

2020

C-Dem Annual Report 2020

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C-Dem Partner Meeting 2020 - Agenda

9-9:30 am - Introductions and Report from the Co-Directors

9:30-9:45 - Report from Elections Canada

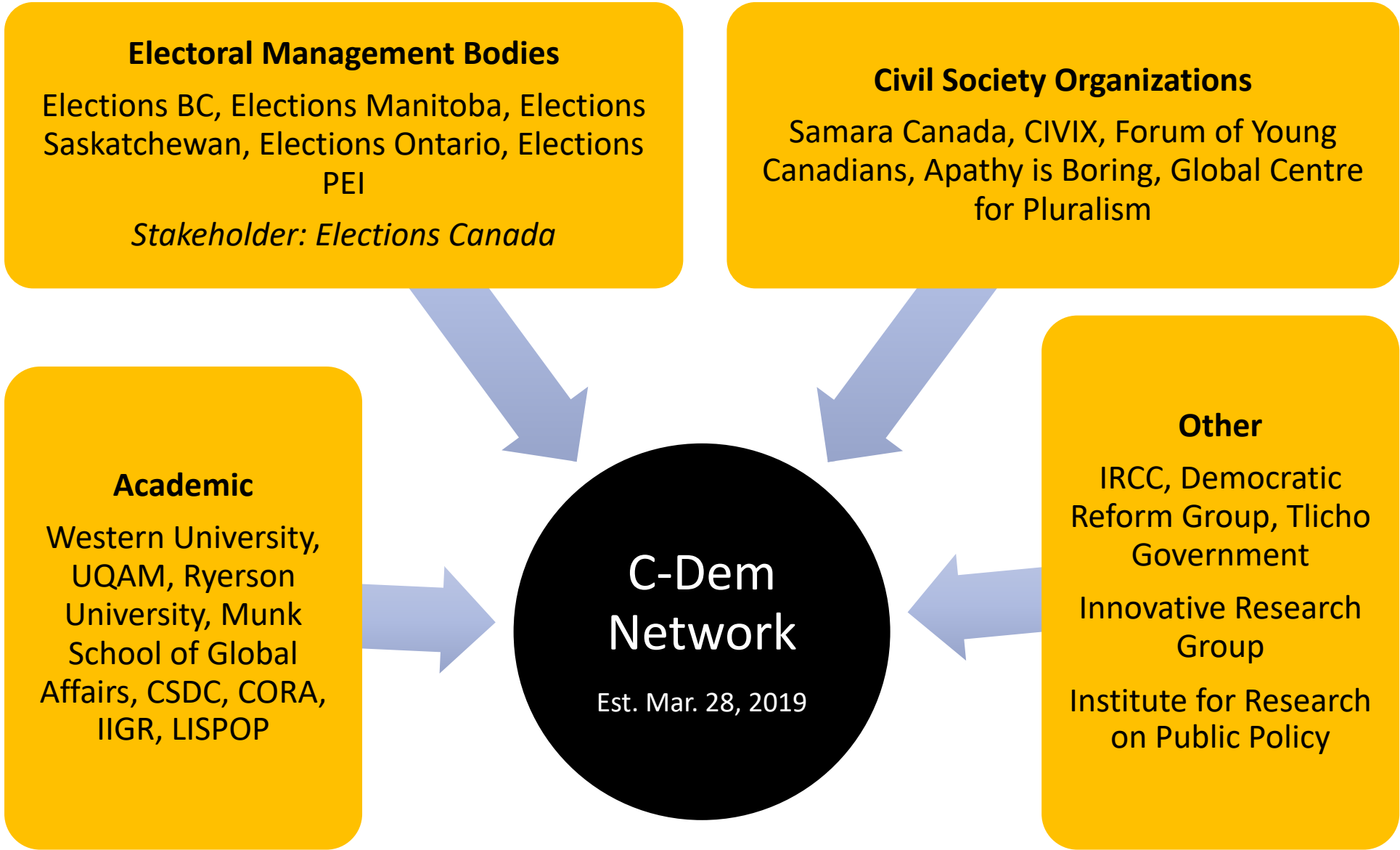
9:45-10:00 - Report from Samara

10:00-10:20 - Report from Apathy / Democracy XChange

10:20-10:30 - Break

10:30 - Report from Elections Ontario

10:45-11:30 - Group discussion, next steps



Academic Network

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Collaborators

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Advisory Council

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Leonie Huddy, Stoney Brook University
Shanto Iyengar, Stanford University
Richard Johnston, University of British Columbia
Stuart Soroka, University of Michigan
Elizabeth Zechmeister, Vanderbilt University

Democracy Checkup (DC)

2019

May n=1331	June n=1249	July n=1250	Aug. n=1244
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Canadian Election Study (CES)

Campaign Period (CPS)

DC CPS N=2633 (51.9% RTS)

Post Election (PES)

DC PES n=2037 (40.2% RTS)

Democracy Checkup (DC)

2020

March n=1842 (36.4% RTS)	May n≈1000
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Online CPS Sept. 13-Oct. 21 n=37,822	Online PES Oct. 24-No. 11 n=10,337 (27.3% RTS)
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Phone CPS Sept. 12-Oct. 21 n=4021 (5.6% RR)	Phone PES Oct. 22-Nov. 22 n=2889 (71.8% RTS)
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Publicly released May 1, 2020
Project Dataverse
Soon available at CORA

May May 4 soft launch n≈8000	May ? n≈4000
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n=5074

n=44,476

n=15263

expected n≈14,383

Data-Related Activities in 2019-2020

- Module Competitions
 - 2019 Module Competition (June, Canadian Election Study) – 1 Postdoc, 1 Student
 - 2020 Module Competition (January, DC or PTES-SK) – 1 Postdoc, 2 Students
