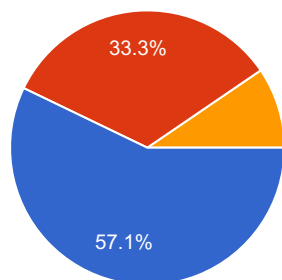


Summary

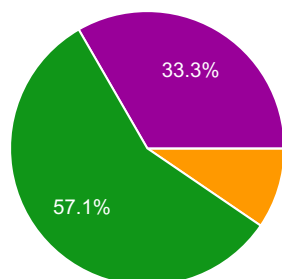
Part I: General Questions

How well do you feel you understand Canada's existing First-past-the-post system and how governments are elected under that system?



Very well	12	57.1%
Quite well	7	33.3%
Somewhat	2	9.5%
Not very well	0	0%

How would you judge the fairness of that system to all voters and political parties



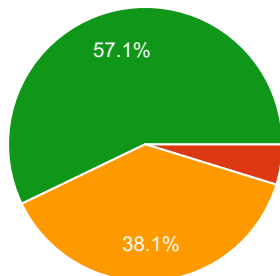
Very fair	0	0%
Mostly fair	0	0%
Acceptable	2	9.5%
Mostly unfair	12	57.1%
Very unfair	7	33.3%
Don't know	0	0%

There is no requirement for the winning party to have majority voter support to form a majority government under our current First-past-the-Post system. A share of 40% or less usually suffices. Which of the following best summarizes your views about this?

**Deliberative Polling Feedback on Electoral Reform from Participants at an Event
with Jean-Pierre Kingsley hosted by Fair Vote Canada Waterloo Region**

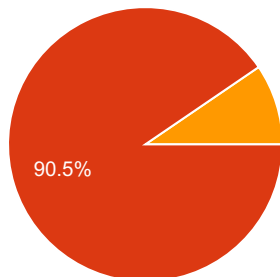
On September 28, 2016, Jean-Pierre Kingsley spoke to participants at the Kitchener Public Library about electoral reform. Byron Weber-Becker also presented on 4 models: Alternative Vote, Mixed Member Proportional, Single Transferable Vote, and Rural-Urban Proportional. The event was moderated by Brian Tanguay, co-author of the Law Commission of Canada's report "Voting Counts: Electoral Reform for Canada."

Participants were offered the opportunity to complete a detailed survey to give their input on electoral reform values and models to ERRE. Twenty-one participants did so, and we are pleased to present the results (using pie charts for each question) here:



It is not bad. I think minority governments are fine.	1	4.8%
It is problematic because it gives an unfair amount of power to the winning party.	8	38.1%
It is profoundly undemocratic. The share of seats should be equal to the share of votes.	12	57.1%

Which is preferable to you?

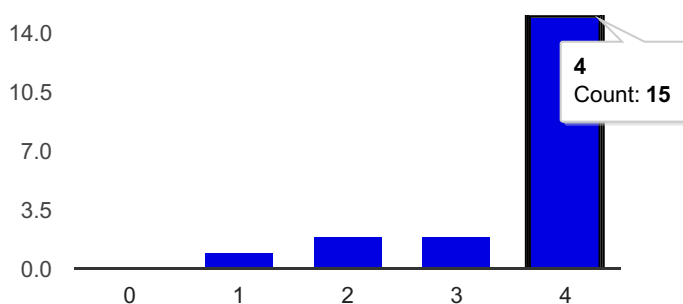


A government with a majority able to pass legislation without the support of other parties	0	0%
A government that is obliged to consult with other parties and make compromises	19	90.5%
Don't know.	2	9.5%

Part II - Principles and Values

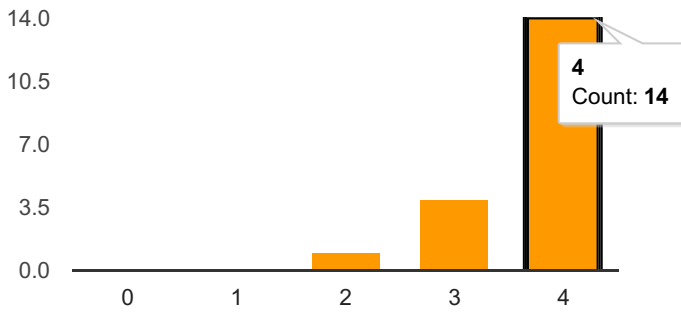
Effectiveness and legitimacy

Make it unnecessary for voters to vote strategically (0 to 4)



Not important at all / bad thing:	0	0%
1	1	5%
2	2	10%
3	2	10%
Fundamental importance:	15	75%

Ensure that the number of parliamentary seats of each party should correspond to its share of the popular vote



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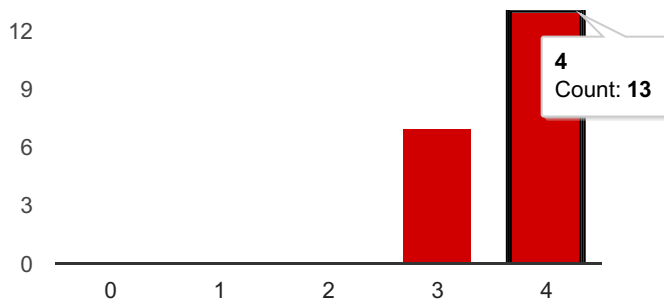
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3 4 21.1%

