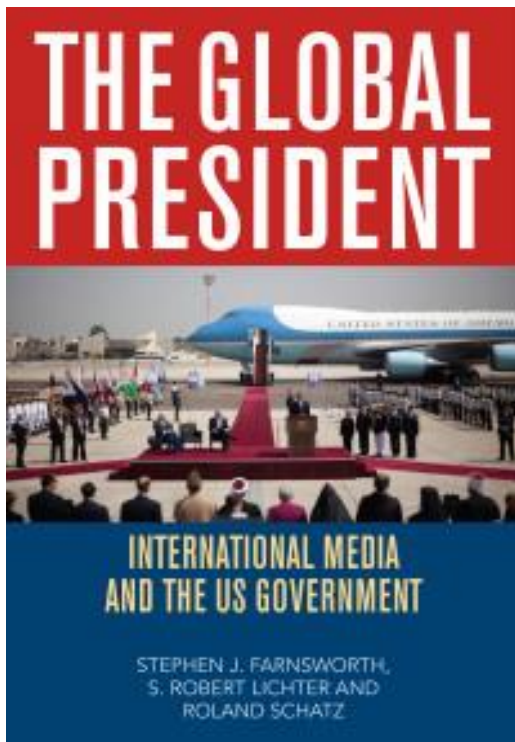






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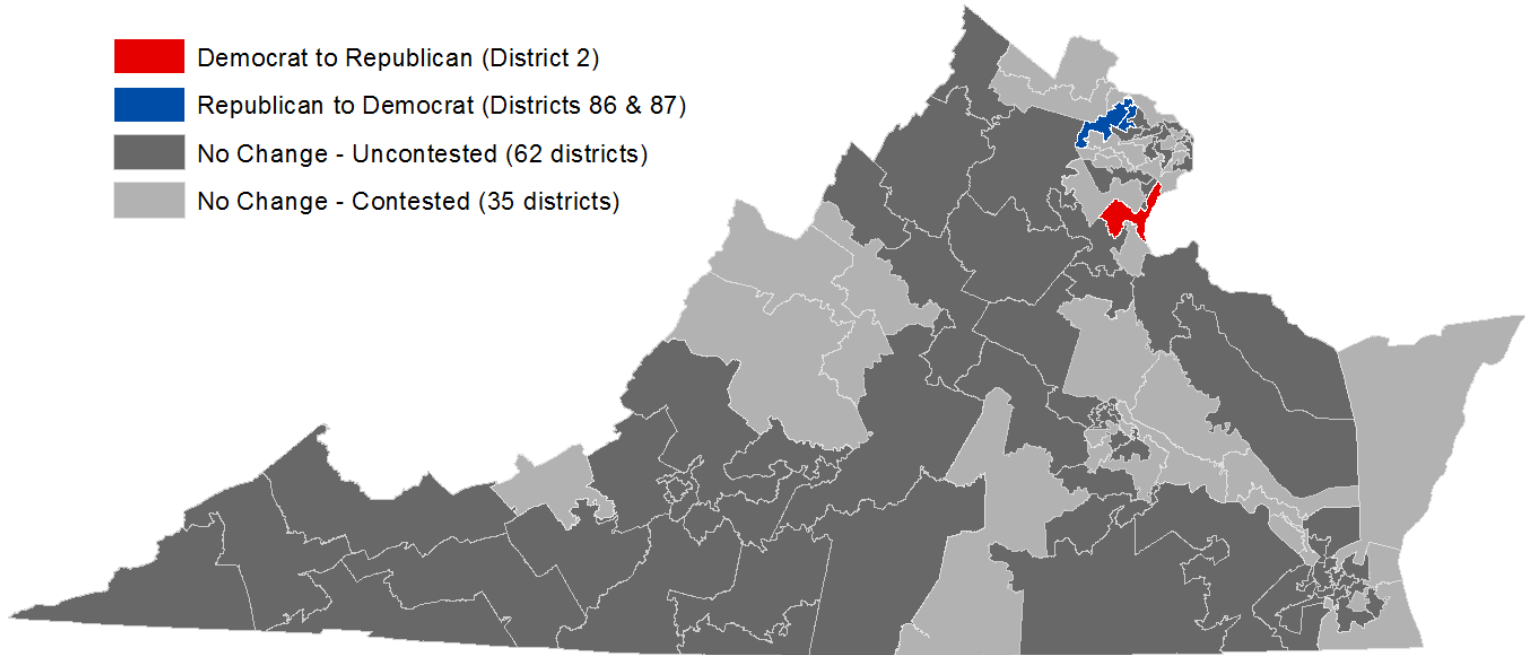
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# Election 2015: Changes in Virginia House of Delegates

