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Solution étudiante nationale
pour un scrutin équitable.

What is SENSÉ?

- National Student Association for a Fair Vote
- Student association advocating for electoral reform in Qc
- Non partisan
- Supported by 41 student unions across QC (representing over 230,000 students)



Our goals

- Informing and mobilizing students in favor of **electoral reform**
- Support the coalition led by **Mouvement démocratie nouvelle**
- Contribute to public debates regarding electoral reform
- Put some pressure on political parties to fulfill their promise on electoral reform



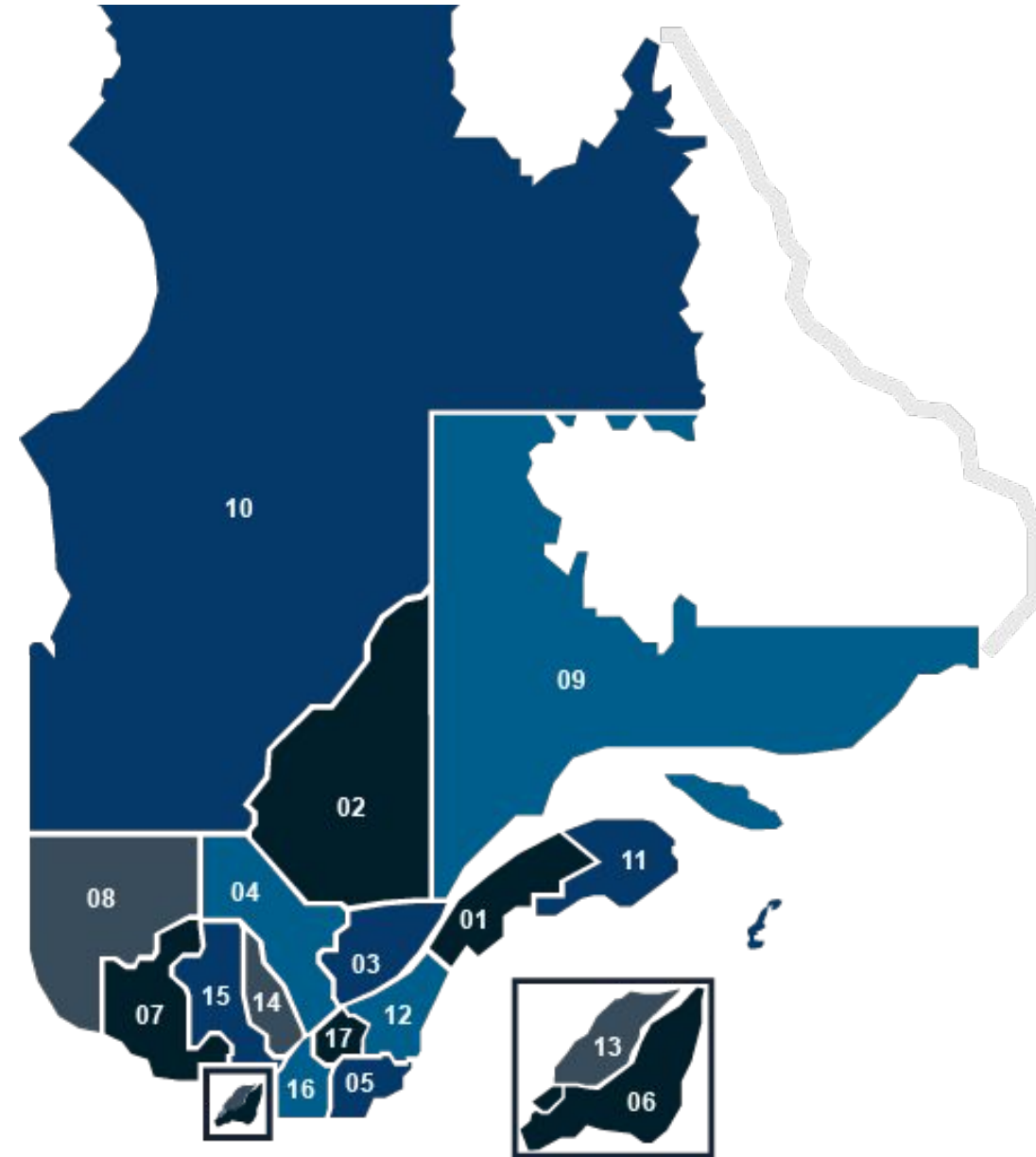
What's the issue

- The current voting system (first-past-the-post, FPTP) is unfair because the majority of votes don't count
- We want to replace it with a more proportional system so that each vote counts
- All QC major parties except one (PLQ) have agreed to put a new proportional system in place
- The current government (CAQ) has introduced a bill concerning this electoral reform



