

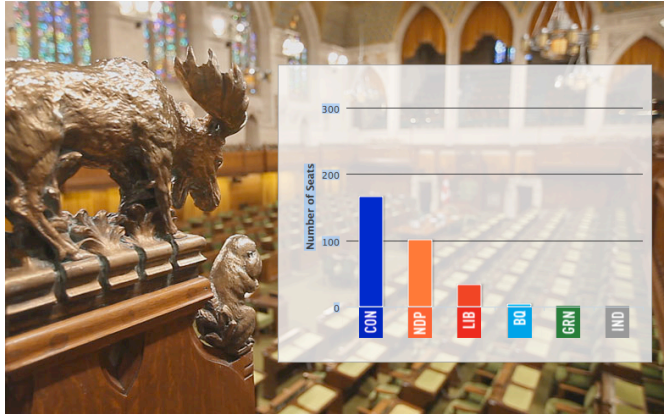
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Social Studies 11 Unit 2 Canadian, Eh: Politics, Government, and Identity

2C: Political System in Canada

Focus Questions that you should be able to talk and write about by the end of the unit:

- How do our beliefs translate to political action?
- How do we know what we are voting for?
- How can Canadians make change at different levels of government? What needs changing?)
- What are our power structures and how do these affect the kind of society we live in?



Activity



Use this link to try to figure out where you might be on the political spectrum:

<http://www.politicalcompass.org/>

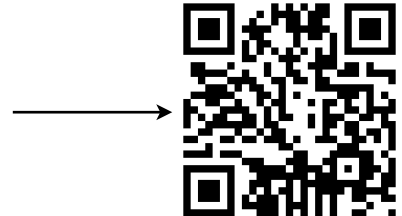
What did you come up with?

Anything you did not understand?

Current Events

What have you seen in the news lately about politics?

Try a "canada politics news " search or try here if you have no clue:



IDEOLOGIES

Reference: Counterpoints p.297-299 (pre-read please)

1. Define the following (use the text, but make sure you understand these using your own reasoning):

- ideology
- direct democracy
- representative democracy

- totalitarian
- authoritarian
- bourgeoisie
- proletariat
- political spectrum

2. Make some notes on each of these ideologies: socialism, liberalism, conservatism, communism, fascism. You may wish to build a chart with categories like definition, history, example, view on change, role of government, role of law, and history

PARTIES

Reference: Counterpoints p. 299-302 (pre-read please)

3. Define the following (use the text, but make sure you understand these using your own reasoning):

- Quebec sovereignty
- party platform
- libertarian
- NGO
- patronage

• populism

• partisan

4. The parties -- we will explore the main political parties in Canada with a webquest (lab activity). Start by reading about our five main parties on p. 299-301. Jot down a few words for each... who are they?

- Liberal
- Conservative
- NDP
- Block Quebecois
- Green

5. Why do people join (or not join) political parties? (p. 301)

6. What are the advantages and disadvantages of having a strong leader in the “party system.” (p. 301)

7. Explain why politics in BC is so *polarized*?

SENATE REFORM

Reference: Counterpoints p. 303 (pre-read please)

8. Why might our Senate need reforming?

9. Read about Romeo Dallaire on p. 303... we’ll come back to him later in the course. Is he an ideal senator? Would better senate appointments help make the senate reform issue go away?