

Honorable Committee Members

While debating and weighing changes to reform our electoral system, please give some thought to the following:

The federal election in 2015, if done democratically, should have resulted with the following results:

Liberals: 39.5% of the popular vote should result in 133 seats

Conservatives: 31.9% of the popular vote should result in 108 seats

NDP: 19.7% of the popular vote should result in 67 seats

BQ: 4.7% of the popular vote should result in 16 seats

Green Party: 3.5% of the popular vote should result in 12 seats.

This was not done and we have a very unfairly elected government.

Since I voted for a party that did not win in my riding, my vote was wasted.

The country should be divided in Regions which are further broken down into Ridings.

The electorate should have one vote each. I do NOT propose a mixed member proportional system. The results should be tallied as follows.

The Ridings elect a single representative using the traditional First-Past-The-Post system: the candidate with the most votes is elected for that riding. The regions then take multiple representatives from the remaining votes to stand in regional seats, taking into account how many seats were gained by that party in the constituency vote.

To further aid democracy I propose that when it comes to voting in the house, each MP cast his vote NOT with one Aye or Nay, but with as many votes as he/she is elected with. i.e. if 5380 electors voted for them, 5380 is the number that he/she puts in as an Aye or Nay vote.

Here is a sample of election results in one Region as it could happen:

Region 1 has four Ridings, Ridng A, B, C, and D.

Riding A has as Candidates: Mr Sawyer Blue Party
Mr Fisher Green Party
Ms Writer Red Party
Mr Smith Orange Party
Mr W Other Party

Riding B has as Candidates: Mr Chef Blue Party
Mr Baker Green Party
Mr Glazier Red Party
Mr Painter Orange Party
Mr X Other Party

Riding C has as Candidates: Ms Tinker Blue Party
Mr Farmer Green Party
Ms Miller Red Party
Ms Carpenter Orange Party
Mr Y Other Party

Riding D has as Candidates: Mr Cook Blue Party
 Ms Gardener Green Party
 Mr Oiler Red Party
 Mr Plumber Orange Party
 Mr Z Other Party

After the final voting tally here is the result:

	Elected	Party	Majority Votes	
Riding A	Mr Smith	Orange	53963	Elected
Riding B	Mr Baker	Green	59182	Elected
Riding C	Ms Carpenter	Orange	47623	Elected
Riding D	Mr Cook	Blue	43390	Elected

Region 1 Votes left over:

	BLUE	GREEN	RED	ORANGE	OTHER
Rng A Ms Sawyer	20310 Mr Fisher	37155 Ms Writer	27055		663
Rdg B Mr Chef	28865		Mr Glazier	27266 Mr Painter	6181 387
Rdg C Ms Tinker	33264 Mr Farmer	18132 Ms Miller	29234		400
<u>Rdg D</u>	Ms Gardener	11772 Mr Oiler	34295 Mr Plumber	4256	12
	82439	67059	117850	10437	1462

RESULTS

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Riding C Ms Carpenter	Orange	votes with	47623
Riding D Mr Cook	Blue	votes with	43390
Region 1 Ms Tinker	Blue	in Riding C has region majority and gets elected, votes with	82439
Region 1 Mr Fisher	Green	in Riding A has region majority and gets elected, votes with	67059
Region 1 Mr Oiler	Red	in Riding D has region majority and gets elected, votes with	117850
Region 1 Mr Painter	Orange	in Riding B has region majority and gets elected, votes with	10437

Region 1 Other are not elected, since the tally falls below the national threshold.

In order to hold down the number of seats, ridings must be doubled.

A party must earn at least a certain percentage of the total party vote, or no candidates will be elected from the party list. I propose a 1% threshold to stay as fair as possible.

I realize that this is a very rough outline and this system will need tweaking for it to work, but it should result in a much more democratic election system where **finally all votes count.**

I also hope I have explained this system as logically as possible and hope all of you will seriously look at this.

Thank you,

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