

Democratic Reform

Electoral Reform

The fundamental of principle democracy is equal treatment for all under the law. The principle of fairness is a promise to all citizens in any democracy. Under our current electoral system, First Past The Post, fairness is undermined. In both the 2015 and 2011 federal elections, majority governments were elected with under 40% of the popular vote. This means that 60 % of Canadians have no say at the decision making table and that more Canadians voted against the government than voted for it. We can change this unfair situation by changing our electoral system.

Proportional Representation

Eighty percent of OECD countries use some form of proportional representation (PR). A move to a PR based electoral system would ensure that every vote is effective in electing a representative that the voter wants and that every vote is equal to every other vote. Equality and fairness should be the foundation of any electoral system.



What steps will your party take to ensure that equality and fairness are the foundation of electoral system in Ontario?

What are your personal views of First Past the Post and Proportional Representation?



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PARTY PLATFORMS

Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario

- End government subsidies to political parties

New Democratic Party of Ontario

- Create an Election Finances Commission that will review election finance law.
This will emphasize electoral fairness
- Increase government transparency

Ontario Libertarian Party

- Add a “sunset clause” to legislation so that legislation will have to be reviewed and voted on again after 5 years
- Eliminate government funding for political parties
- Create a public inquiry that looks into government corruption

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