

The Independent State Legislature Theory Explained

November 2022 - On December 7, 2022, the U.S. Supreme Court will hear oral arguments in *Moore vs. Harper*, a case that has serious implications for democracy in the United States. On the surface, the case deals with gerrymandered maps in North Carolina. However, the underlying issue is the status the *Independent State Legislature Theory*, a dubious interpretation of the Constitution that grants almost absolute power to state legislative bodies. This month, *Critical Considerations* offers two articles from the Brennan Center that provide some background and context: [*The 'Independent State Legislature Theory,' Explained*](#) and [*Moore v. Harper, Explained*](#).

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The theory is a part of the “Republican blueprint to steal the 2024 election.” *J. Michael Luttig*

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