4 14 73.7%

Ensure that as large a share of votes as possible should count to elect representatives in line with voters' political preferences



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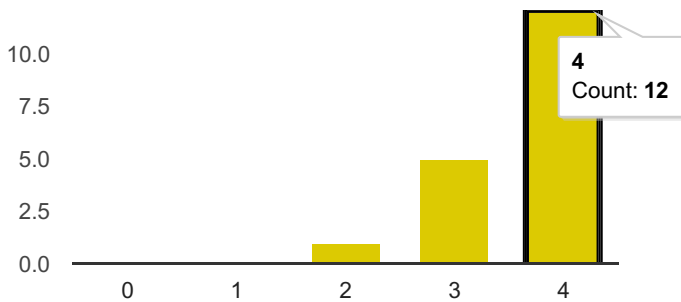
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3 7 35%

4 13 65%

Make sure that votes matter equally in safe ridings or swing ridings



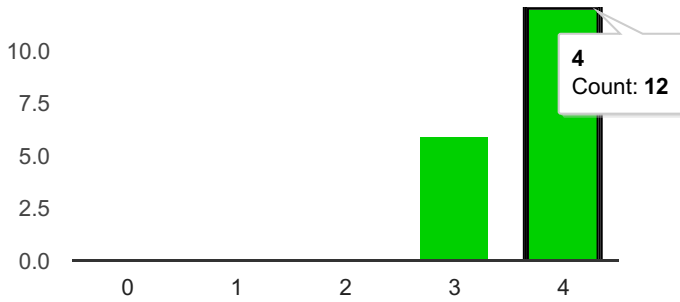
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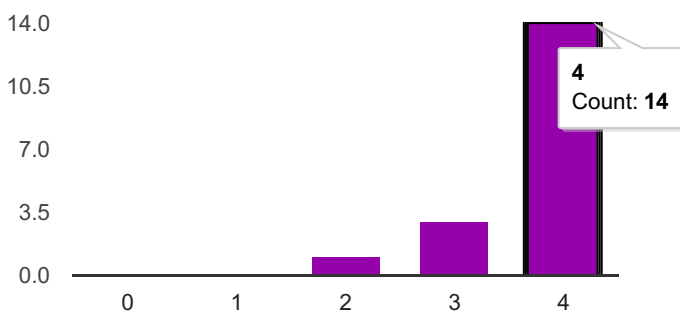
Voter engagement

Give voters a greater reason to vote by making all votes count equally



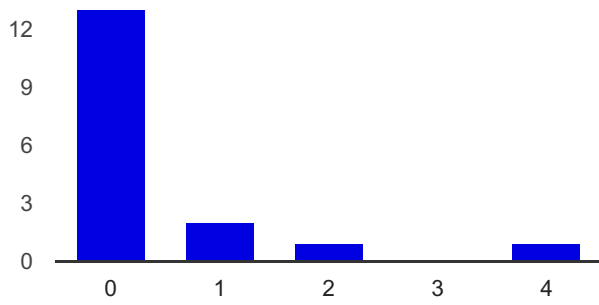
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 4 12 66.7%

Encourage collaboration and compromise among parties and greater civility when discussing policy options



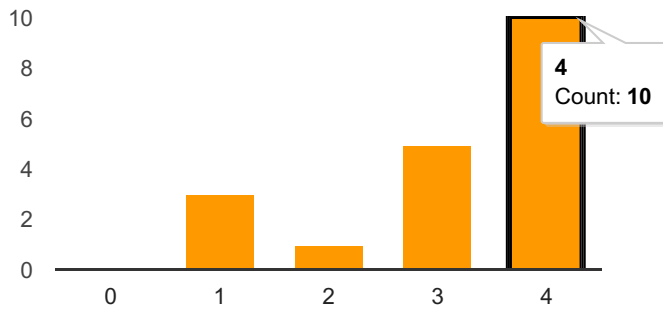
Not important at all / bad thing: 0 0 0%
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 3 3 16.7%
 Fundamental importance: 4 14 77.8%

Make it easy to have majority governments led by the party with the greatest share of seats with or without a majority of votes cast



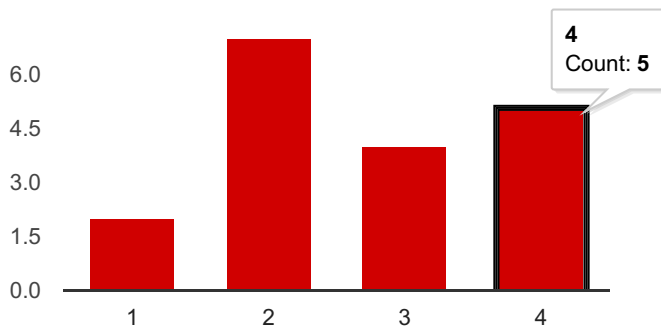
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 4 1 5.9%

Encourage the formation of coalition governments representing a majority of the electorate