- Instrument Development
 - EMB Consultation Survey (Summer 2019)
 - Module Sales (20+ External Modules – Faculty, Students, NGOs)
- Reporting
 - Researcher Meeting (November 2019)
 - Advisory Council Meeting (February, 2020)
- CES Data Release I (May); Release II (November)

Planned Surveys 2020-2026

	Democracy Checkup (N>8000)	Canadian Election Study	Provincial / Territorial Election Study (PTES) (N~1500)
2020	✓		SK
2021	✓	?	BC, NS
2022	✓	?	NB, NL, ON, QC, Tłıcho Gov't
2023	✓	?	AB, MB, PEI
2024	✓	?	
2025	✓	?	
2026	✓	?	

Knowledge Mobilization Activities

Knowledge Mobilization, 2019-2020

- C-Dem Partner Meeting at Global Centre for Pluralism, May 2019
 - 14 non-university partners
- CPSA Researcher Lunch, June 2019
- APSA, “The Current State of National Election Studies”, September 2019
- C-Dem Local Launch (UQAM), September 2019
- November Researcher Meeting, November 2019
- Debate Commission Report, December 2019
- Various interventions by CES team in academic events:
 - MISC, Representation and Indigenous Peoples, Cybersecurity (UQAM, Ottawa); Ryerson Democracy Chair; Minority Groups in the 2019 Election (Memorial)

Knowledge Mobilization, 2019-2020

- C-Dem website: <https://c-dem.ca>
- Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/CDemCanada>
- Twitter account: @C_Dem_Canada

Upcoming Knowledge Mobilization

- VOTE19 Summit (April 30, Toronto) *postponed until fall*
- C-Dem Forum (May 4, UQAM)
 - May 5: Elections Québec working group meeting on mobilization interventions *cancelled*
- CPSA (June, Western) *cancelled*
 - Pre-workshop, “Working with the 2019 CES data” (June 1)
 - June 3: Lunchtime talk with Elections Canada on cyber security
 - Workshop, “*Understanding Electoral Democracy: The 2019 Canadian Election in Perspective*” (June 4)
 - C-Dem Reception (June 4)
- Workshop, *Survey Design Under Constraints: Best Practices* (July, Western) *postponed*
- APSA Roundtable, “How should we study elections?” (Sept., San Francisco)

