



MAKE EVERY VOTE COUNT—ALWAYS!

PPR123: 'Perfect Proportional Representation' + 'Instant Runoff Voting' = 'True' Democracy!

Our Vision, Our Beliefs, Our Hope

Our Vision of Democracy is one that is 'True'!

Truly representative of 'the will of the People'!

Where 'the will of the People' is 'freely' and 'truly' expressed!

Free from the coercion of 'strategic voting' for the 'lesser of evils'!

And without the distortions of 'vote-splitting' and 'wasted votes'!

Our vision of Democracy is one that is Honest!

Where Citizens vote honestly for the candidates and parties they 'truly' prefer!

Where the voting system produces results that honestly represent the Citizens' votes!

We believe in the Power of an Idea!

We believe that the promise to 'Make Every Vote Count' is a very good Idea!

We believe all Citizens share this belief.

We believe that to 'Make Every Vote Count—Always' makes a very good Idea even better!

We believe Citizens would agree—and vote for that—if given the chance.

We believe 'Perfect Proportional Representation' (PPR123) is the 'right' Idea

as it is the only way to truly 'Make Every Vote Count—Always'!

We believe that most Citizens will want PPR123—when they learn about it.

We believe those who've learned about PPR123 should share these Ideas with others.

We believe that all Citizens of free countries have the right to the best possible Democracy.

We believe PPR123 will soon be recognized as the best voting system for the best Democracy!

We believe that PPR123 is an Idea which time has come!

We believe that PPR123 will soon be adopted somewhere!

We believe that PPR123 will then soon spread throughout the free world!

We hope that Canada will claim the historical distinction of becoming the first country to adopt PPR123!

About PPR123: origins and objectives

This analysis presents a new voting system, called **PPR123 (Perfect Proportional Representation with Instant Runoff Voting)**, which is produced as a citizen's initiative for the consideration of the Government of Canada under the leadership of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. In its first *Speech from the Throne*, PM Trudeau's new government declared its commitment to fulfill its campaign promise of electoral reform, by replacing the *First-Past-the-Post (FPTP)* voting system prior to the 2019 election.

In summary, the origins and objectives of **PPR123** are as follows:

- **P Jeffery Jewell** of Mission BC Canada is the author and originator.
- Jeff, with his wife **Diana Jewell**, became very involved as citizen activists and political analysts (on CFRO Vancouver Co-op Radio) with the work of the *BC Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform* in 2004, and the BC referenda of 2005 and 2009.
- Based on our extensive experience and study of alternative electoral systems (and the challenges of actually achieving electoral reform), we well understand the issues and the transformative potential of a superior voting system—by liberating the voters (as well as the parties and politicians) from the coercive forces within FPTP, and thereby more accurately reflecting the true '*will of the people*', while also improving the way the political system works and its connection with the people.

PPR123 uniquely achieves the most essential objectives of electoral reform:

- Empowers voters to *freely* express their *true* preferences (through **Instant Runoff Voting** and **Perfect Proportional Representation**), and fulfills its promise to "**make every vote count—always**" (**PPR**).
- Elects only 'rightful' winners, by ensuring that they all have true democratic legitimacy with the support of a *majority* of voters (**IRV**).

Produces electoral results that are always scrupulously fair—both *individually* and *collectively*—to all political parties and voters, by ensuring that the parliamentary voting power of every party is perfectly proportional to their share of the Citizens' votes (**PPR**).

- Acknowledgment is given to two particular advocates of electoral reform whose earlier independent work inspired the conception of **PPR**:
 - John R Kennedy, of Burnaby BC, author of "*The Seven Cent Solution: Vote Proportional Representation*", presented in 2004 to the BC Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform.
 - Griffin Turton, of Portsmouth UK, who authored a paper in May 2004 entitled "*The Relay System: A New Electoral System for the 21st Century*".

The key concept and principle behind **PPR** is captured in the phrase '*The Primacy of the Citizen's Vote*', i.e. that **the fundamental and irreducible unit of democracy is the Citizen's vote**. Hence, equality of unitary voting power rightly belongs to each Citizen—rather than each of their elected representatives.

From this revelation, it's clear that the core problems of *all* other voting systems are due to distortions they introduce through their flawed (and entirely unnecessary) processes by which they transmute the coercively and inaccurately expressed '*will of the people*' into the *parliamentary voting power* of the elected body of representatives. Until now, such defects in the democratic process have been accepted as unavoidable. With **PPR123**, the world will now recognize such defects to be both readily avoidable and entirely unacceptable.