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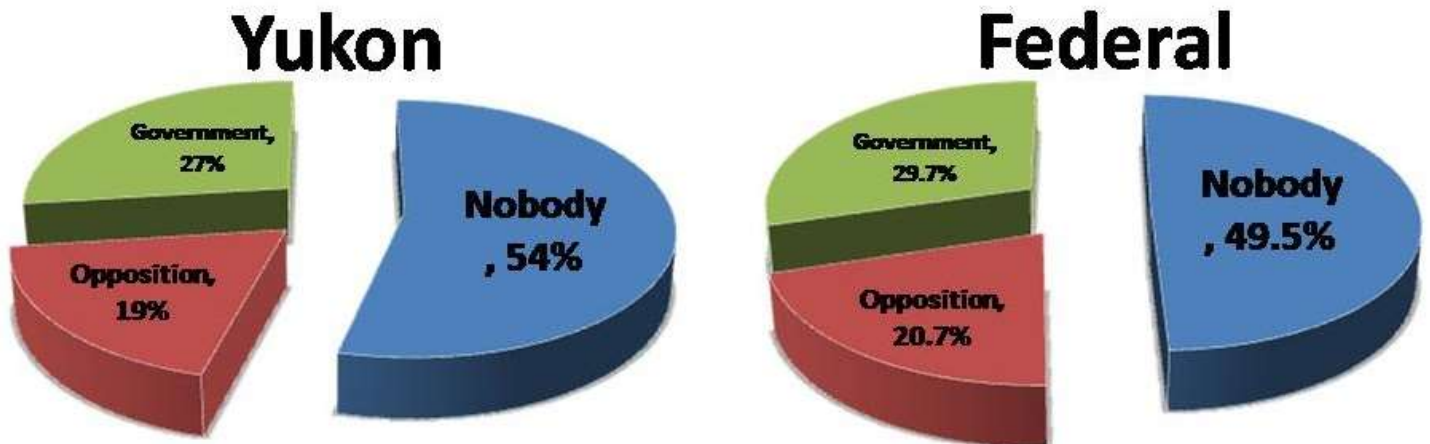
Pictorial Discussion Starters for Canada's election system

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As Dave Nash told me, First Past the Post (FPTP) is sometimes described as promoting the election of strong, stable governments. Indeed, it does lead more often to majority governments, but not long-term stability.

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In the 2011 elections, the following percentages of votes cast elected:



Is This Democracy?

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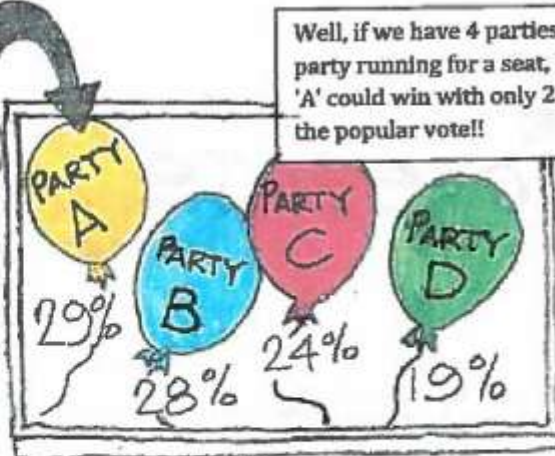
OUR ELECTORAL SYSTEM



How can the government have a majority when it only represents 29% of the voters?

DID YOU KNOW?

PARTY 'A' WINS WITH 29%



Well, if we have 4 parties, each party running for a seat, Party 'A' could win with only 29% of the popular vote!!



Hey, if 29% of the voters can get a majority government that means 71% of the voters get no say!! This isn't fair!! Doesn't my vote count too?!!



IT TURNS OUT WE CAN DO BETTER!