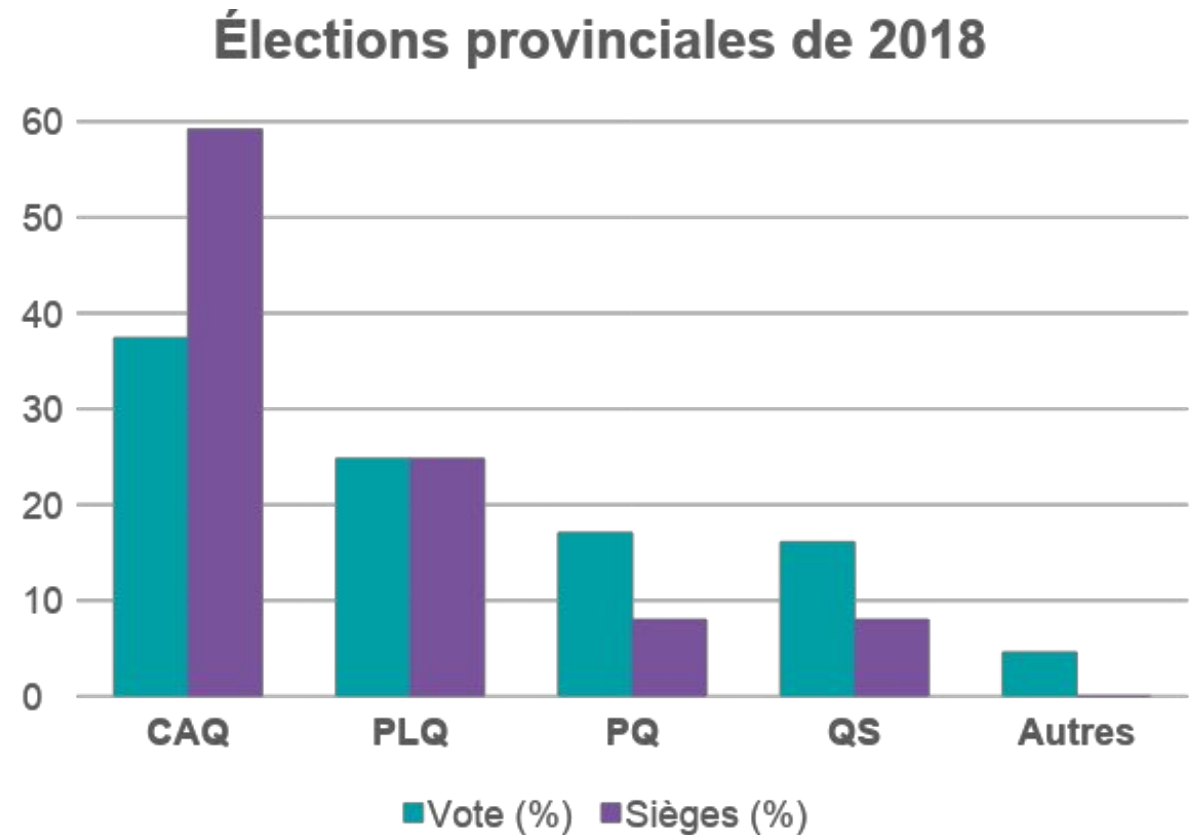
The current system:
First-past-the-post

- The candidate with the most votes in each riding becomes MNA (MPP)
- Votes for all other candidates are not represented and simply don't count to decide who wins the election
- The party with the most elected MNAs forms the government.



