

 **ELECTORAL REFORM**

Community dialogue

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Dialogue agreements

- Listen carefully and with respect.
- Give everyone the opportunity to speak.
- Speak for yourself and participate as equals.
- Respect others' opinions.
- Agree to disagree—with ideas, not people.
- Silence cell phones.

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Thank you for participating in the national dialogue on electoral reform

Canadians expect greater inclusion, transparency, meaningful engagement and modernization from their public institutions.

Federal electoral reform is part of the Government's stronger democracy agenda.

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Canadian federal electoral reform

Federal electoral reform is part of the Government's commitment to change. Canada has a strong and deeply rooted democracy.

One way to protect our democratic values is by continuously seeking to improve the functioning of our democratic institutions—including our voting system.

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Guiding principles

The following five guiding principles may help you think about what you want from federal elections, your Member of Parliament (MP) and your federal government.

They can help you decide what is important to you when it comes to potential changes to our democracy at the federal level.

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Guiding principles

- Restore the **effectiveness** and **legitimacy** of the voting system by reducing distortions and strengthening the link between voter intention and the electoral result.
- Encourage greater **engagement** and participation in the democratic process, including inclusion of underrepresented groups.
- Support **accessibility** and **inclusiveness** to all eligible voters, and avoid undue complexity in the voting process.
- Safeguarding the **integrity** of our voting process.
- Preserve the accountability of **local representation**.

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Ice breaker

Why have you decided to join us today?

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Q1

What do you think could be done to help more Canadians feel more interested and involved in democracy?

Examples: Mandatory voting, e-democracy platforms, public engagement sessions, effective government consultation.

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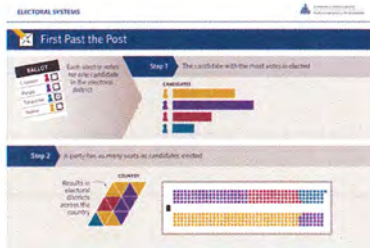
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Our Current System



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Q2

What do you think are some strengths and weaknesses of our current federal electoral system?

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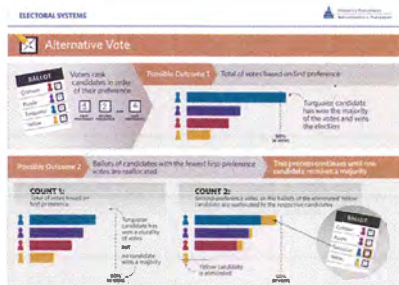
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Other Electoral Systems



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ELECTION SYSTEMS

Mixed Member Proportional

Members elect one party list member to represent voters in each electoral district, and they also elect party list members to a local representative seat for a political party.

CONCLUSION Each party's seat count is proportional to the share of votes it received in the election.

Seats are held by a combination of direct election MP's and candidates from party lists.

Party	Directly Elected	Party List	Total
Liberal	28	18	46
Conservative	20	10	30
New Democrat	20	23	43
Green	14	16	30

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Q3

What alternative electoral systems do you think could work in Canada?
 What are some strengths and weaknesses of these systems?

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Q4

What are your opinions on online and/or mandatory voting being used in Canada?

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