

First Past the Post

Winner takes all

*Canada's Parliament is made up of three equal parts – The Queen, Senate and House of Commons. The House of Commons is the only component that is elected. The system we use to select members of Parliament is called "First Past the Post."



Riding Results on Election Night

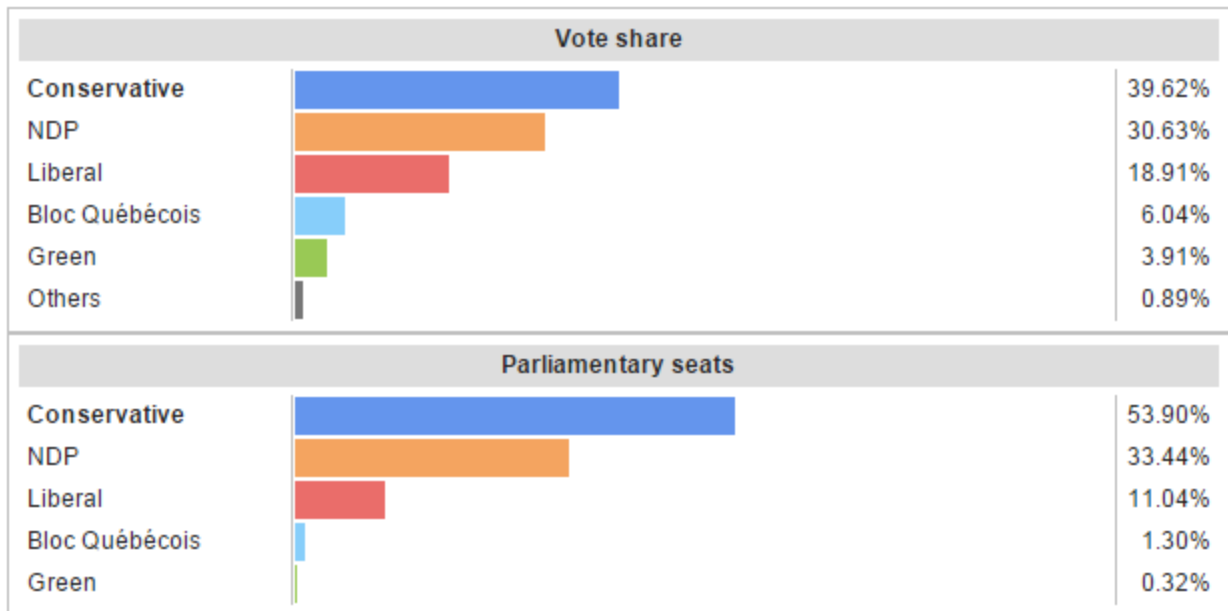
Candidate	Votes	Percentage of Vote
Frank Underwood (HOC Party)	10,000	31.21%
Jemma Teller (Anarchy Party)	9,998	31.21%
Dexter Morgan (Miami Party)	8,765	27.36%
Sarah Linden (Seattle Party)	2,376	7.41%
Daryl Dixon (Independent)	892	2.78%
Total Vote	32,031	100%

1. Who won the election in this riding?

2. What are some problems with this system of electing representatives (please see other side of this sheet)?

Results of the 2011 Federal Election – 61% voter turnout

Party	Leader	Votes Nationwide	% of the Vote	Seats awarded in the House of Commons
Conservative Party	Stephen Harper	5,832,401	39.62%	166
New Democratic Party	Jack Layton	4,508,474	30.63%	103
Liberal Party	Michael Ignatieff	2,783,175	18.91%	34
Bloc Québécois	Gilles Duceppe	889,788	6.04%	4
Green Party	Elizabeth May	576,221	3.91%	1



In your group, suggest some ways to fix this system: