

The Constitution - Fulfilling Democracy's Promise? For Discussion

House

1. Framers of the Constitution thought each Representative should represent no more than 30-50,000 people. But, now, representatives represent an average of 700,000. Problem? Solutions?

Senate

1. Senators represent an average of 3 million, far greater than what the Framers desired [or could imagine!]. Problem? Solutions?

2. Disproportionate power of Senators based on size of state. Each state has the same clout in the Senate whether the Senators represent $\frac{1}{2}$ million [WY] or 40 million [CA] people. This disproportionate power is growing, too. By 2040, 30% of the population - living in 35 low-population states - could make decisions [pass bills, confirm appointments] for the country as a whole in the Senate.

Problem? Solutions?