



Political system of Canada

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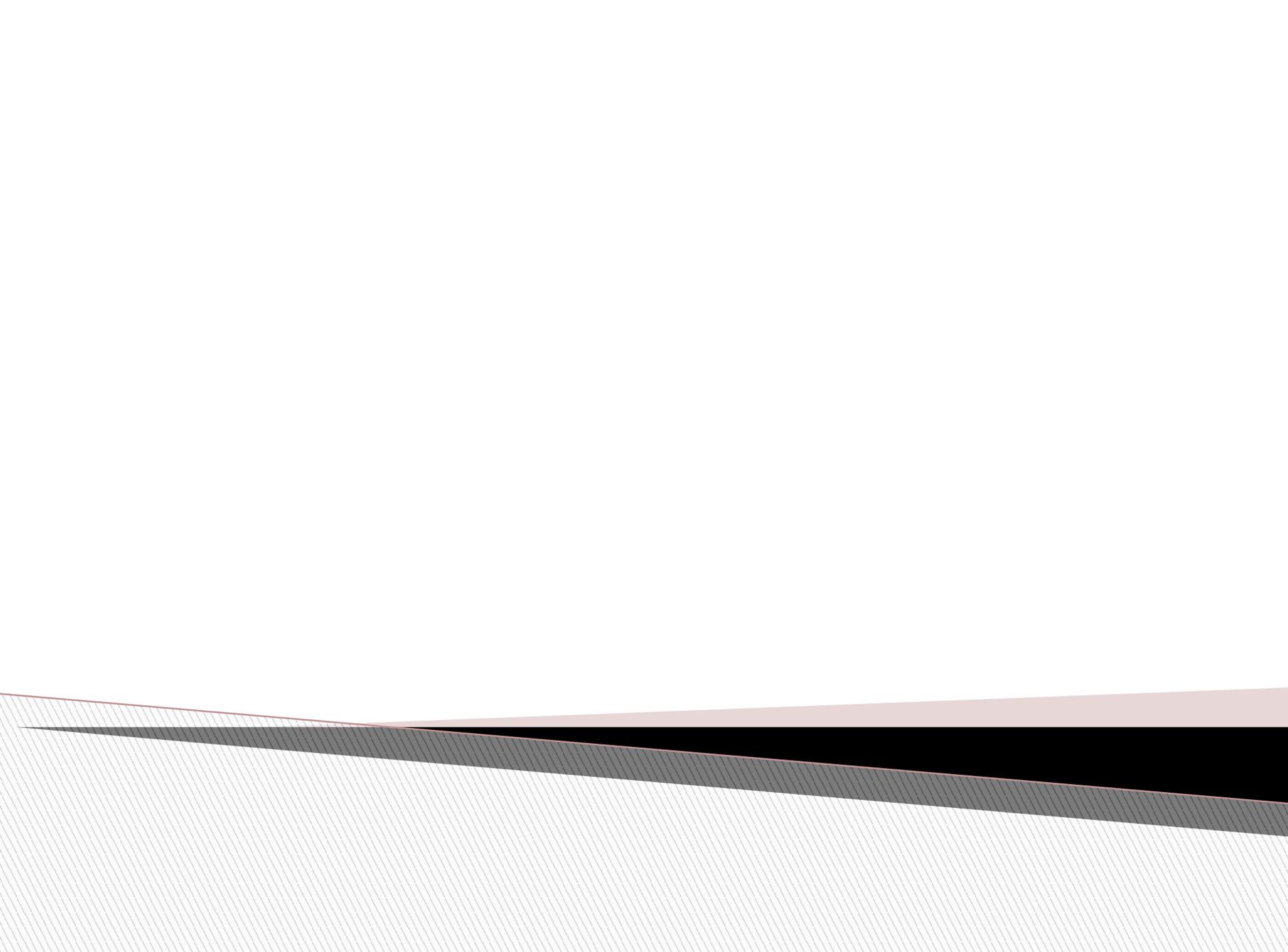
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General information

- ❑ Federal parliamentary democracy
- ❑ Westminster constitutional monarchy
- ❑ Languages – English and French
- ❑ Queen Elizabeth II