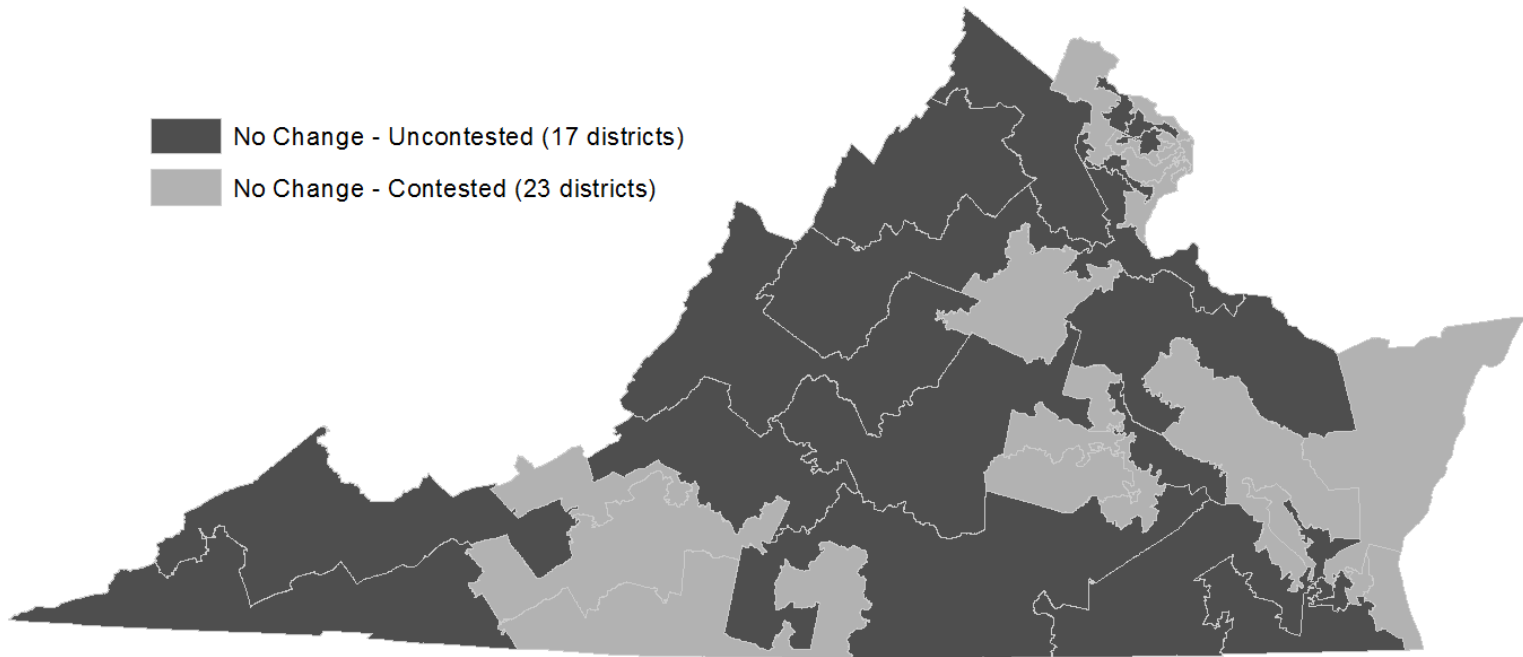
-  Democrat to Republican (District 2)
-  Republican to Democrat (Districts 86 & 87)
-  No Change - Uncontested (62 districts)
-  No Change - Contested (35 districts)



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Source: Virginia Public Access Project Election Results  
<http://www.vpap.org/electionresults/house/>

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# Virginia & the Legislature: The Impact of Gerrymandering

<b><u>House</u></b>	R	D	2-Party?	<10 points?
2015	66	34	29	6
2013	67	33	44	14
2011	68*	32	37	6
2009	61*	39	69	15
2007	56*	44	41	9
2005	57	40	50	12
2003	61	37	38	10
<b><u>Senate</u></b>	R	D	2-Party?	<10 points?
2015	21	19	20	5
2011	20	20	26	7
2007	19	21	23	8
2003	24	16	20	4
1999	21	19	34	3