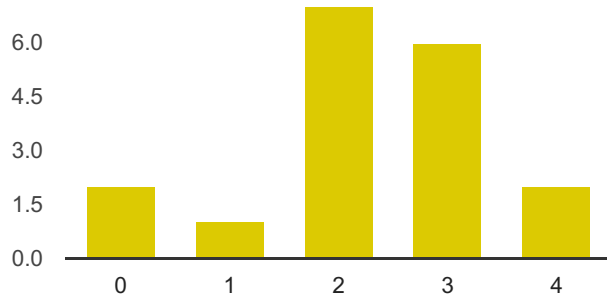
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 1 3 15.8%
 2 1 5.3%
 3 5 26.3%
 4 10 52.6%

Make it easier for independents to be elected



1 2 11.1%
 2 7 38.9%
 3 4 22.2%
 4 5 27.8%

Make it easier for new parties to form and prosper



0 2 11.1%

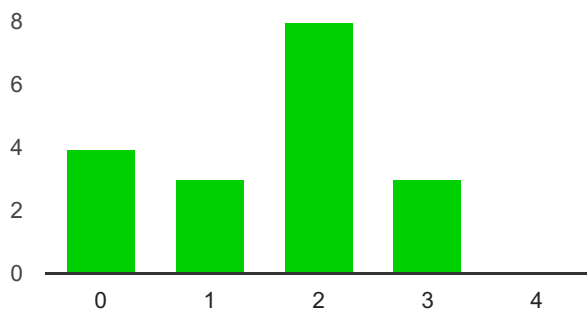
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Avoid the election of MPs from too many small parties



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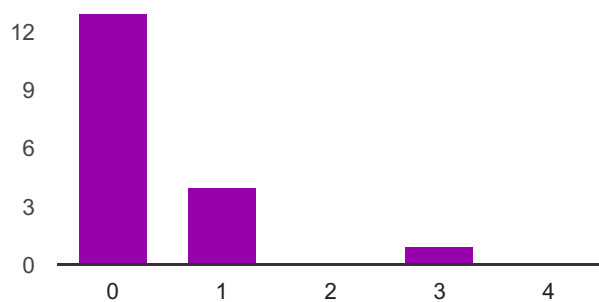
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2 8 44.4%

3 3 16.7%

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Encourage the dominance of two major parties

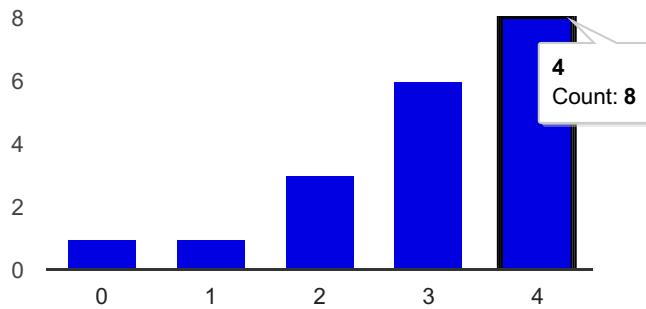


0 13 72.2%

1 4 22.2%
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 4 0 0%

Accessibility and inclusiveness

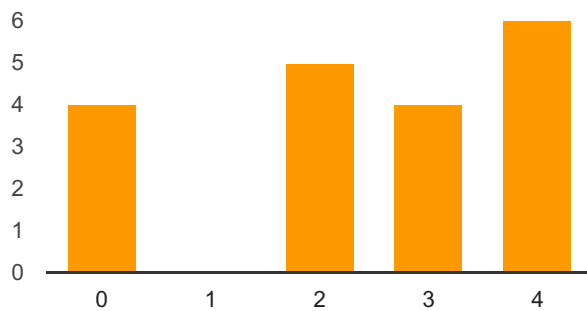
Make the process of voting as easy as possible for voters



Not important at all / bad thing: 0 1 5.3%

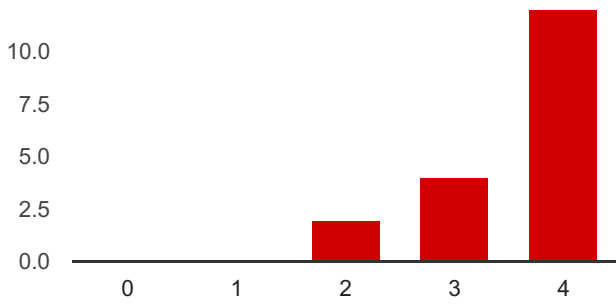
1 1 5.3%
 2 3 15.8%
 3 6 31.6%
 Fundamental importance: 4 8 42.1%

Avoid increasing the frequency of elections



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 3 4 21.1%
 4 6 31.6%

Elect more women to Parliament

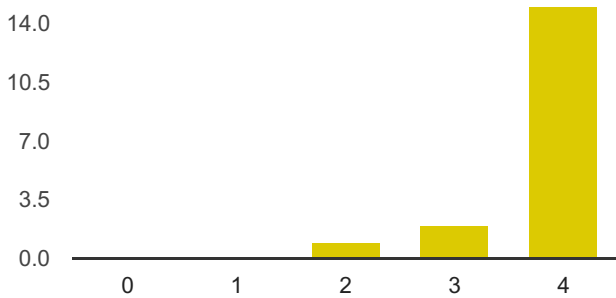


3 4 22.2%

4 12 66.7%

Integrity

Ensure that our democratic system is based on strong principles of integrity and that measures are taken to safeguard every aspect of the process



