

Why Vote Against Prop Rep?

This fall, B.C. voters are being asked whether we want to change the way we elect our government – here's why you should vote for our current system.



Prop rep takes representation away from the resource areas of our province – harming B.C.'s economy and reducing construction jobs. Prop rep means dozens of local MLAs will be appointed by political party bosses. This means northern communities will most likely have Lower Mainlanders representing them. This is unfair.



Prop rep helps dangerous, extremist, fringe parties gain power. Prop rep democracies in Europe are seeing a huge rise of neo-Nazis, Communists, and other extremists. The same would happen here. We need fewer crazy people in power, not more.



Two of the three prop rep systems proposed by the government aren't used anywhere in the world. They only exist on paper and are completely unproven. The third system is just a bafflegab buffet of nice-sounding principles, not a concrete electoral system. B.C. shouldn't use our democracy as a guinea pig. We can't afford the risks.



Prop rep democracies lead to backroom deals, far more elections and economic instability. In order to gain power, political parties trade favours behind closed doors, giving even more power to party bosses. Democracy should be about everyday people choosing their government – not encouraging backroom deals that fall apart, causing more elections and damaging confidence and investment.



The NDP and Greens have stacked the deck to pass prop rep – and will make up all of the rules afterward. The devil is in the details – if prop rep passes, the NDP and Greens will form a committee and set the rules for how the system is implemented. You can bet they'll skew it to make sure they win.

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This fall, B.C. voters will participate in an unnecessary referendum on Proportional Representation. This mail-in vote will decide the future of B.C.'s electoral system. Our current way of voting has provided our province with reliable, steady governance for decades. Let's keep our elections simple, stable and easy-to-understand by voting NO to Proportional Representation.

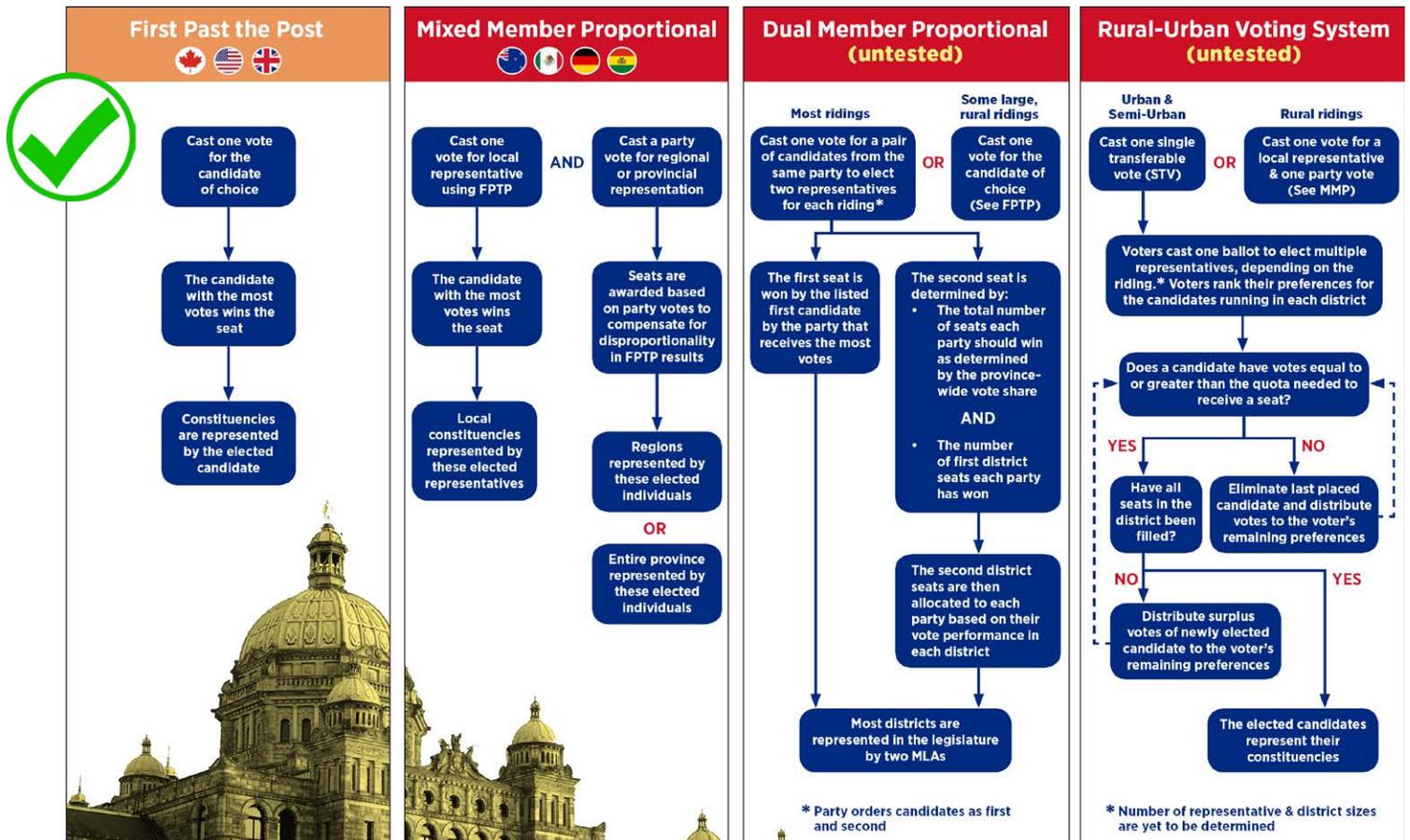
You'll be asked two questions.

The first question asks if we should keep the current First Past the Post voting system or move to a system of proportional representation.

Please vote to keep First Past The Post!

The second question asks voters to rank three complicated and confusing systems: Dual Member Proportional (DMP), Mixed Member Proportional (MMP), and Rural-Urban Proportional (RUP). **Many prop rep opponents plan to leave this second question blank, as none of the options are worth choosing.**

The tables below show clearly why our current, simple system is best.



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