

Our Values:

1. The will of the majority must prevail, within the bounds of the Constitution.

Democratic Reform is needed in Ontario:

Ontario's democratic system is based on 18th-century British Parliamentary democracy, and it has served us reasonably well. However, it was created in a century when citizens were both illiterate and uninformed. To that end citizens delegated their say in government decision-making to their elected representatives. This need not be the case today. The pace of modern life is such that many are almost as well-informed on the issues of the day as are our elected politicians.

Furthermore, our democracy has been based around the concept of adversarial party politics. It is our belief that Ontario's record low participation rates in provincial elections is due to a growing disenchantment with such partisan ways, which more often than not result in top-down, party-driven legislation rather than lasting, consensus-achieved laws that have broad support through unleashed MPPs.

To that end, we propose the following remedies:

1. All votes in the Legislature must be free votes.
2. Party Whips - used to enforce voting discipline - will be done away with, freeing up MPPs to truly represent their constituents.
3. To further erode party grip on Ontario politics, all MPPs will be seated alphabetically in the Legislature by riding, not in party groupings.
4. Each MPP's duty is to vote in accordance with the majority will in their riding.
5. Citizens can petition the legislature, and will also be allowed to use Citizen Initiative legislation to force a referendum on an issue of interest.
6. Government will also use binding referenda to decide major issues, when needed.
7. Referendum questions will be detailed, multiple choice ones and a Yes vote of 66%+1 will be needed to pass into law.
8. All citizens will elect Ontario's federal Senate nominees and such elections will occur in tandem with provincial elections.