The Politicoptical Illusion

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Analyzing election returns in two large states.

TEXAS

In Texas, a **Blue** **Governor** was elected with **52.8%** of the vote.

In Texas, a **Blue** **Senator** was elected with **55.1%** of the vote.

In Texas, out of 38 **House Representatives**, **14 Blues** (***36.8%***) and **24 Reds** **(*63.2%*)** were elected with as many as **52.9% Blue** votes and as little as **47.1% Red** votes.

For the Blue Texans, over half the votes returned only a tad over one third of the seats.

CALIFORNIA

In California, a **Blue** **Governor** was elected with **65.28%** of the vote.

In California, there was no election of a Senator.

In California, out of 52 **House Representatives**, **48 Blues** (***92.3%*)** and **4 Reds** (***7.7%***) were elected with only **68.8% Blue** votes and as many as **31.2% Red votes**.

For the Red Californians, it took almost a third of the votes to return one in thirteen seats.

Beware of politicoptical illusions.