Not important at all / bad thing: 0 0 0%

1 0 0%

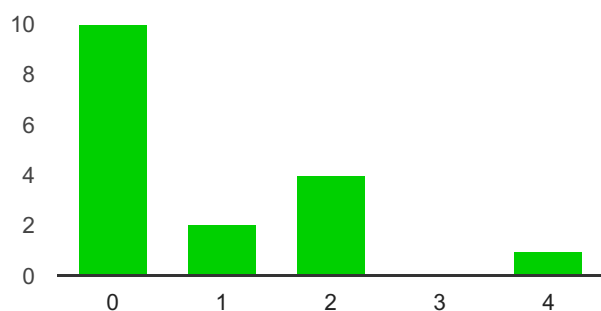
2 1 5.6%

3 2 11.1%

Fundamental importance: 4 15 83.3%

Local representation

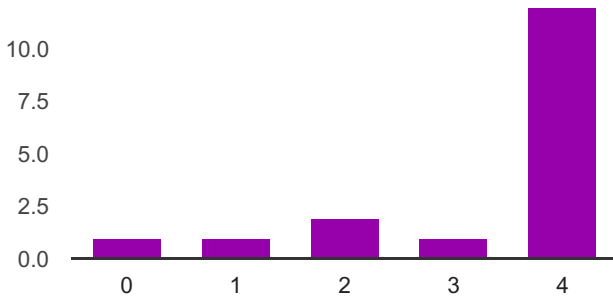
Prioritize having one single MP per riding



Not important at all / bad thing: 0 10 58.8%

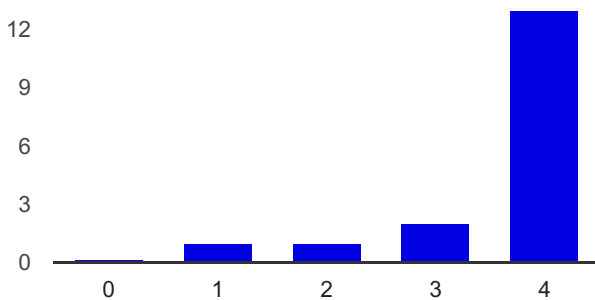
1	2	11.8%
2	4	23.5%
3	0	0%
Fundamental importance: 4	1	5.9%

Prioritize multi-member ridings or top-up regions large enough to ensure proportionality



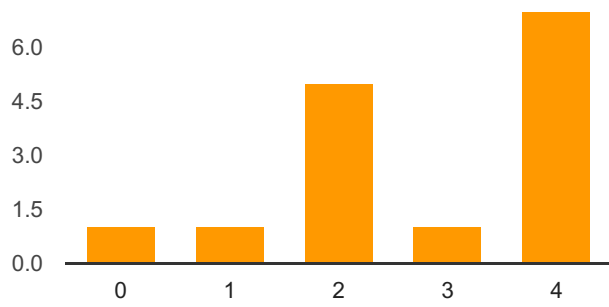
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1	1	5.9%
2	2	11.8%
3	1	5.9%
4	12	70.6%

Ensure that voters elect representatives across the country in proportion to their share of the votes in each region



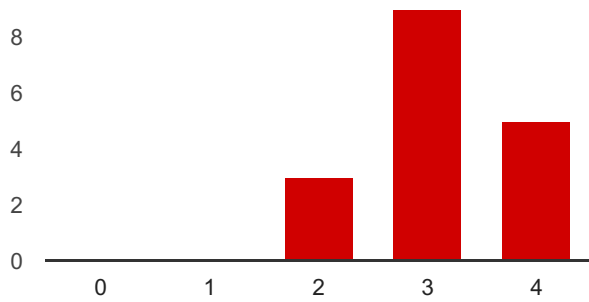
0	0	0%
1	1	5.9%
2	1	5.9%
3	2	11.8%
4	13	76.5%

Ensure that the loyalty of MPs to their local constituency does not override their duty to work for the public good at the national level



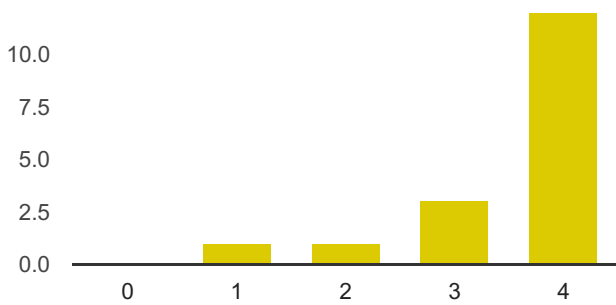
2 5 55.5%
 3 1 6.7%
 4 7 46.7%

Elect MPs that are attentive to local issues and can help constituents with personal issues



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 2 3 17.6%
 3 9 52.9%
 4 5 29.4%

