Recommendations on Electoral Reform

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1. Electoral reform should be started inside parliament itself first, i.e. parliament should start using ranking system in committee and parliamentary voting, because:

 a) it allows people can actually see how it works in real life.

 b) this may also help parliament to work when there are no majority. For example, instead of voting yes/no about a bill and each of the amendments, each parliament member can proposed a version of the bill the member preferred and then parliament vote most preferred version using a ranking system.

2. For electing single outcome, we should consider Ranked Pairs method, as it is scientifically fairer (less anomalies) than instant run-off method proposed in the survey. The method can be explained like determining the division winner in an NHL season.

3. For electing multiple people, I agree with Single Transferable Vote method proposed in the survey, but we should consider using Ranked Pairs method in the elimination round (instead of simply removing the person with lowest votes at that stage).

4. For online voting, the computer code (software) need to be open for inspection and testing by any Canadian, in the spirit of "Libre Software" / Free Open Source Software (preferably actually a Free Open Source Software). Privacy will better be achieved using secret key codes.

Thank you.