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Social Studies 11: Politics and Government

**Political System in Canada**

**Focus Questions**

* **How do our beliefs translate to political actions?**
* **How do we know what we are voting for?**
* **How can Canadians make change at different levels of government?**
* **What are our power structures and how do these affect the society we live in?**

**IDEOLOGIES**

**Reference: Counterpoints, pages 297-299 (pre-read).**

Define the following:

ideology

direct democracy

representative democracy

totalitarian

authoritarian

bourgeoisie

proletariat

political spectrum

10. Make some notes on each of these ideologies: socialism, liberalism, conservatism, fascism. You may wish to build a chart with categories like definition, history, example, view on change, role of government, role of law, and history.

**PARTIES**

**Reference: Counterpoints, p. 299-302 (pre-read)**

Define the following:

Quebec sovereignty

party platform

libertarian

NGO

patronage

populism

partisan

11. The parties – we will explore the main political parties further in Canada in a webquest. Start reading about our five main political parties on p. 299-301. Jot down a few words for each…who are they?

Liberal

Conservative

NDP

Green

Block Quebecois

12. Why do people join (or not join) political parties? (p. 301)

13. What are the advantages and disadvantages of having a strong leader in the ‘party system.’ (p. 301)

14. Explain why BC politics is so polarized.