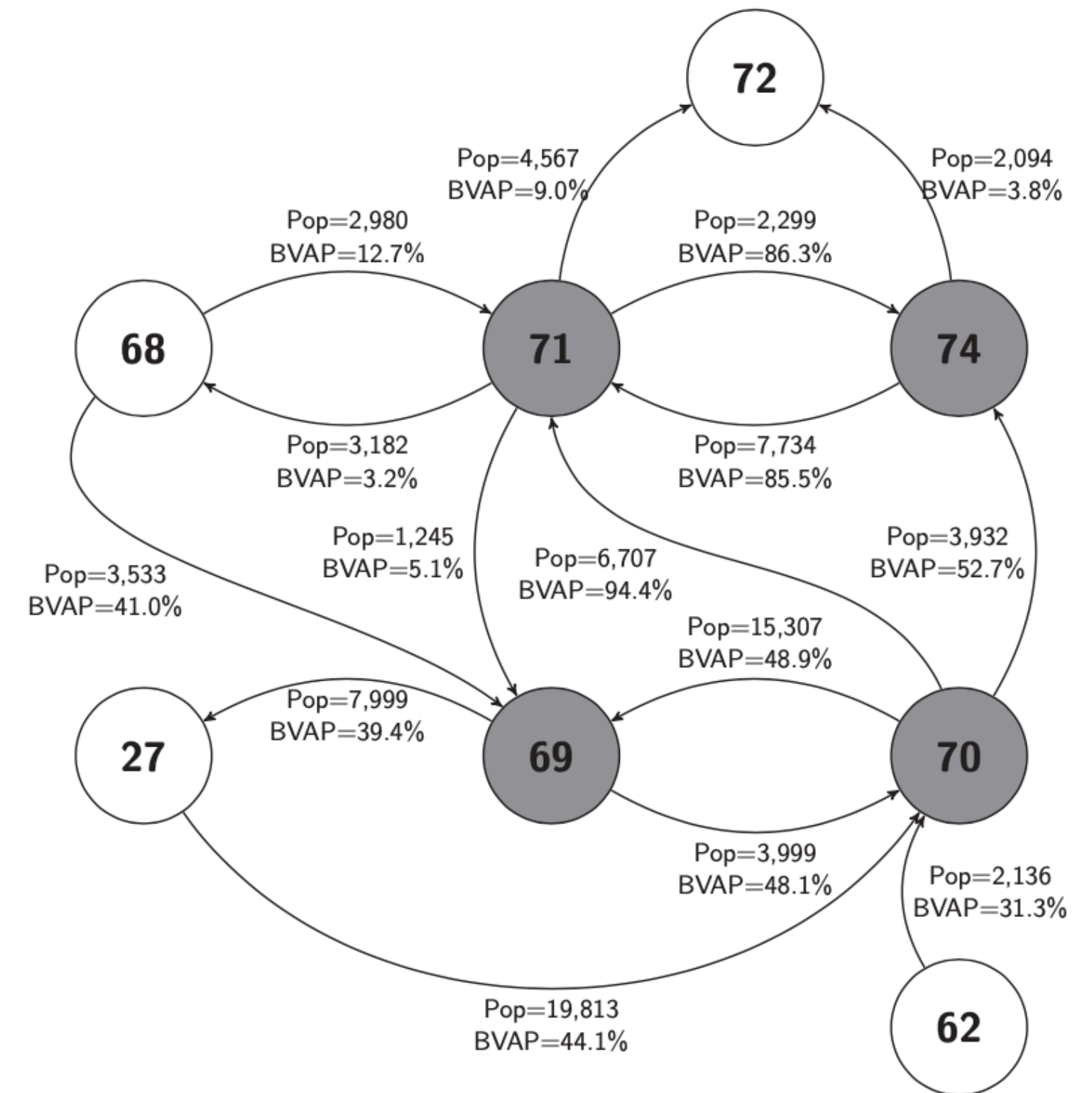


Figure 15: Richmond Area Population and BVAP Shifts

Shifts between non-challenged districts are omitted. Two populations transfers to District 74 are omitted (shown in Figure 14).



