

Thank you for the opportunity to attend and briefly speak at last night's town hall.

As I thought I had to stay with one topic at a time I only could touch on a small portion of my thoughts on this matter. Although I am not nor likely can ever be convinced to vote liberal I found yours and Mark's presentation was handled well.

I hope you will take my following broader comments to heart and for consideration.

. First past the post is very democratic and although your win was not my desire and even if you had won by 30% in Guelph I would totally accept it. Plainly simply if you have more than two parties it will be rare 50% will happen. I say get over it

. I dispute that the liberals have a mandate to change the electoral system and even last night little vote in a room with hardly a representation of Guelph in numbers states that. In 2011 the conservatives used the same argument to push a change through parliament to cancel the long gun registry which had wide town hall approval and was an election platform. I supported this and was to me a major reason to vote conservative in that election but in no means did I ever believe they had a mandate to get rid of it. That is naïve and most conservatives I am certain did not believe that. However it was the correct decision for certain. I am hoping that the liberals will leave all aspects of firearms legislation exactly how it is and stay away from special interest groups in this matter. Criminals are just that they are not law abiding gun owners and can't make them that. Australia has worst gun laws in the world and criminals have even greater access to guns now than before

If there was a mandate for this issue I state the liberals greens ndps would be dead heat based on that philosophy

. If you play by the numbers in most elections in now and past no majority government really has a mandate to do all of their platforms really. The 2015 election does not even give the liberals a mandate to go spend even the total amount stated never mind more. Reality is that would be a 40% of platform number if you like

. These other forms of alternate voting mpr or whatever are only allowing an opportunity for those who did not win a chance to gain access to parliament this is a wrong approach. When you play a sport and lose you don't get to collect the main prize. These smaller newer parties simply have to gain more interest and in time they will way back the ndp would never thought to be in opposition and had they had leadership and proper policy they easily could have been where you are today.

Suggestion

Now for a novel approach far more could be done to change parliament in a simple way

Keep first past the post

- Take out make it law whatever that the government cannot be brought down in non confidence at all or for some time frame of say three years.
- Matters such as budgets without agreement require all party committee to come to agreement to house
- All members in house are required to vote for they're constituency not the party platform
- No party can condemn they re member for voting his her constituency
- Crossing party lines before an election not permitted

Its up to your party s to vet ppl who come as close as possible to your ideology after that they vote for there ppl or will be out next time

I would use the northern Ontario last term fellow whom voted for his constituents against his party on the long gun registry and was forced from his party he stood by the correct principle. If he were my mp I would have voted for him next time on principle. He did however cross party lines that cannot be allowed.

Please consider this simple approach vs changing a system while may have minor flaws has worked just fine

I would be happy to attend any hearing and present a presentation of how this can and would work. This is fair do not confuse the system with what I assure will be far more divisive for this country. let me know

I also disagree a referendum is not required that would give you a mandate

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