Federal Considerations: No Racial Gerrymandering

  - Such predominant use must be justified as narrowly tailored to fulfill a compelling state interest—i.e., strict scrutiny

- Looks matter! Bizarrely shaped electoral districts can be evidence that racial considerations predominate. (*See, e.g.*, North Carolina CD 12, which stretched 160 miles across the central part of the State, for part of its length no wider than the freeway right-of-way.)

- But bizarre shape is not required for racial considerations to “predominate.”

  - **Focus on communities of interest.**