Training Activities

Training Activities 2019-2020

- 2019-20:
 - Training Opportunities for HQP
 - Programmer (Ryerson) + Admin Staff (Western; UQAM)
 - 2 Postdoctoral Fellows (Western – Joanie Bouchard; UQAM – Laura French Bourgeois)
 - 3 PhD Students (Toronto) plus multiple research assistants across institutions
 - CPSA Training Workshop (*postponed*)
 - Development and Piloting of CES Teaching Tool
 - Planning for internship opportunities with 2 partners (Samara, Elections Ontario)
- Upcoming training activities
 - Training Modules
 - Online Teaching Tool Release

Key Outputs

Key C-Dem Outputs

- Electoral Management Body (EMB) Report
- CES Teaching Tool (beta version)
- Working Papers and Analyses
 - *Policy Options*
- Debate Commission Report
- New Collaborations

Canadians' Views About the 2019 Federal Election Process

Report prepared by the Consortium on Electoral Democracy¹ for Electoral Management Body Partners, April 24, 2020

Summary Report

The 2019 Canadian Election Study (CES) - Online Survey included a number of questions that emerged from discussions with electoral management bodies. Elections Ontario (a C-Dem partner) was especially active in gathering questions used by EMBs across the country and proposing a list to be included. In total, the 2019 CES-Online includes over 20 questions that are likely to be of direct interest to EMBs as they relate to Canadians' experience with and attitudes toward the electoral process.

The 2019 CES-Online included both a campaign wave and a post-election survey.² The EMB core questions were randomly assigned to half of the post-election survey respondents. A total of 10,337 respondents from the Campaign Period Survey successfully completed the post-election survey.³ Sampling for the Post-Election Survey occurred from October 24th to November 11th, 2019. The survey instrument was presented on the Qualtrics online platform. The territories were not part of our sampling frame so we do not have enough respondents in each to report responses for those parts of Canada.

“In terms of fairness, 46% of Canadians believe that Elections Canada ran the 2019 election somewhat fairly, while 36% believe Elections Canada was very fair...Notably, among those who did not vote 23% did not know or preferred not to answer this question. “