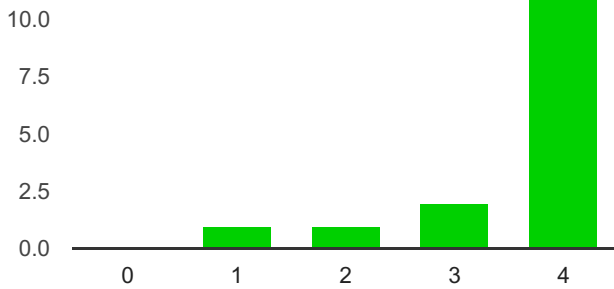
Encourage politicians to take a long-term policy perspective



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 1 1 5.9%
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 3 3 17.6%

4 12 70.6%

Avoid large policy swings due to small changes voter preferences



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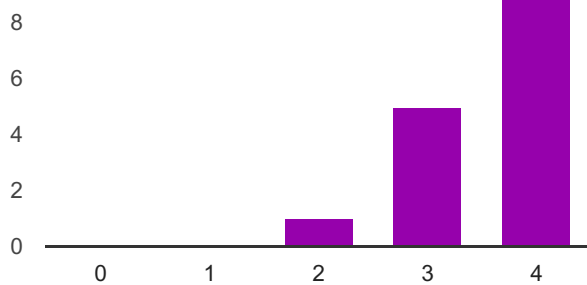
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2 1 6.7%

3 2 13.3%

4 11 73.3%

Ensure that we elect the best representatives in each party



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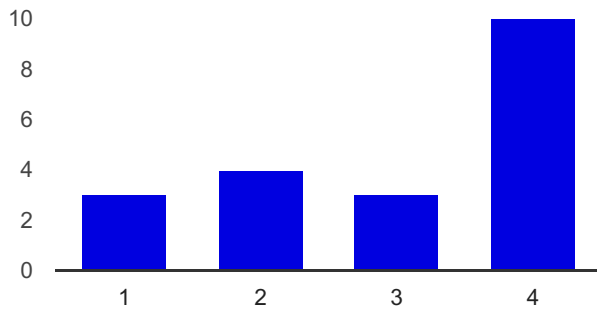
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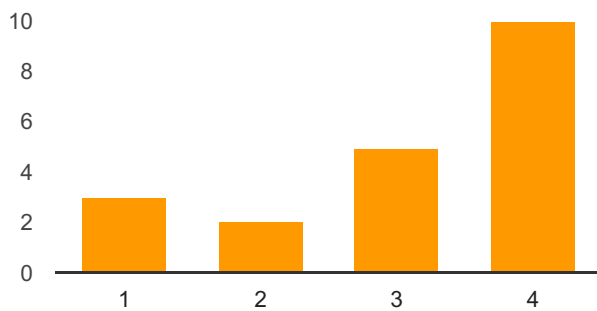
4 9 60%

Part III: Electoral Systems

How familiar are you with the proposal to introduce ranked ballots while retaining the winner-take-all approach that we have now (otherwise known as the Instant Runoff or Alternative Vote system)?

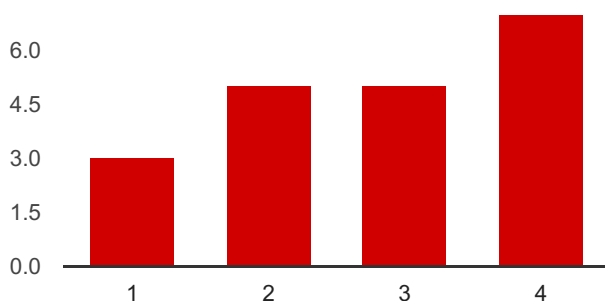


How familiar are you with the proposal to introduce a Mixed Member Proportional system (MMP), based on somewhat larger ridings combined with the use of top-up seats on a regional basis to ensure proportionality?



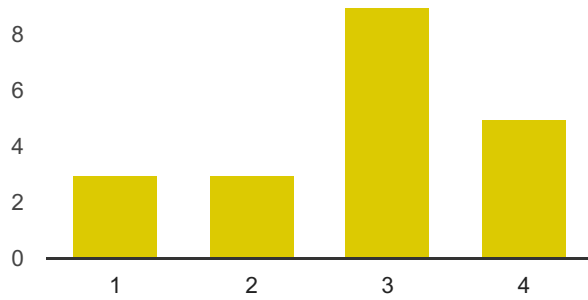
Not at all familiar: 1 3 15%
 2 2 10%
 3 5 25%
 Very familiar: 4 10 50%

How familiar are you with the Single Transferable Vote system (STV), which would group ridings together in multi-member districts to ensure that voters with different preferences can elect a number of MPs to reflect those different preferences?



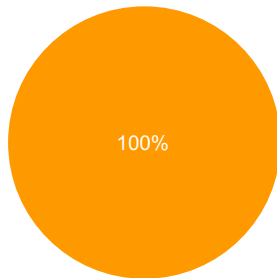
Not at all familiar: 1 3 15%
 2 5 25%
 3 5 25%
 Very familiar: 4 7 35%

How familiar are you with some of the hybrid options being put forward that would combine multi-member ridings in cities with single-member or two-member ridings in rural areas, while adding a small number of top-up seats to ensure proportionality?



Not at all familiar: 1 3 15%
 2 3 15%
 3 9 45%
 Very familiar: 4 5 25%

Given a choice between keeping the current First-past-the-Post system, or changing it, what would be your preference?