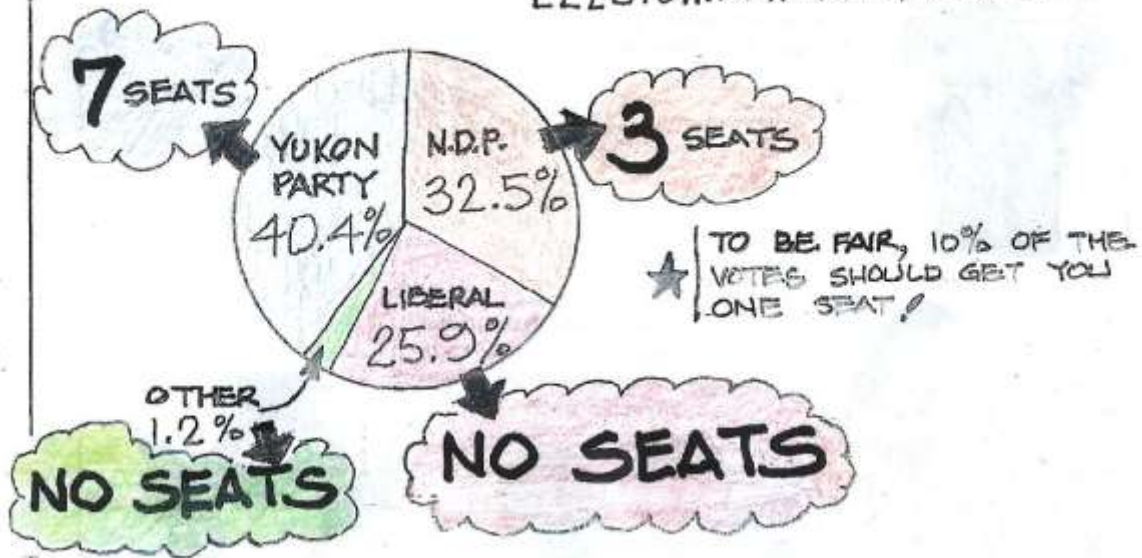
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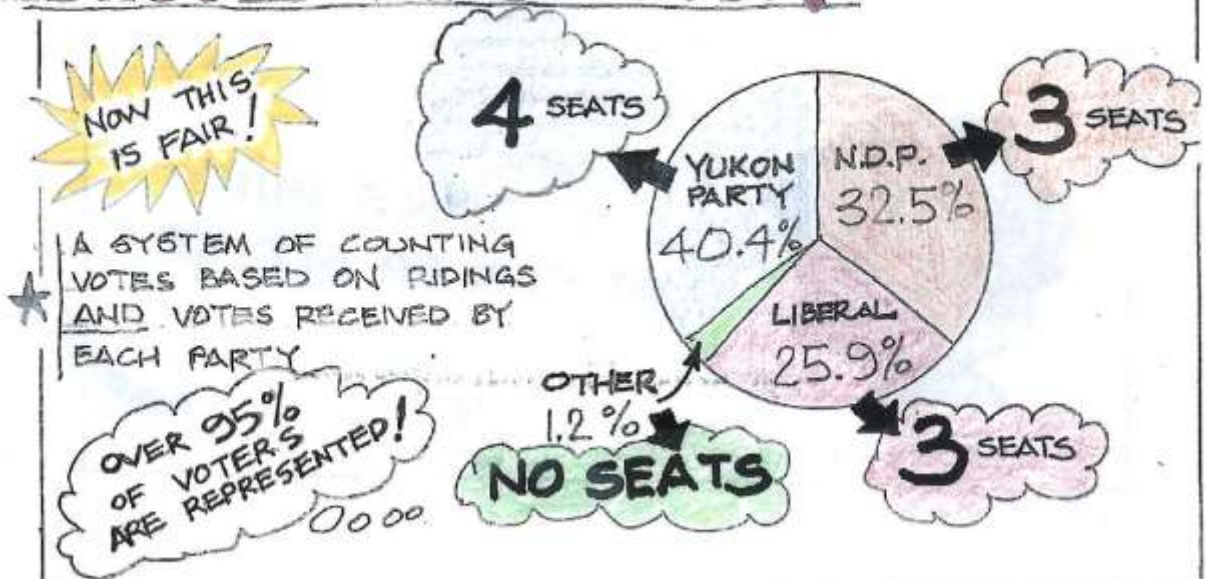
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HOW YOUR VOTES WERE COUNTED

IN A RECENT ELECTION IN THE YUKON'S
ELECTORAL AREA OF WHITEHORSE



HOW YOUR VOTES SHOULD BE COUNTED!



