Adalogical Ænigmas

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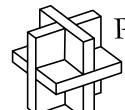*http://www.pavelspuzzles.com*

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.
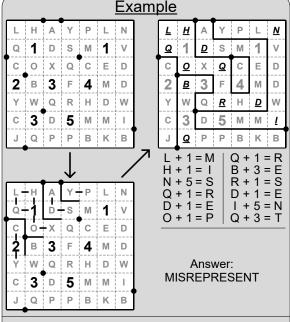
Good luck!

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Example
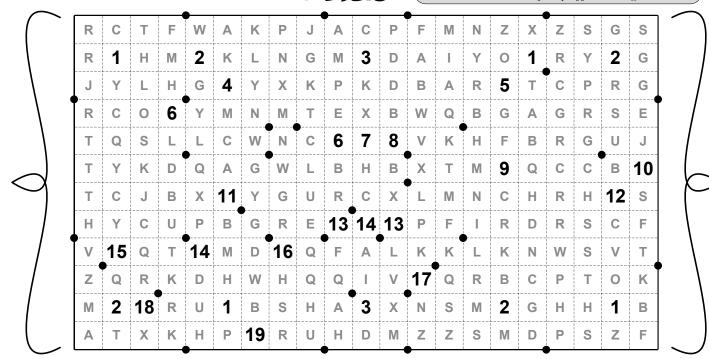

L + 1 = M | Q + 1 = R
H + 1 = I | B + 3 = E
N + 5 = S | R + 1 = S
Q + 1 = R | D + 1 = E
D + 1 = E | I + 5 = N
O + 1 = P | Q + 3 = T

Answer:
MISREPRESENT

Need assistance with Ada's ænigma? Hints and other help are available at *www.pavelspuzzles.com/aenigmas/95*

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