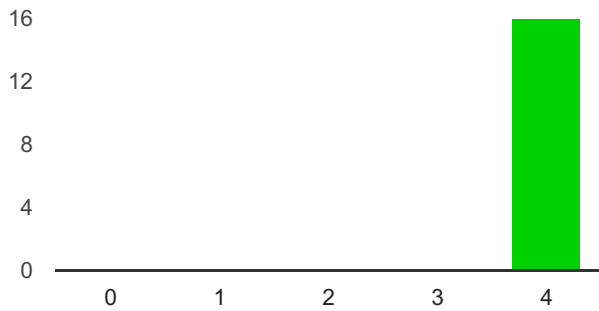


Keep the current FPTP system based on single-member ridings in which the candidate with the most votes is elected MP 0 0%

Keep the current system but add the option of ranked ballots with instant runoff, otherwise known as the Alternative Vote system, which also uses single member ridings and elects a single winner per riding. 0 0%

Replace the current system with some form of proportional representation, where the number of seats in Parliament approximates each party's share of the vote. 20 100%

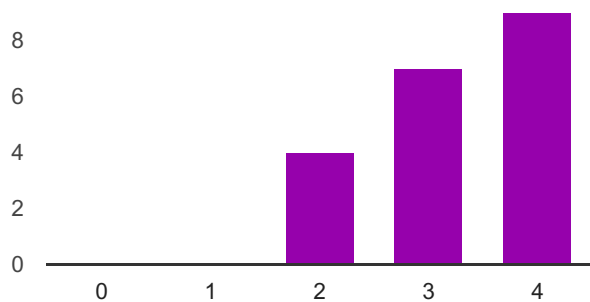
Please indicate how strongly you feel your choice.



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Canada can be reduced to

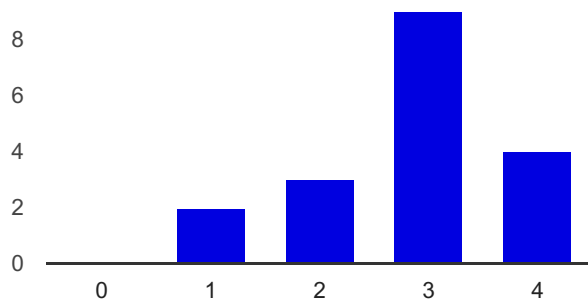
MMP, STV or a hybrid model involving small multi-member ridings and a small number of top-up seats to increase the proportionality of the system. Based on your understanding of what these systems entail, would you please indicate below your personal assessment of each if these options from 0 to 4, from “don’t like it at all” to “would be an excellent choice for Canada.”

Some version of Mixed Member Proportional (MMP) (retaining single-member seats while adding top-up seats on a regional basis to ensure proportionality)

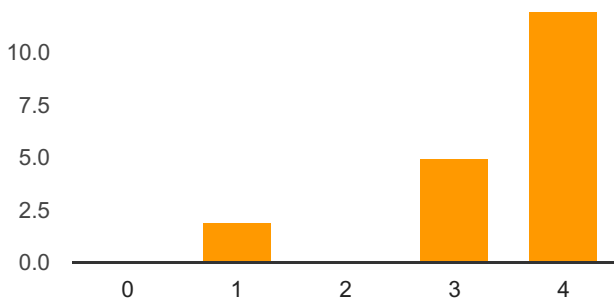


Don't like at all: 0	0 0%
1	0 0%
2	4 20%
3	7 35%
Would be an excellent choice for Canada: 4	9 45%

Some version of single transferable vote (STV) (grouping ridings to form Multi-member ridings to ensure that voters with different preferences can elect a number of MPs to reflect those different preferences)

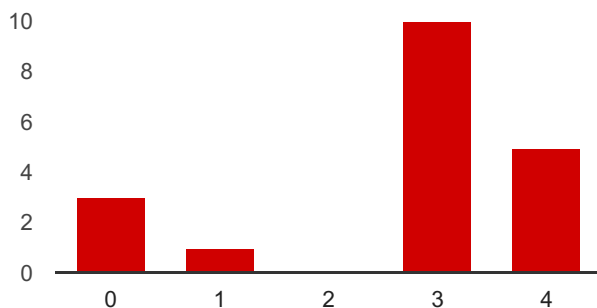


As a rural area, this system involving a mix of multi-member ridings (larger in urban areas, smaller in rural areas, combined with a small number of top-up seats for increased proportionality)



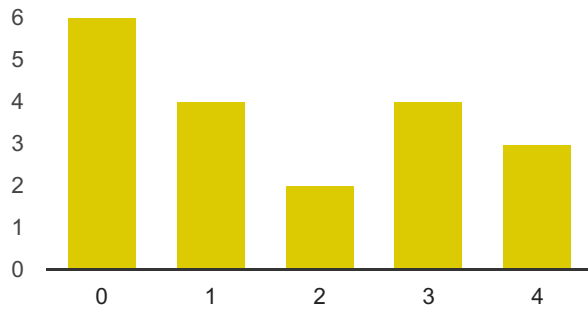
Don't like at all: 0	0	0%
1	2	10.5%
2	0	0%
3	5	26.3%
Would be an excellent choice for Canada: 4	12	63.2%

Regardless of what system you might prefer, please indicate your views of whether compulsory voting might be good to boost voter turnout.



