Electoral and Democratic Reform

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Outline

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

Canada Elections Act
- It's history
- Its mandate
- The role of the Chief Electoral Officer
- How does Canada compare?
- Bill C-23 “Fair” Elections Act & Bill C-33

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

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