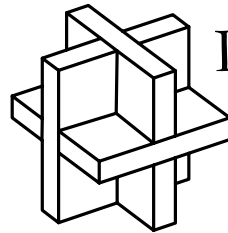


# Adalogical Ænigmas

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Gentle solver,

Somewhat over four years ago, in my forty-second Ænigma, I broached the topic of *gerrymandering*, but I fear I did little then to convey the *extremes* to which political operators often go to ensure their partisan objectives. In the present social moment, I feel compelled to *revisit* the subject and in this month's ænigma to demonstrate the practice more *viscerally*.

The grid below represents a political territory that you are to fully partition into *districts*. Each district must contain all of the copies of *some* number and no others. Every bold dot marks a location where district boundaries *branch*: that is, each such dot must have at least *three* boundary segments connected to it (including the boundary around the entire grid). No other grid point may connect to more than *two* boundary segments.

Please note that gerrymandered districts, such as District 1 in the example, can be so *very* twisted as to border themselves! No border may simply end in the *middle* of its district, however; it must continue until terminating in a dot.

Once you have completed your political map, you may move on to finding the final answer to my ænigma. In each grid square where a *district* either branches or turns (viz., squares edged either by exactly *one* boundary segment or by two *adjacent* segments), pray advance its letter in the alphabet (wrapping around from Z to A if necessary) by the containing district's number. Reading the resulting letters in left-to-right, top-to-bottom order will reveal a clue to your final answer.

Good luck!

*Ada*

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**Example**

L	H	A	Y	P	L	N
Q	1	D	S	M	1	V
C	O	X	Q	C	E	D
2	B	3	F	4	M	D
Y	W	Q	R	H	D	W
C	3	D	5	M	M	I
J	Q	P	P	B	K	B

L	H	A	Y	P	L	N
Q	1	D	S	M	1	V
C	O	X	Q	C	E	D
2	B	3	F	4	M	D
Y	W	Q	R	H	D	W
C	3	D	5	M	M	I
J	Q	P	P	B	K	B

L	H	A	Y	P	L	N
Q	1	D	S	M	1	V
C	O	X	Q	C	E	D
2	B	3	F	4	M	D
Y	W	Q	R	H	D	W
C	3	D	5	M	M	I
J	Q	P	P	B	K	B

L + 1 = M	Q + 1 = R
H + 1 = I	B + 3 = E
N + 5 = S	R + 1 = S
Q + 1 = R	D + 1 = E
D + 1 = E	I + 5 = N
O + 1 = P	Q + 3 = T

Answer: MISREPRESENT

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R	C	T	F	W	A	K	P	J	A	C	P	F	M	N	Z	X	Z	S	G	S
R	1	H	M	2	K	L	N	G	M	3	D	A	I	Y	O	1	R	Y	2	G
J	Y	L	H	G	4	Y	X	K	P	K	D	B	A	R	5	T	C	P	R	G
R	C	O	6	Y	M	N	M	T	E	X	B	W	Q	B	G	A	G	R	S	E
T	Q	S	L	L	C	W	N	C	6	7	8	V	K	H	F	B	R	G	U	J
T	Y	K	D	Q	A	G	W	L	B	H	B	X	T	M	9	Q	C	C	B	10
T	C	J	B	X	11	Y	G	U	R	C	X	L	M	N	C	H	R	H	12	S
H	Y	C	U	P	B	G	R	E	13	14	13	P	F	I	R	D	R	S	C	F
V	15	Q	T	14	M	D	16	Q	F	A	L	K	K	L	K	N	W	S	V	T
Z	Q	R	K	D	H	W	H	Q	Q	I	V	17	Q	R	B	C	P	T	O	K
M	2	18	R	U	1	B	S	H	A	3	X	N	S	M	2	G	H	H	1	B
A	T	X	K	H	P	19	R	U	H	D	M	Z	Z	S	M	D	P	S	Z	F

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