



Demonstrators protest against the recently introduced redistricting legislation during an ...



At parks, coffee shops, churches and government buildings around the country, hundreds of people are expected to gather today with a simple message: "Stop the Trump takeover."

"Trump is terrified of the American people," said the Texas for All Coalition, which is helping organize the events, in a news release. "He knows he can't win on his ideas, so he's trying to take Congress by hook or by crook – and he's doing it by silencing the voices of communities of color. We're not going to let that happen."

Organizers emphasized "a commitment to nonviolence" at all events in event page descriptions.

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Over 200 events are planned in 34 states, according to the event's official website. The Democratic National Committee is helping organize events, it announced in a news release.

"From coast to coast, people will be showing up at their statehouses, city halls, and community spaces to make it clear – we see what Trump is doing,

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But it doesn't end with Texas. Republican leaders in other states, too, have proposed changing their congressional maps ahead of next year's midterms.

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The White House is pushing Missouri legislators to consider a special session to redraw maps. Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis has floated the idea of changing his state's maps, and has said he thinks the Trump administration should give the state another seat. In Ohio, maps must be redrawn due to a quirk of state law – which may make the state's delegation even more Republican and

Austin, Texas, rally

Today's largest protest is slated to happen in Austin, Texas. Over 1,000 people have RSVPed for the event, which will start at the state's Capitol.

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“Texas is being used as a testing ground for extremist policies and partisan games that don’t reflect our values,” reads [the event page](#). “Thousands of Texans have shown up against the racially gerrymandered congressional map lawmakers are trying to force through in order to weaken the voting power of communities of color.”



Lawmakers gather on the House floor on the day of a special session of the Texas House after Democratic lawmakers left the state to deny Republicans the opportunity to redraw the state's 38 congressional districts, in Austin, Texas, August 15, 2025. (*Sergio Flores/Reuters*)

Former Congressman Beto O'Rourke, United Farm Workers cofounder Dolores Huerta, Democratic US Rep. Greg Casar and Rep. Lloyd Doggett of Texas are expected to speak, according to a news release from the Texas for All Coalition.

Drag queen Brigitte Bandit and singer Gina Chavez are also expected to perform.

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Nationwide demonstrations

Events and rallies are also scheduled in dozens of other states, both in Democratic strongholds and Republican-majority states. Local organizers are planning each city-specific event.

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In New York City, demonstrators are expected to gather in Central Park. In Washington, DC, where Trump has deployed the National Guard and declared a federal takeover of the local police department, organizers are painting banners and signs to place around the city.

The demonstrations follow a string of other protests organized since Trump took office for the second time in January, including the “No Kings” protests in June and demonstrations against the president’s deportation campaign in July.

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Drucilla Tigner, the executive director of statewide coalition Texas For All, said in a news release that the fight extends far past Texas.

“Across Texas, and across the country, communities are speaking out in a united voice to call for an end to the Trump takeover,” she said. “Though this fight started in Texas, it doesn’t end here. This isn’t just about redistricting or one state’s politics.”

“It’s about the future of our democracy.”



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