Administrative divisions

- Capital - Ottawa
- Ten provinces
- Three territories

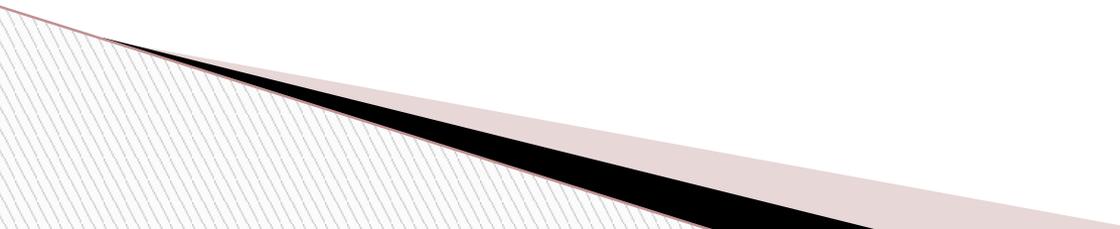


Governmental structure

- ❑ Executive power:
Cabinet of Canada
- ❑ Legislature:
Parliament of Canada
- ❑ Head of government:
Stephen Harper



Judiciary

- ▣ Supreme Court of Canada
 - ▣ Federal Court of Appeal
 - ▣ Provincial courts
 - ▣ English common law, except Quebec
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Cabinet of Canada

- ▣ Queen's Privy Council for Canada
- ▣ 18 Ministries
- ▣ Shadow cabinets
- ▣ Governor General:
David Johnson



Parliament of Canada

- ▣ Senate – 105 senators, direct appointment
- ▣ House of Commons – 308 MPs, FPP elections



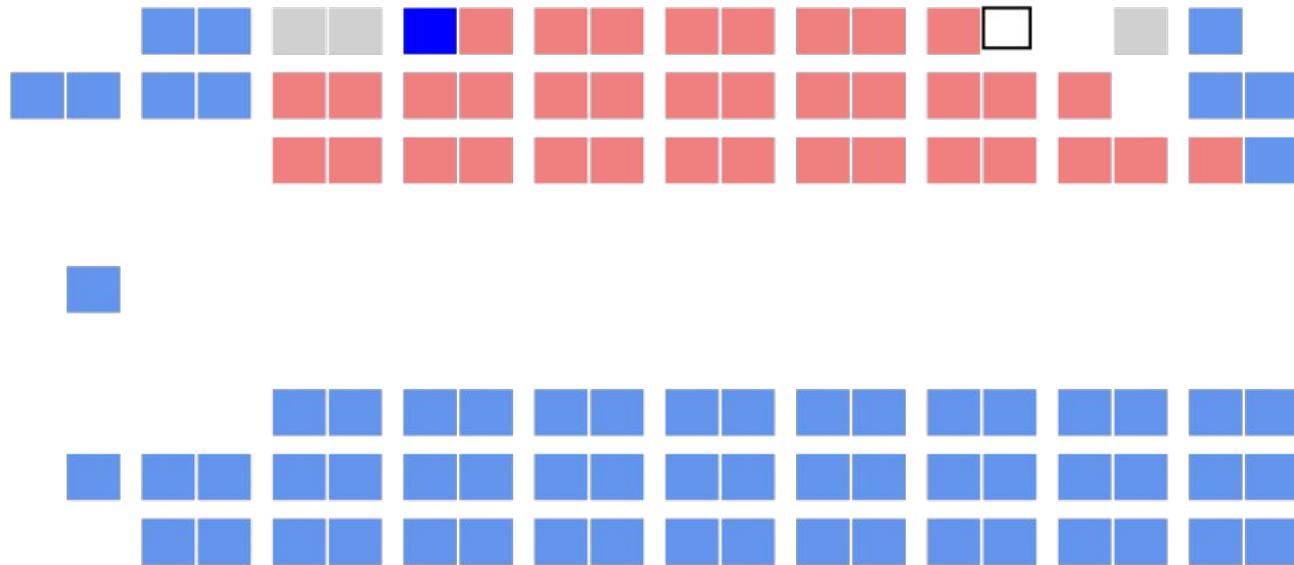
Senate of Canada

Government:

- Conservative – 64 seats
- Progressive Conservative – 1 seat

Opposition:

- Liberal – 36 seats



House of Commons of Canada

Government:

