

**COMMENTS BY David G Dorion ON ELECTORAL TOWN HALL MEETING
QUESTIONNAIRE**

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1. All eligible citizens have voting rights today. FPTP has been operative for 150+ years and Canada has not become a totalitarian state nor a banana republic. Therefore why change something for an unknown system?
2. Am becoming more familiar with some alternatives. Very uncertain about effects of PR – more so after hearing M. Holland describing the process of forming a new system. When proponents of a new system cannot or do not define the effects on governance, I believe we are diving into the unknown. Or is that the objective because a PR outcome will give centralist parties [hello Liberal Party of Canada] electoral advantage?

B and C See 2 above

3. Can accept it provided Elections Canada doesn't become politicized, in which case there is more scope for fraud. [Am upset that the chief Electoral Officer stated that the cost of a referendum would be expensive thus implying that no referendum should occur. That isn't appropriate from a democratic government employee.]
4. On line voting at this point in time presents too many opportunities for fraud
5. Every eligible citizen has the right to vote or not. I far prefer to have non voters rather than uninformed voters determining the Country's future course.

Other Comments

The key issue for me is what kind of country do we want? I want a nation that has self-reliant citizens reliant on government for special needs only. This is not the direction we, in fact the entire western world, is headed as our wants are being converted into needs and government budgets become bloated. We have proliferating governments at all levels, Federal, Provincial, Regional, and Municipal, in which administrative employment

has soared versus total employment. In addition there are many NGO's which rely on government funding for varying levels of financial support. In combination these employees especially when they are unionized are inherently conflicted with the public at large when remuneration is considered.

Canada is a very diverse country and geography is a major factor. As well our immigration policy is quite open by world standards and has been beneficial, indeed necessary, to our development and will remain so as long as the inevitable culture change is allowed to evolve more by natural forces than constant edicts. Together with our confederation structure noted above, we have a higher cost governance base that is partly responsible for our poor productivity performance.

Whatever we do regarding our voting system, we must be aware of our economic performance as measured by per capita income growth. Otherwise our "Great Society "dream is unlikely to be fulfilled.

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