

Electoral reform survey help sheet

The federal government's current survey on electoral reform never asks if participants prefer proportional representation, but you can fill it out to show this is your preferred option.

Not all questions on the survey will help you show support for proportional representation, but the suggestions below from Fair Vote Canada should help you answer the questions that will. To see how Fair Vote came up with these suggestions, go to mycanadiandemocracy.ca.

Q – There should be parties in Parliament that represent the views of all Canadians, even if some are radical or extreme.

A – Answering “strongly agree” supports proportional representation.

Q – There should be greater diversity of views in Parliament.

A – Answering “strongly agree” supports proportional representation.

Q – It is better for several parties to have to govern together than for one party to make all the decisions in government, even if it takes longer for government to get things done.

A – Answering “strongly agree” supports proportional representation.

Q – Governments should have to negotiate their policy decisions with other parties in Parliament, even if it is less clear who is accountable for the resulting policy.

A – Answering “strongly agree” supports proportional representation.

Q – A ballot should be easy to understand, even if it means voters have fewer options to express their preferences.

A – To support proportional representation, consider answering disagree or strongly disagree. This shows you favour of more voter choice.

Q – It should always be clear which party is accountable for decisions made by government, *even if* this means that decisions are only made by one party.

A – To support proportional representation, consider answering disagree or strongly disagree.

Q – Voters should be able to express multiple preferences on the ballot,

A – Answering “strongly agree” supports proportional representation.

Q – A party that wins the most seats in an election should still have to compromise with other parties,

A -- Answering “strongly agree” supports proportional representation.

Priorities

In this question, the government invites you to check your top priorities.

Highlighted below are the priorities that **most strongly support proportional representation**. While other priorities might also relate the proportional representation, the highlighted answers show the strongest support.

- **Governments that collaborate with other parties in Parliament**
- **Strengthening the link between voter intention and the election of representatives**
- **Governments that consider all viewpoints before making a decision**
- **Increasing voter turnout**
- Governments that can be easily held to account by voters
- MPs that focus on what is best for the country
- Ensuring the security of the voting process
- Ensuring the voting process is easy to understand
- **Government with strong representation in every region**
- Allowing voters to express a wide range of preferences when voting
- Governments that can make decisions quickly
- Ability to vote online during elections
- **Better representation of groups that are currently underrepresented in Parliament**
- MPs who focus primarily on the interests of their local community
- **Increasing the presence of smaller parties in Parliament**