

Selecting a Prime Minister



Your Excellency -

You are the Governor General of Canada and the country has just had a federal election. The most important constitutional duty of your office is to ensure that the country always has a functioning democratically elected government. From the scenarios listed below, please select the government and prime minister.

REMEMBER that that total amount of seats in the House of Commons is 338.

Scenario #1:

Political Party	# of Seats	Party Leaders
Conservative Party	190	Stephen Harper
Liberal Party	100	Justin Trudeau
New Democratic Party	40	Jagmeet Singh
Green Party	7	Elizabeth May
Communist Party	1	Miguel Figueroa

What type of government will be formed (majority/minority)?

Who will be prime minister?

Scenario #2:

Political Party	# of Seats	Party Leaders
Green Party	171	Elizabeth May
Communist Party	120	Miguel Figueroa
Conservative Party	27	Stephen Harper
New Democratic Party	20	Jagmeet Singh
Liberal Party	1	Justin Trudeau

What type of government will be formed (majority/minority)?

Who will be prime minister?

Scenario #3:

Political Party	# of Seats	Party Leaders
Maple Leaf Party	165	Morgan Freeman
Donut Party	141	Selina Meyer
Camping Party	24	Frank Underwood
Wampum Party	7	Josiah Barlet
Snow Party	1	Jim Hacker

What type of government will be formed (majority/minority)?

Who will be prime minister?

What could happen in this scenario?

Scenario #4:

Political Party	# of Seats	Party Leaders
Atomic Tangerine Party	172	Leader resigned – will hold a leadership race in one week
Orange Peel Party	98	Fatma Abadi
Vermilion Party	40	Oliver Järvinen
Bittersweet Shimmer Party	14	María José Garcia
Persimmon Party	14	Oren Thundersky

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Note: The same constitutional setup exists in the provincial order of government – the lieutenant governor, as the representative of The Queen, acts as the governor general would for the federal government