

## Federal Election 2008

One of the curious results of the 2008 Election is that, although the first-past-the-post system was used, the results appear not to be starkly different from what a proportional representation system would have produced provided one only looks at the voting power of the parties in parliament.

	actual seats	%	seats in PR system
Conservatives	143	37.6	116
Liberal	76	26.2	81
NDP	37	18.2	56
Bloc	50	10.0	31
Green	0	6.8	22
Other	2	1.2	2

In the actual system, all three opposition parties have to vote against the government to defeat them.

In the PR system, it still needs the Liberals and NDP together; the Liberals and Greens cannot do it alone.