\*Includes independents who generally aligned with Republicans. Source: Virginia Department of Elections

# Virginia & Congress: The Impact of Gerrymandering

	2012 R	D	2016 R	D
<u>President</u>	47	51	44.4	49.8
<u>Senate</u>	47	53	--	--
House 1	56	41	60	37
<u>House 2</u>	54	46	61	38
House 3	18	81	33	67
House 4	57	43	42	58
House 5	55	43	58	42
House 6	65	35	67	33
House 7	58	41	58	42
House 8	31	65	27	68
House 9	61	39	69	28
House 10	58	39	<u>53</u>	<u>47</u>
House 11	35	61	--	unopposed

Source: Virginia Department of Elections

# Virginia Public Opinion Regarding State Issues

Do you think the Virginia legislature should be permitted to draw the boundaries of legislative and congressional districts or should it be done by an independent board?

	Legislature	Independent Board
November 2015	14	72
March 2013	16	77

Do you support or oppose Virginia expanding access to health care for low-income, uninsured state residents, the “Medicaid expansion” plan?

	Support	Oppose
November 2015	65	25
October 2014	64	29
September 2013	59	31

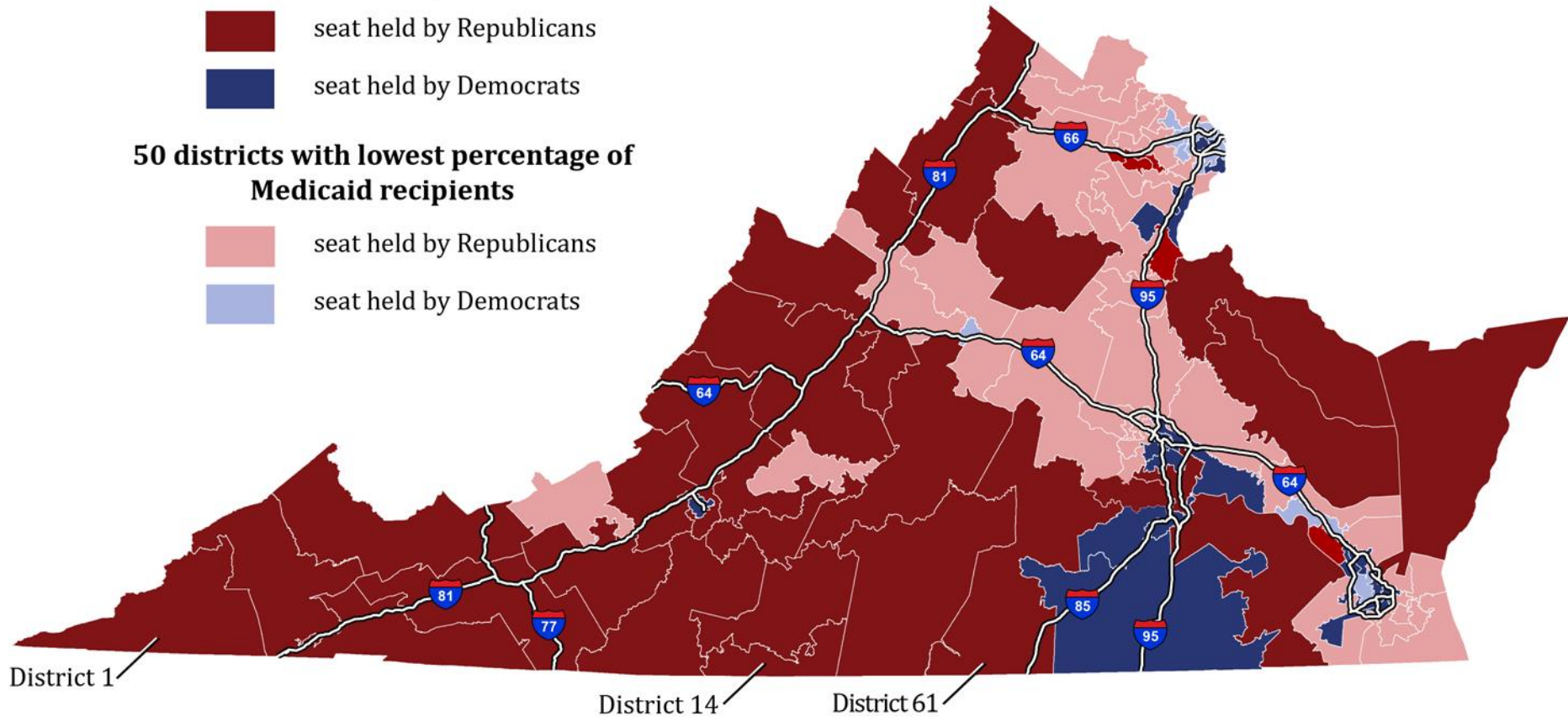
# Medicaid Recipients in Virginia's House of Delegates Districts