Conservative - 165 seats

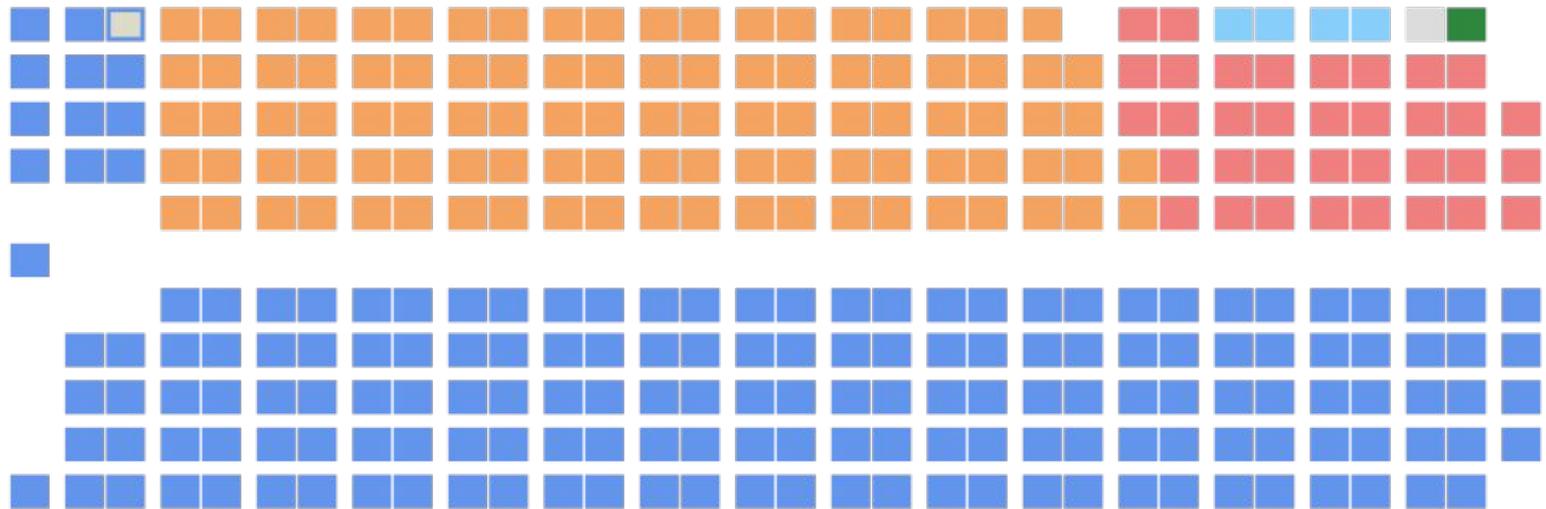
Opposition:

New Democratic - 101 seats

Liberal - 36 seats

Quebec Bloc - 4 seats

Green - 1 seat



Conservative Party of Canada

- ▣ Controls the majority of **53.57%** in the House of Commons
- ▣ Ideology: Conservatism
- ▣ Leader: Stephen Harper



New Democratic Party of Canada

▣ Controls **32.79%**
of the House of Commons

NDP  **NPD**

▣ Ideology: Social democracy

▣ Leader: Thomas Mulcair



Liberal Party of Canada

▣ Controls **11.36%**
of the House of Commons

▣ Ideology: Liberalism

▣ Leader: Bob Rae


Liberal



Quebec Bloc

- ▣ Controls 1.29%
of the House of Commons



- ▣ Ideology: Social democracy,
Quebec sovereignty

- ▣ Leader: Daniel Paillé



Green Party of Canada

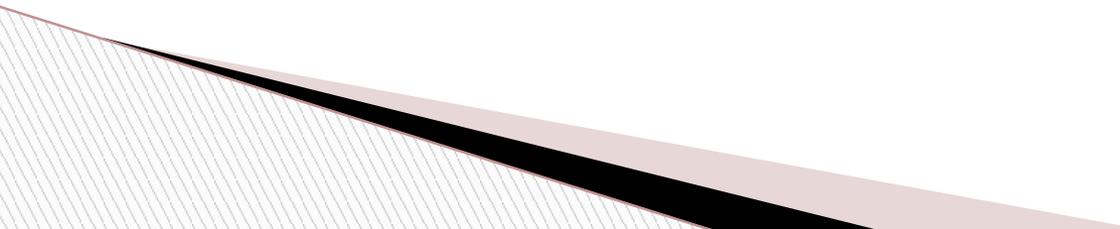
▣ Controls **0.32%**
of the House of Commons

▣ Ideology: Green politics

▣ Leader: Elizabeth May



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