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Row Variable

Vote

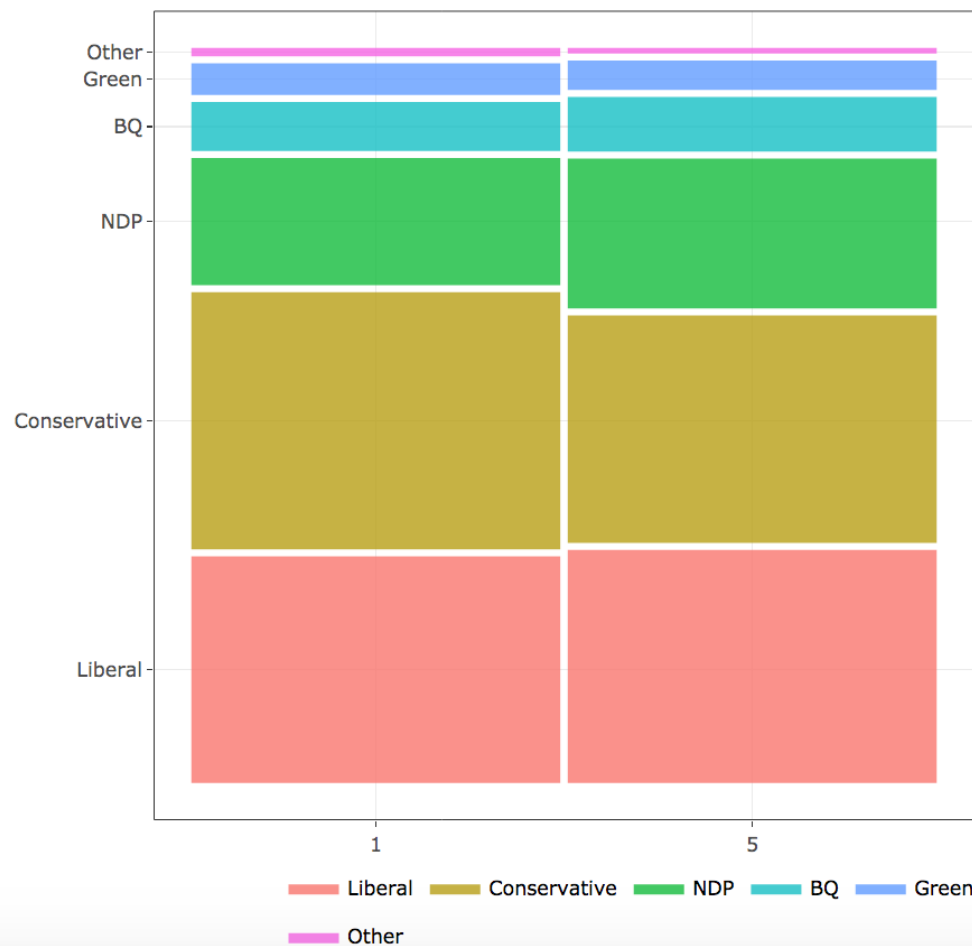
Column Variable

Gender

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vote/gender	1	5	Total
Liberal	32% (2199)	33% (2262)	33% (4461)
Conservative	37% (2496)	32% (2207)	35% (4703)
NDP	18% (1233)	21% (1453)	20% (2686)
BQ	7% (476)	8% (531)	7% (1007)
Green	4% (305)	4% (283)	4% (588)
Other	1% (81)	1% (55)	1% (136)
Total	100% (6790)	100% (6791)	100% (13581)

The Pearson Chi-squared Statistic with the Rao & Scott Adjustment is:
 $\chi^2=7.09$ with 4.99 numerator DF and 83319.15 denominator DF.
 The p-value is approximately 0.000



HOT TOPICS

SPECIAL FEATURES

MULTIMEDIA

EVENTS

ABOUT

How Canada's pandemic response is shifting political views

A poll tracking Canadian attitudes since May 2019 suggests satisfaction with the federal government and Justin Trudeau has risen during the pandemic





Leaders' Debates Commission

The Leaders' Debates Commission aims to make the debates a more predictable, reliable, and stable element of federal election campaigns.



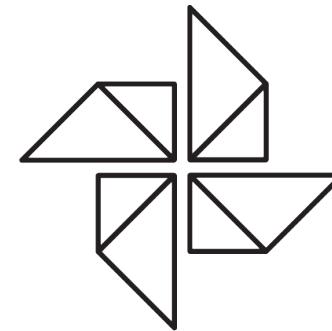
New Collaborations

- Latin American Public Opinion Project (Vanderbilt)
- Centre for Computational and Quantitative Social Science (Western)
- Elections Québec
- Mosaic Institute

Current Research Projects (selection)

- Understanding the 2019 election in context
- Social bases of partisanship in Canada
- Comparing survey responses by sampling and mode
- Impact of partisan cues on attitude formation
- Social norms and voting behaviour
- Political culture and provincial vote outcomes
- Impact of COVID-19 on trends in attitudes toward diversity and inclusion
- Voting blocs and heterogeneity in subgroup samples

Partner Reports



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Discussion Period

Guiding Questions

- Do other partners have activities they would like to share with the group?
- What activities, tools, or data would be most useful in the coming 24 months for your organization?
- Where do you see areas of growth or future collaboration possibilities?
- What can we do better to foster communication in the coming year?