## 50 districts with highest percentage of Medicaid recipients

- seat held by Republicans
- seat held by Democrats

## 50 districts with lowest percentage of Medicaid recipients

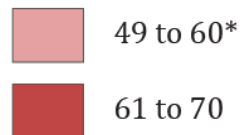
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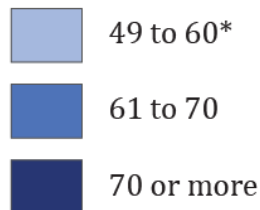
Source: Medicaid enrollment data are from the Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services.  
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# 2001 Gubernatorial Election Results (by county and independent city)

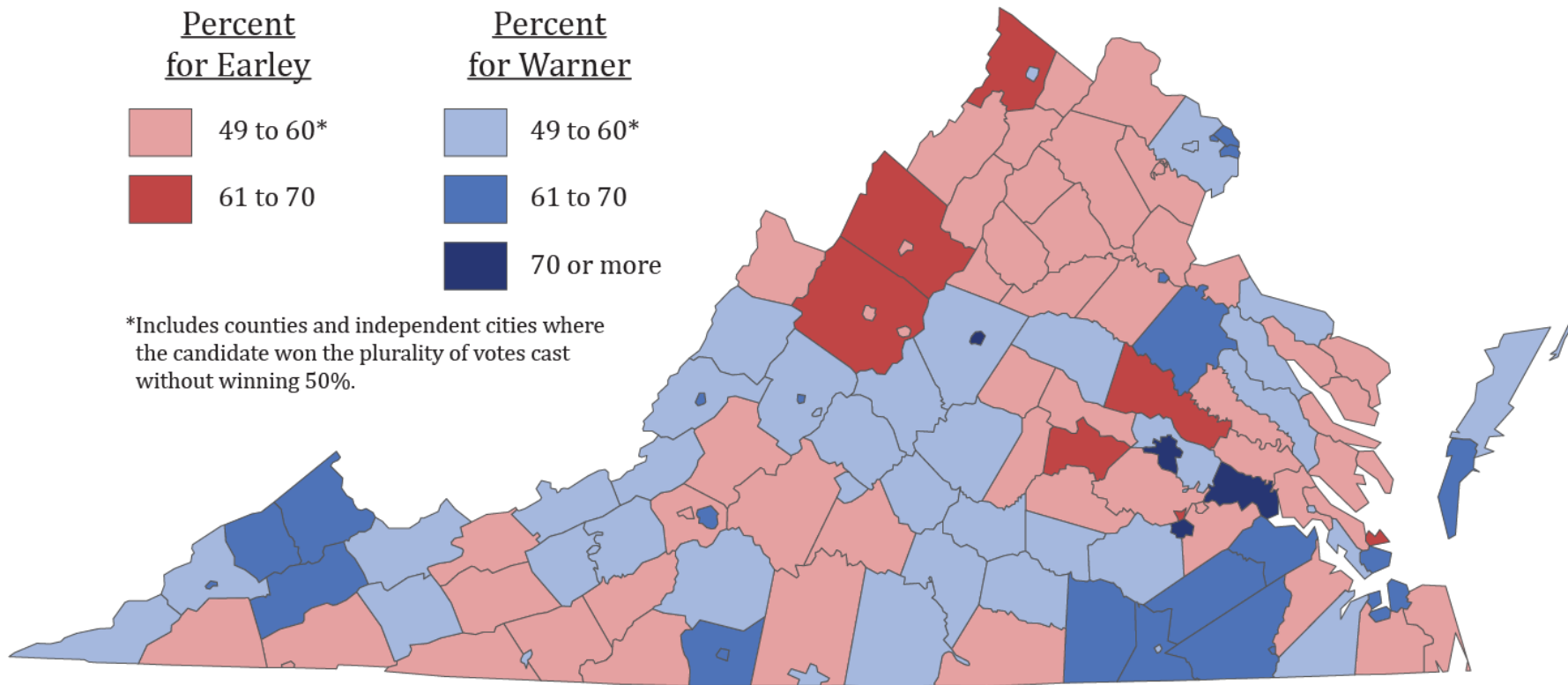
Percent  
for Earley



Percent  
for Warner



\*Includes counties and independent cities where the candidate won the plurality of votes cast without winning 50%.