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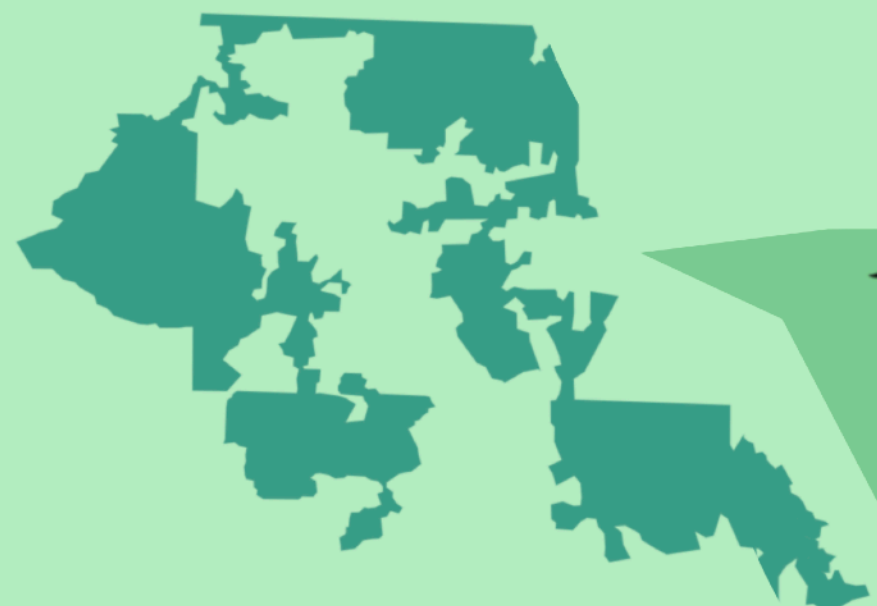


TEXAS DISTRICT 18  
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TEXAS DISTRICT 29  
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TEXAS DISTRICT 6  
MAJORITY WHITE &  
CONSTITUTIONAL



TEXAS DISTRICT 25  
MAJORITY WHITE &  
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# THORNBURG V. GINGLES AND THE "GINGLES FACTORS"

1. The racial or language minority group "sufficiently large and geographically compact to constitute a majority in a single-member district."

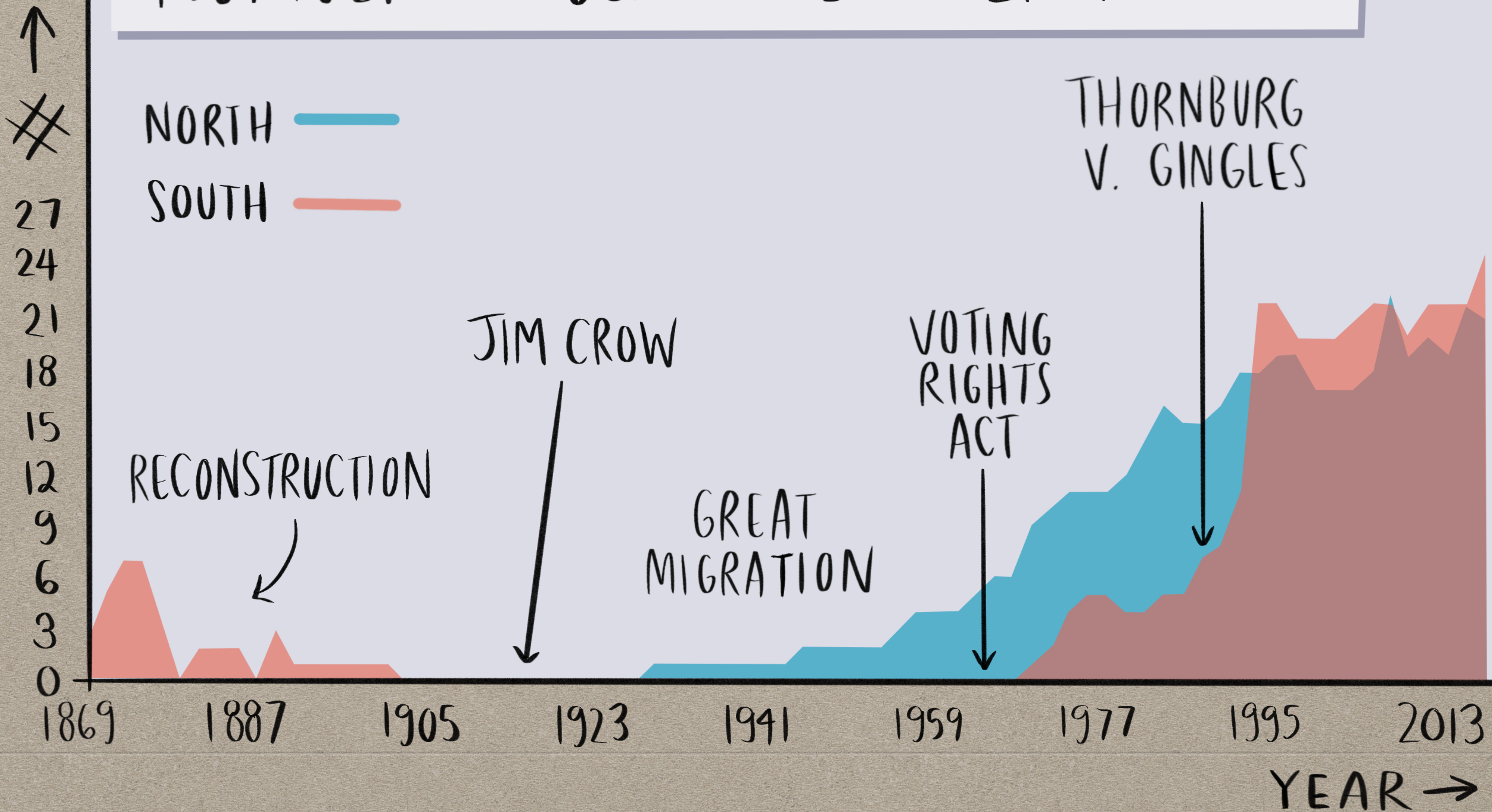
2. The minority group is "politically cohesive."