Really bad idea!: 0	3	15.8%
1	1	5.3%
2	0	0%
3	10	52.6%
Great idea!: 4	5	26.3%

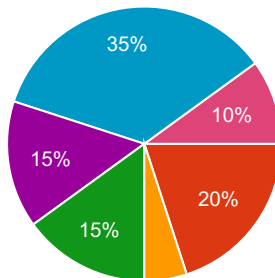
Regardless of what system you might prefer, please indicate your views of whether online voting might be a good way to boost voter turnout.



Really bad idea!: 0 6 31.6%
 1 4 21.1%
 2 2 10.5%
 3 4 21.1%
 Great idea!: 4 3 15.8%

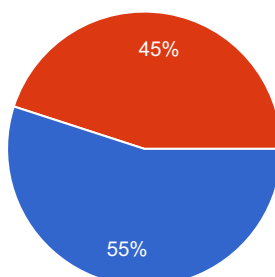
Part IV: About You

In what age group are you?



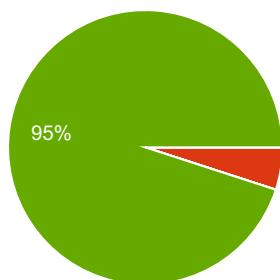
under 20 0 0%
 20-29 4 20%
 30-39 1 5%
 40-49 3 15%
 50-59 3 15%
 60-69 7 35%
 70 or over 2 10%

Are you?



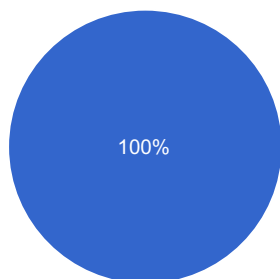
Female 11 55%
 Male 9 45%
 Transgender 0 0%

In which province or region do you live?



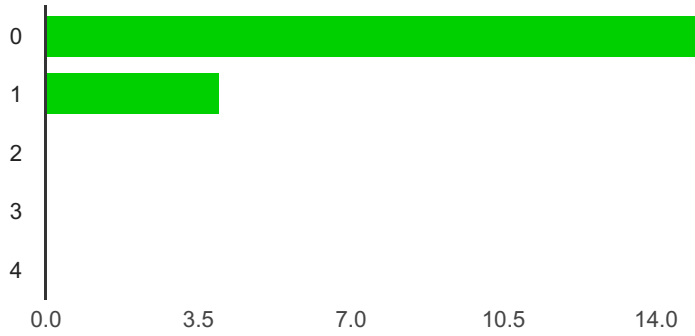
Alberta	0	0%
BC	1	5%
Manitoba	0	0%
New Brunswick	0	0%
Newfoundland and Labrador	0	0%
Nunavut, NWT or Yukon	0	0%
Nova Scotia	0	0%
Ontario	19	95%
PEI	0	0%
Quebec	0	0%
Saskatchewan	0	0%

In which category of community do you live?

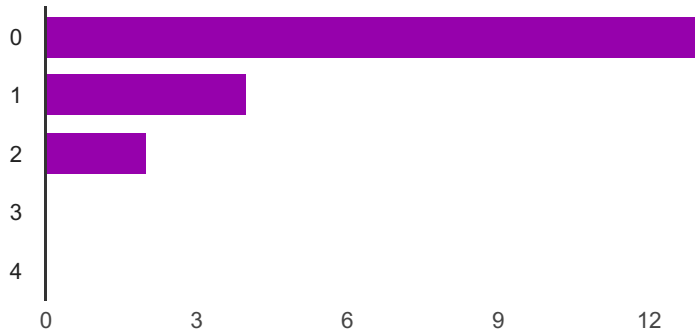


City of over 100,000 residents	20	100%
Smaller city between 5,000 and 100,000 residents	0	0%
Rural or villages and towns of less than 5,000 residents	0	0%

Bloc Quebecois [Please rate the following federal parties in terms of your support for them (0-4, from "Do not support at all" to "My top choice")]

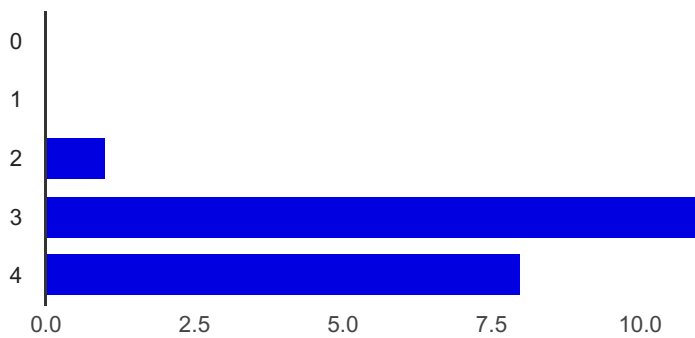


Conservative Party [Please rate the following federal parties in terms of your support for them (0-4, from "Do not support at all" to "My top choice")]