Source: Electoral data are from the Virginia State Board of Elections website (<http://elections.virginia.gov/Files/ElectionResults/2001/nov2001/html/index.htm>).

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# 2014 Senatorial Election Results (by county and independent city)

Percent  
for Gillespie

49 to 60\*

61 to 70

70 or more

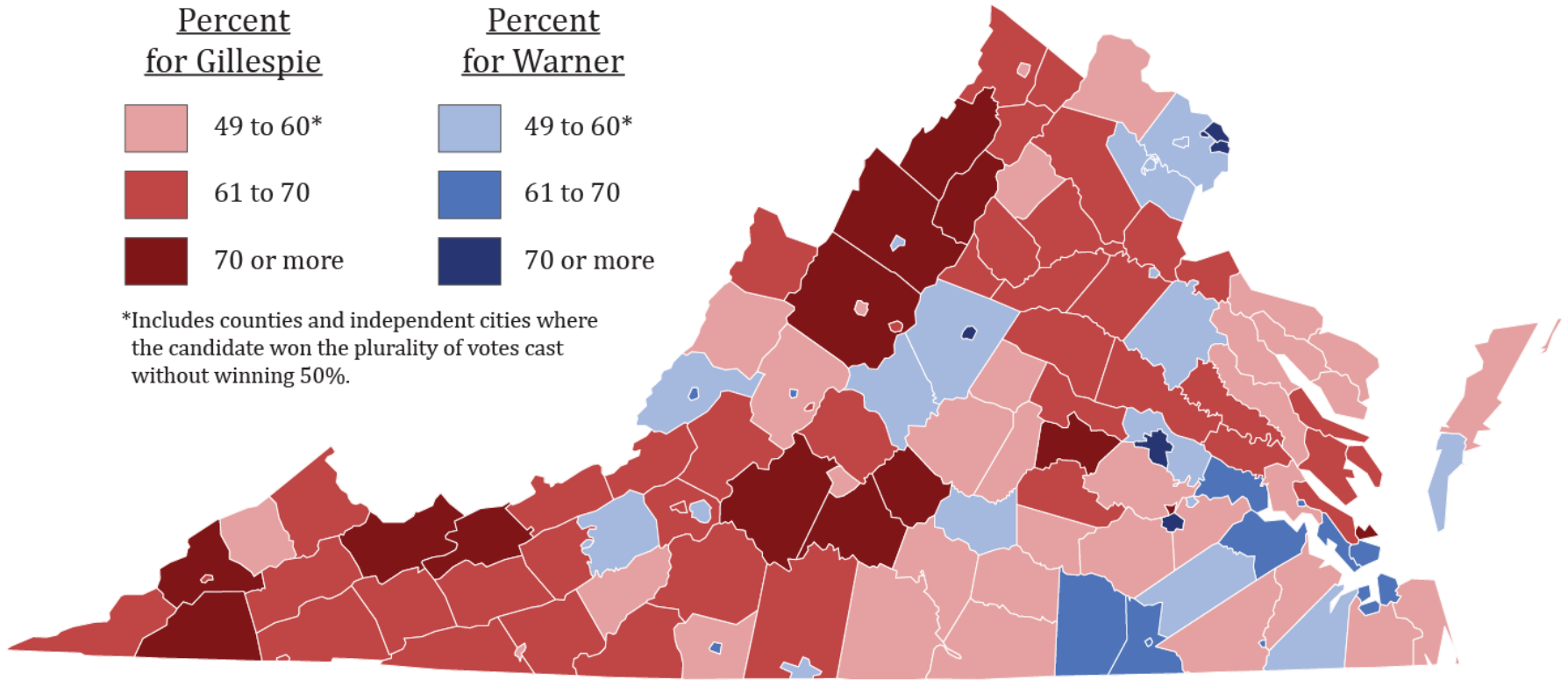
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# Virginia's Changing Political Geography