3. The "majority votes sufficiently as a bloc to enable it ... usually to defeat the minority's preferred candidate."

**Racially  
polarized  
voting  
(RPV)**

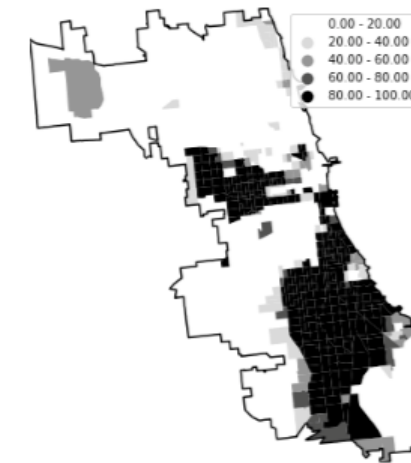
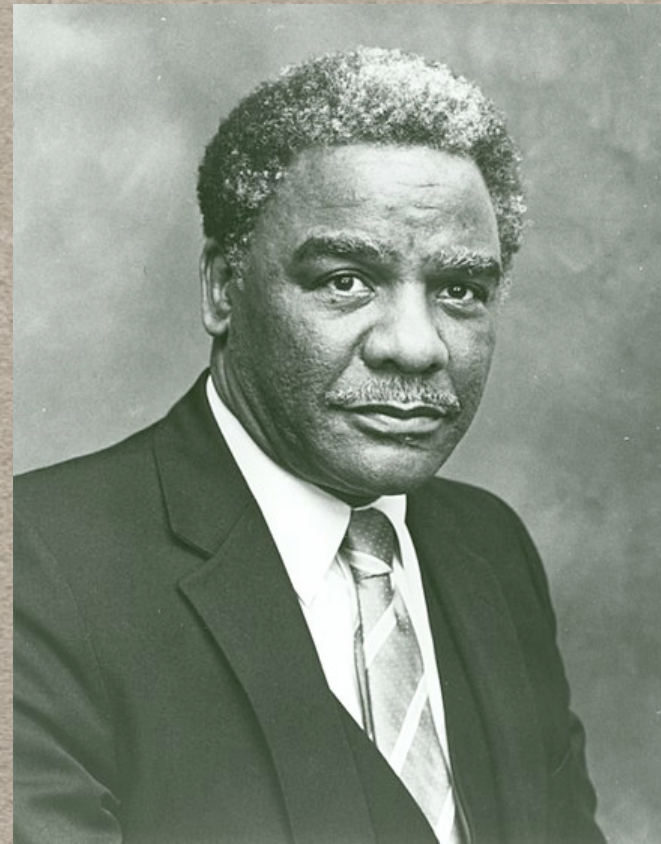


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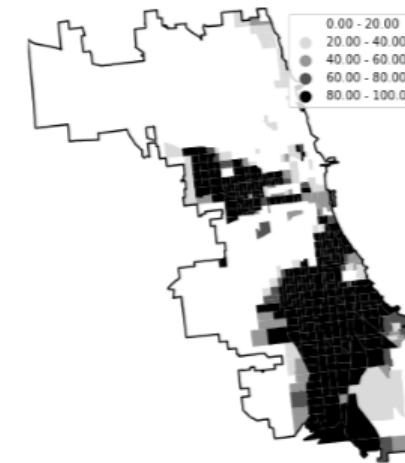