The downsides of the current system

- Discrepancies with the popular vote:
 - Overturn of the popular vote (1944, 1966, 1998)
 - Majority governments formed without the majority of the votes (~35-40%)
- Strategic voting
- Cynicism



Regional mixed-member proportional system

- **Pure proportional system :**
 - Only one “riding”
 - Percentage of votes = percentage of seats
- **Mixed-member proportional :**
 - 2 types of seats:
 - *Constituency MNAs* (for example 75) elected with the current system
 - *Party-list MNAs* (for example 50) elected from lists to *compensate* the discrepancies with the popular vote
- **Regional :**
 - Party-list MNAs are assigned on a regional basis to region-wide ridings
 - Allows to maintain the political weight of each region



Ballot example inspired from the German system

Vous disposez de 2 voix



Votez UNE fois ici
pour l'élection d'un.e député.e
dans votre circonscription

Votez UNE fois ici
Pour l'élection d'un.e député.e
issu.e de la liste régionale du parti choisi
(voix décisive pour la répartition finale des
sièges à l'Assemblée Nationale)

Première voix

Seconde voix

1	MATTE, Michel Parti Libéral du Québec / Quebec Liberal Party	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	PLQ / QLP Parti Libéral du Québec / Quebec Liberal Party <i>Philippe Couillard</i>	1
2	MARCOTTE, Jacques Coalition avenir Québec - L'équipe François Legault	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	CAQ - ÉFL Coalition avenir Québec - L'équipe François Legault <i>François Legault</i>	2
3	GENOIS, Hugues Parti Québécois	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	PQ Parti Québécois <i>Pauline Marois</i>	3
4	CÔTÉ, Catherine Québec Solidaire	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	QS Québec Solidaire <i>Françoise David / Amir Khadir</i>	4
5	GRIMARD, Stéphanie Option nationale - Pour l'indépendance du Québec	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	ON – PIQ Option nationale - Pour l'indépendance du Québec <i>Sol Zanetti</i>	5

Why opt for this MMP system?

- Combines the upsides of FPTP *and* proportional systems
- Limits discrepancies *and* allows to vote for a local candidate
- Allows to vote separately for a candidate and a party
- The end of majority governments with minority support
- Each vote counts!
- System agreed by almost all major parties (CAQ, QS, PQ, Green)



The current government's bill on electoral reform

- The CAQ majority government had promised to change the electoral system for the next 2022 elections
- They introduced a bill which should be studied in the next few months

However

- The system they propose is far from ideal. It is the *least* proportional version of MMP.
- The reform is conditional on the results of a referendum held at the same time as the next elections in 2022



Why should students support electoral reform?

- The current system over-represents the political opinions of older generations, or majority groups in general
- Block unilateral policies hurting students (and other minorities) by majority governments elected by a minority
- Change our political culture towards one of consensus and coalition building and put an end to the ambient cynicism
- The window of opportunity is *now*
- The student movement can have a decisive influence to pass the reform and hold the CAQ government accountable to its promise



Standard resolution

[Name] *endorses* the proposal for an electoral reform towards a regional mixed-member proportional system;

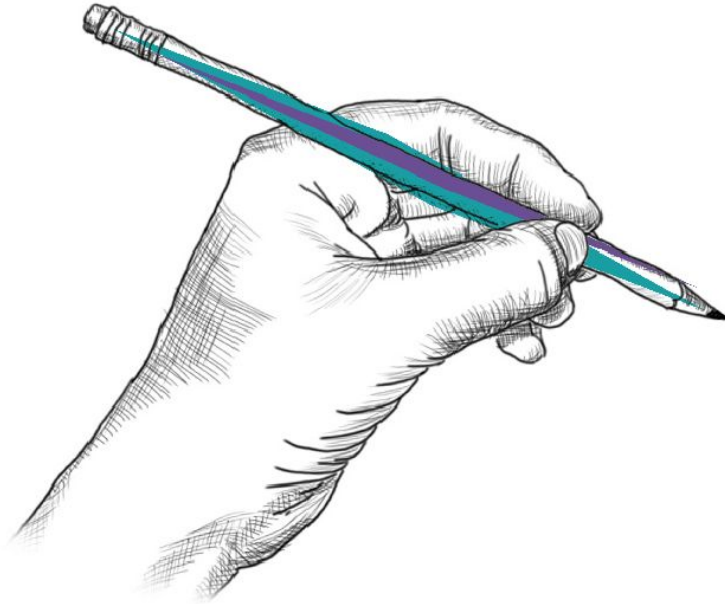
Supports SENSÉ in its actions towards electoral reform.



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Viens t'impliquer pour la réforme du
mode de scrutin