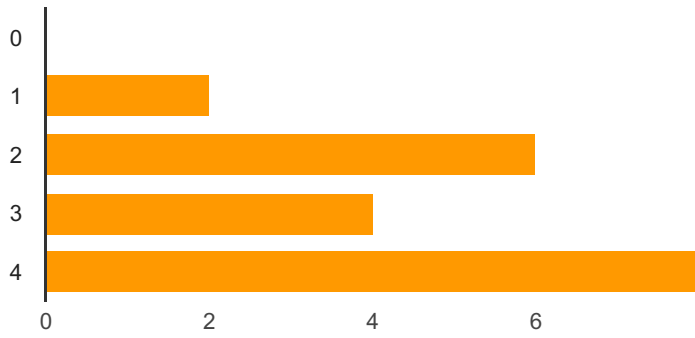
0 13 68.4%
 1 4 21.1%
 2 2 10.5%
 3 0 0%
 4 0 0%

Green Party [Please rate the following federal parties in terms of your support for them (0-4, from "Do not support at all" to "My top choice")]



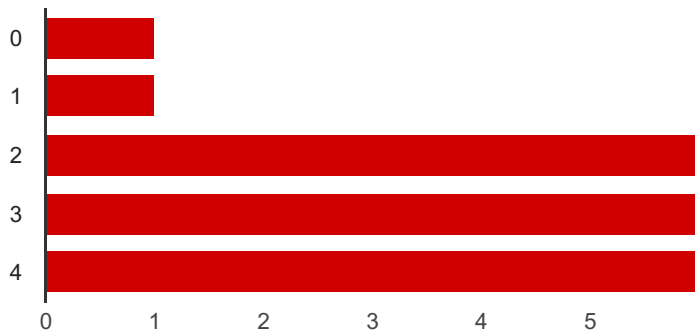
0 0 0%
 1 0 0%
 2 1 5%
 3 11 55%
 4 8 40%

Liberal Party [Please rate the following federal parties in terms of your support for them (0-4, from "Do not support at all" to "My top choice")]



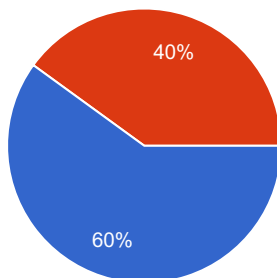
1 2 10%
 2 6 30%
 3 4 20%
 4 8 40%

NDP [Please rate the following federal parties in terms of your support for them (0-4, from "Do not support at all" to "My top choice")]



0 1 5%
 1 1 5%
 2 6 30%
 3 6 30%
 4 6 30%

Did you vote for your first preference in the last federal election, or did you vote strategically?



First choice 12 60%
 Strategically 8 40%
 Did not vote 0 0%

Part V: Qualitative Comments and Follow-up

Please use this space to offer any other comments that you would like to emphasize.

Ensure we elect best representative in each party--silly question Please indicate how strongly you feel about your choices (4)--Otherwise I wouldn't bother filling this out.

I don't think the top-up seats are necessary in rural-urban hybrid STV, and unnecessarily complicate an already complex system. Also, the Baden-Wurttemberg variant on STV may be a useful way to simplify the ballot. (Also lower the voting age)

How important is this issue to you (4)--even though I really don't understand most of this. I want something that will avoid Stephen Harper, Mike Harris (prov, I know) fiascoes in future! What do you think of on-line voting? (3)--Hadn't thought about hacking! Whoops. Very concerning. I sincerely want Canada to emphasize POGG (I used to teach gr. 10 Civics!) I never ever want to have to endure another time of poor government (tyrannical and undemocratic) like that of Stephen Harper (& Harris provincially). We can do better than this. FPTP is more likely to result in a tyrant.

I am sick of seeing such a drastic change in government every 4 years despite relatively similar voting results!

NO referendum!

Voting is a right and a responsibility, a point that is missed by many people. Changing our voting system must be continuous to reflect society. Not a one-time event.

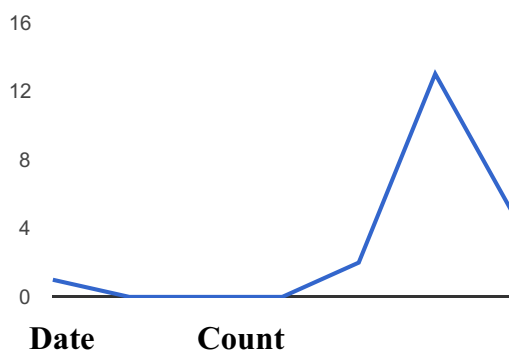
Re: FPTP--I am beginning to be aware of negative complications that are not included in our assumption that it is "simple and easy to understand". Re: Principles and Values--Some of these statements are so wordy as to obscure meaning. Re: Online voting--Skeptical about security and other risks--may be OK as an option; but not the only way to vote.

Re: Online Voting--because of hacking concerns

At the end of the day, this is about fairness. As a proud Liberal, I have had my vote count. I've also experienced the helplessness of my views not being represented in Parliament--and can't really imagine having endured my entire life with that feeling. But that is what many of my fellow Canadians are going through. As a Liberal but more importantly as a Canadian, this is not inclusiveness and it is fundamentally unfair. Let's fix it while we have the chance!

Follow-up

Number of daily responses



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