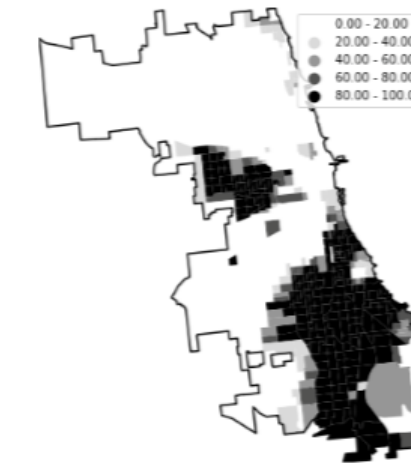
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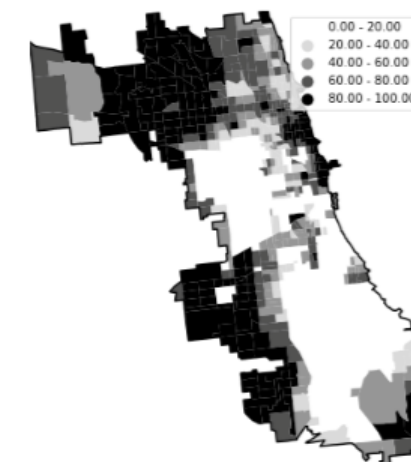
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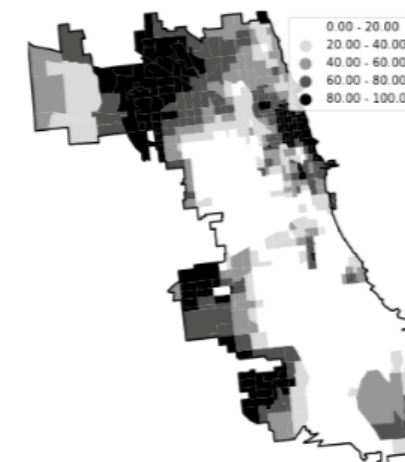
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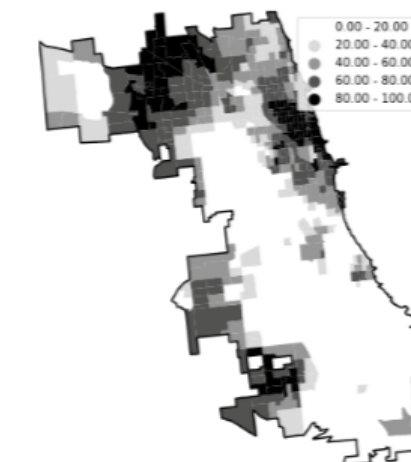
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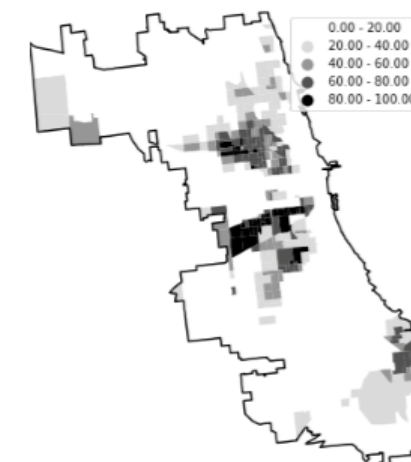
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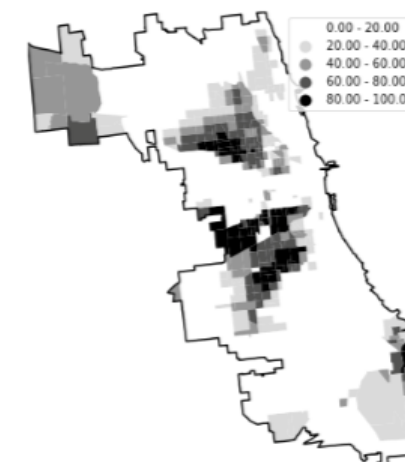
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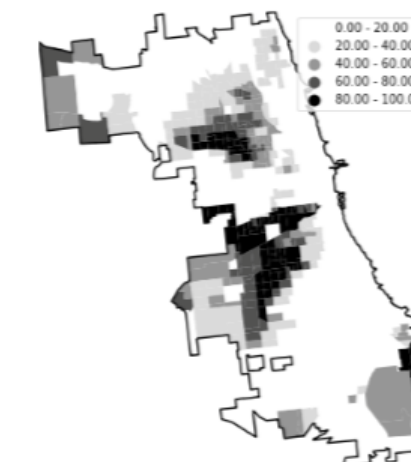
(F) 2010, White



(G) 1990, Hispanic



(H) 2000, Hispanic



(I) 2010, Hispanic