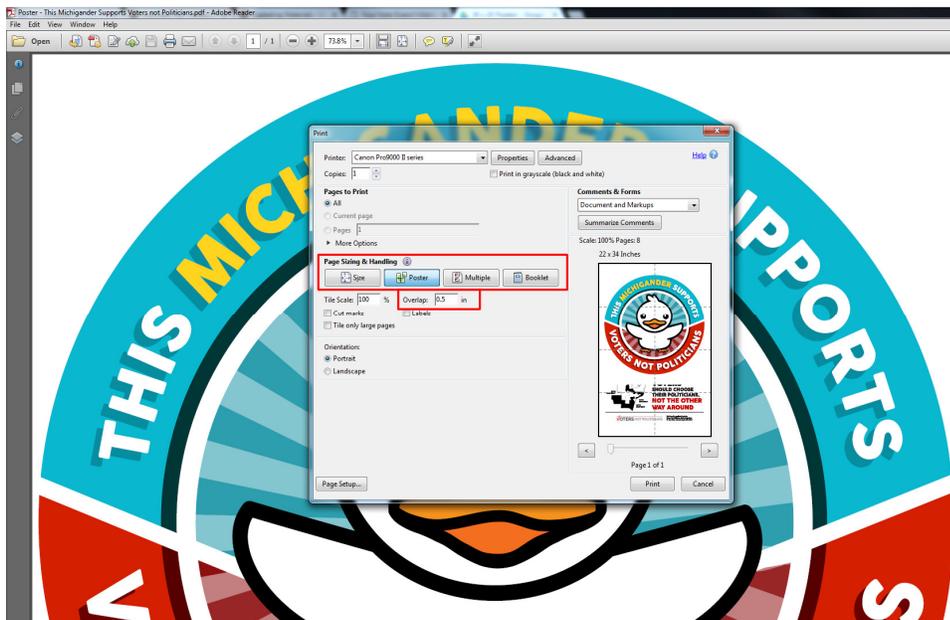# STURDY FOAM CORE POSTERS

MATERIALS NEEDED

- *Foam Core Boards (available at Walmart and Dollar Stores)*
- *Scotch Tape*
- *Glue Sticks*
- *Scissors*
- *Packing Tape or clear Contact Paper : to waterproof / prevent damage*
- *Zippered Bag with Strap (available at Dollar Tree, or similar store): to create sign(s) to wear*

INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Print Your Poster** : The PDF files are 20" wide by 30" tall so, to print on a desktop printer, you will need to choose a "Tile" or "Poster" setting to print multiple pages. You can select this when printing the file in Acrobat Reader (free to download from https://get.adobe.com/reader), or if you are printing the file from a browser like Firefox. (Chrome does not appear to have a Tile print option)

    Set the overlap to 0.5" - that way you have plenty of room to match up the pages! =)

2. **Trim Your Print-Outs:** You'll have extra white space on the edges of your print-outs. Trimming these first makes putting together the tiled poster go more quickly.

3. **Tape Your Print-Outs Together**: Place your print-outs next to each other and tack them together with small pieces of Scotch Tape. Try to avoid taping over places with ink (if possible) - if you need to adjust the printout, it's easier to move tape on blank white paper.

Once you have a few pieces together, you can reinforce by taping long strips on the back, too.

4. **Glue Sign to Foam Board:** This is easier with two people! Quickly draw stripes of glue stick glue on the foam core board, making sure to get the edges and corners last, with a good amount. Lay the finished, taped sign on the sticky board and press (don't rub) to secure. (Rubbing can cause the ink to smudge) Check the corners and edges to make sure they adhered well and aren't peeling. If everything looks good, you can flip the sign face down and lay heavy books on top.

5. **Water Proof / Scratch Proof** (optional) : To protect our sign boards, we're going to lay strips of packing tape across each other, on the printed sides. (You might also be able to use clear contact paper, but I haven't tried this yet.)

6. **Sandwich Boards / Wearable Signs** : A quick and easy way to put together a conversation starter! I found these zippered bags at Dollar Tree, but any type of strapped bag would work. (If your event doesn't have a table, this is a convenient way to store your phone / keys / wallet)   Secure the strap to one (or two) of your signs using duct tape, hot glue, or zip ties. Instant place to put your sign / instant gerrymandered district costume for only $2.00-$3.00!