For the more technically inclined: How the system works

Accountable, Inclusive, collaborative, connected and stable governance during a government's term of office is possible with change to the system.

How the Preferential Ridings Proportional (PRP) System would work in the Yukon Territory

Why the Concern? Canada's Electoral System in Yukon

You may not know that Canada's FPTP election system results in half the votes not counting yet were counted. Voters are from all parties. Their votes have no more effect on the election results than if they had not bothered to vote.

“Do you want your vote to count?” (5 minute video) <https://goo.gl/NLIVbg>

Think about it. As I think you would agree, effective communities encourage all citizens to both be included and feel included. Change to a more effective electoral system could help that inclusive feeling of community to happen.

Yours truly,

Dave Brekke, very concerned former: Federal Returning Officer for Yukon, and

School principal in the isolated community of Old Crow, 1966-68; the years of the Centennial Project and the change to one far more effective community from three sub-communities through: **Inclusion in Governance**

The Preferential Ridings Proportional (PRP) system's effect on the Yukon

There would be three electoral areas totalling 9 paired riding seats + 9 proportional seats. There would also be 1 individual seat for a total of 19 seats – the same as the present number.

Yukon's Three Electoral Areas

I South Centre and East Yukon Area

4 riding seats become: 2 Paired-riding seats + 2 Proportional seats

Mount Lorne - Southern Lakes and Copperbelt South

Pelly-Nisutlin and Watson Lake

II Whitehorse Area

10 riding seats become: 5 Paired-riding seats + 5 Proportional seats

Riverdale South and Riverdale North

Porter Creek South and Takhini - Kopper King

Whitehorse Centre and Mountain View

Copperbelt North and Whitehorse West

Porter Creek North and Porter Creek Centre

III North Centre and West Yukon

4 riding seats become: 2 Paired-riding seats + 2 Proportional seats

Kluane and Lake Laberge

Klondike and Mayo-Tatchun

Individual seat: To have proportional seats and avoid additional seats, the first simple conversion to PRP requires an even number of ridings to join into paired ridings. With 19 ridings, we recommend that the isolated Vuntut Gwitchin riding stay as it is, an individual riding with no proportional seats. However, it can have preferential voting like other paired-ridings to have its most wanted and/or accepted representative (MLA), elected. Their voters will also be able to avoid splitting votes using preferential voting.

Info: <http://www.electoralchange.ca>

<http://www.fairvote.ca> and/or Law Commission of Canada: <http://goo.gl/tECTc2>

CANADA'S PRESENT ELECTORAL SYSTEM IN YUKON

Do you know how Government justifies not fixing the electoral system?

I don't - Yukon's illusory majority government does not represent Yukoners.

The false majority Government of Yukon represents 27% of votes. 54% of votes elected nobody. Government Members unanimously agree that the way to deal with electoral reform is to refuse to discuss it.

2011 Yukon Election results in Whitehorse using the present FPTP system

10 Riding seats

Popular vote of the electoral area	40.40%	25.90%	32.50%	1.20%
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Seats won under present system	7	0	3	0
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Total effective voters using the present system **46.4%**

Out of 8842 voters	2743	1363
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HOW PROPORTIONAL SEATS ARE WON USING THE PRP SYSTEM

Example: The Preferential Ridings Proportional PRP System: *simple enough?*

Electoral Area of Whitehorse, Yukon 10 seats - each seat to represent 10% of votes

10 seats: 5 Paired riding seats + 5 Proportional seats

POLITICAL PARTIES

	YukonP	LiberalP	NDP	Other
Popular Vote of electoral area	40.40%	25.90%	32.50%	1.20%

Number of paired riding seats won	3	0	2	0
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50 % Representational value	30%	0	20%	0
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50 % Unrepresented votes remaining	10.40%	25.90%	12.50%	1.20%
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Fully supported Proportional seats	1	2	1	
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% Unrepresented votes remaining	0.40%	5.90%	2.50%	1.20%
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Partially supported proportional seat		1		
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Total seats in electoral area	4	3	3	0
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Total effective voters using Preferential Ridings Proportional system **95.9%**

Voters need a system so they can vote with their hearts, minds and confidence.

Would you like to be one who helped change to happen through your **MP/MLA?**