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A vote for or against electoral reform was included in the 2006? Ontario provincial election and while it seemed like it was voted down that result was questionable at best.

If a person looked into it well enough to vote for or against one would realize that there were two questions.

"Are you in favour of electoral reform." was one question and the only one offered.

The two questions if a voter looked into it well enough to vote were "Are you in favour of electoral reform and are you in favour of 38 more mps to do it with."

Voters like myself who realized there were two questions made a difference. While I'm in favour of some kind of electoral reform I had to vote against it because I didn't want more mps to do it with. I wasn't the only one who voted against it because of that. Many on comment boards I frequented had the same reluctance for the proposed system-38 more mps all costing taxpayers 2-10 million more per year per mp.

Had the question been "Are you in favour of some kind of electoral reform?" without the hidden question "are you in favour of 38 more mps to do it with" the answer might have been different.

Answers on surveys where there are two questions rolled into one are skewed.

Which brings me to the recent survey on electoral reform.

I tried to answer it.

Many of the survey questions asked more than one thing. Two questions rolled into one.

Because of that the answers government are looking for are going to be skewed just like they were in the 2006 referendum.

It is an electoral emergency that the survey questions be offered one question at a time.

"Do you like dogs and do you like taking them for a walk?" Two questions exactly like those in the survey.

The survey needs to go back to the drawing board.

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I think no matter what government comes up with if offered to the public in the form of a referendum yes or no it will be voted down.

Small incremental changes might be better.

How about a non partisan committee to determine what the top five issues were in an election and how Canadians voted on it.

This past election meant that the majority of Canadians-72% who didn't vote cons. wanted a change in

style of government. Mr. Trudeau is doing a good job on that.

It also meant that the majority-62% who didn't vote liberal wanted and voted for balanced budgets.

Canadians got half of what we voted for on those two issues.

How we would get those two results with any electoral change is what government should look at.

How can the majority of Canadians get what they want on major issues?

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For the electronically challenged attaching a file was more work than it was needed to be.

I had help available. Not everyone does. A large percentage of Canadians would have been unable to give or voice their opinions.

The survey and the method of answering in this form both need to be sent back to the drawing board to allow for answers and opinions that aren't skewed.