

# Electoral and Democratic Reform

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## Democracy

- A brief history of democracy
- Its multiple objectives
- Its essential components
- The democratic deficit in Canada: getting better or worse?

## Canada Elections Act

- Its history
- Its mandate
- The role of the Chief Electoral Officer
- How does Canada compare?
- Bill C-23

## Class Discussion (please come prepared for this discussion)

How to reform the Canada Elections Act?

## Required Readings

Fair Elections: <https://www.liberal.ca/realchange/fair-elections/>

Electoral Reform: <https://www.liberal.ca/realchange/electoral-reform/>

Government Advertising: <https://www.liberal.ca/realchange/government-advertising/>

Political Financing: <https://www.liberal.ca/realchange/political-financing/>

Leaders' Debates: <https://www.liberal.ca/realchange/leaders-debates/>

Mandate letter to the Minister of Democratic Institutions: <http://pm.gc.ca/eng/minister-democratic-institutions-mandate-letter>

## Recommended Readings

Minister's introduction to [Bill C-23 \(Fair Elections Act\)](#), see Mr. Polievre's statement under "GOVERNMENT ORDERS": <http://www.parl.gc.ca/HousePublications/Publication.aspx?Pub=Hansard&Doc=42&Parl=41&Ses=2&Language=E&Mode=1>