## comparing support for Mark Warner in 2014 to 2001

Increase in Percent of Votes Cast  
for Warner

for Opponent

less than 5

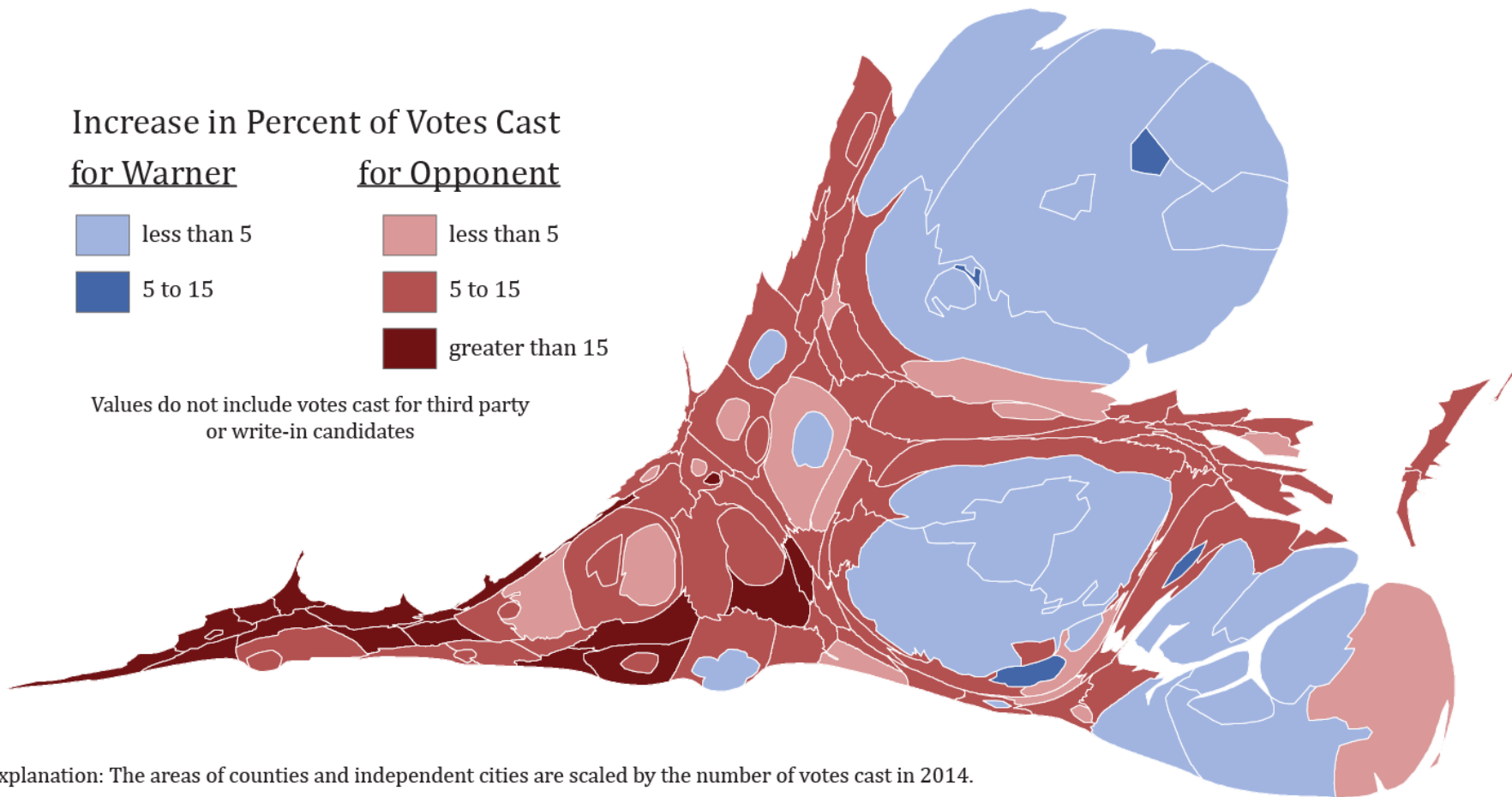
less than 5

5 to 15

5 to 15

greater than 15

Values do not include votes cast for third party  
or write-in candidates



Explanation: The areas of counties and independent cities are scaled by the number of votes cast in 2014.

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