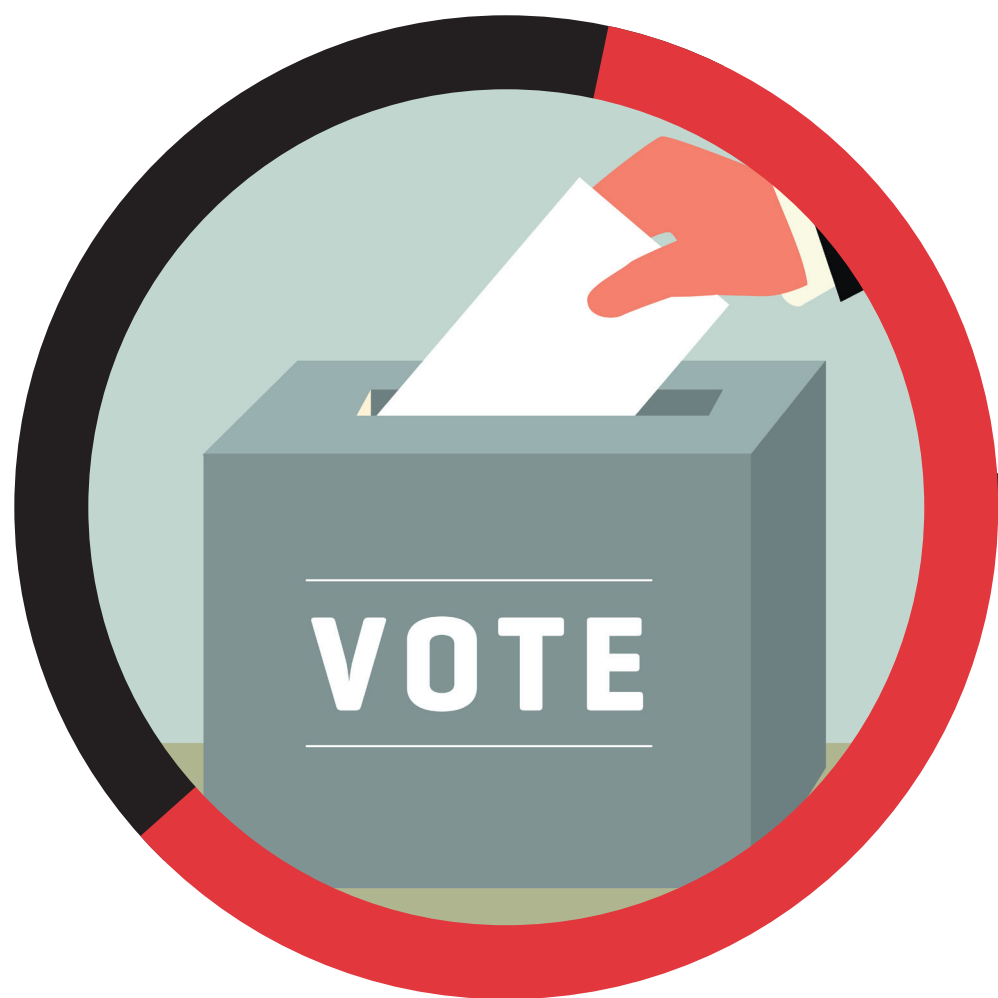


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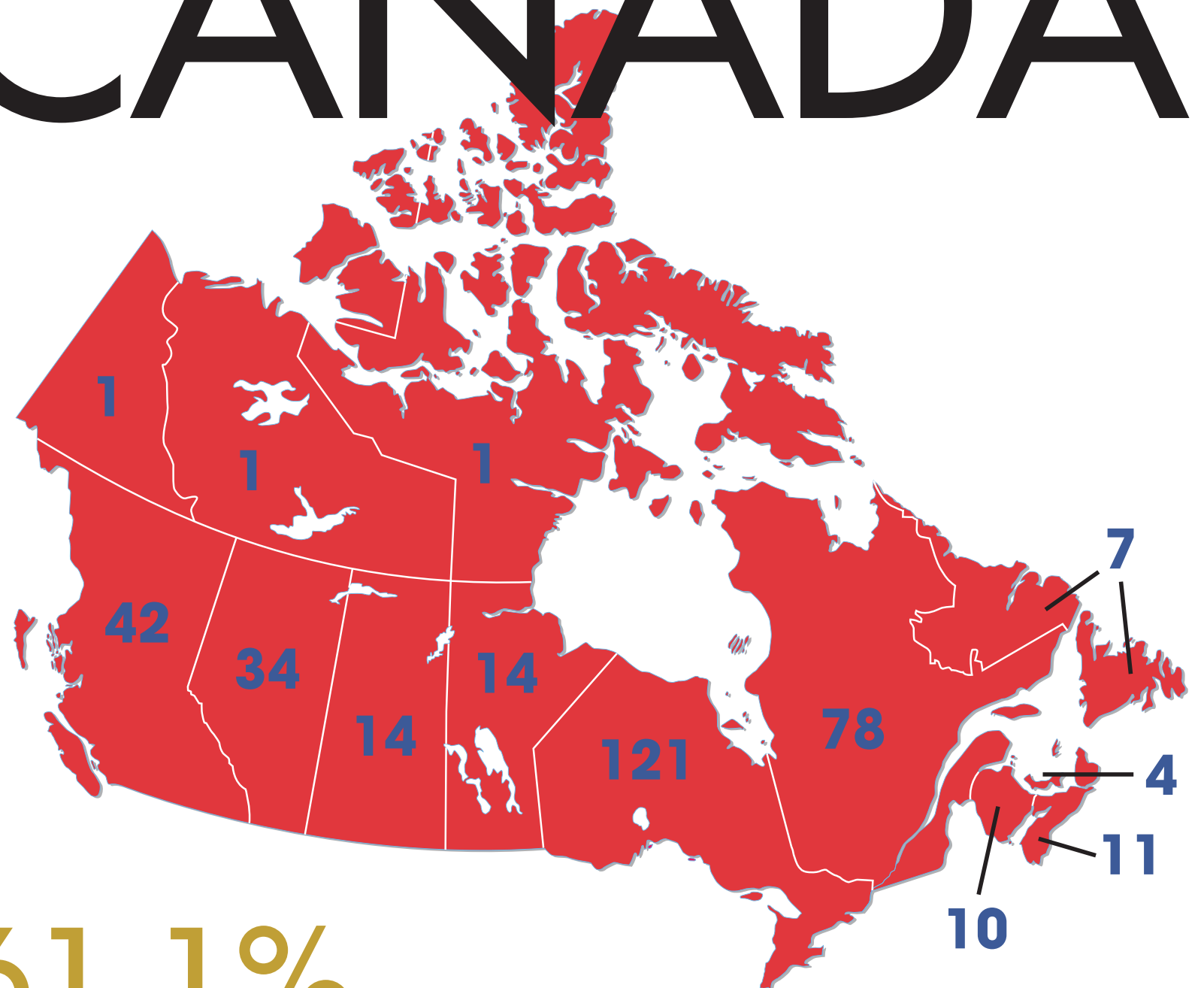
There are
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electoral districts in Canada.
One representative from each riding is elected to sit in the House of Commons as a Member of Parliament.



61.1%

of Canadians voted in the last federal election in 2011.



MEET THE LEADERS

STEPHEN HARPER, CONSERVATIVE

Born Apr. 30, 1959 in Toronto, ON. Educated at Univ. of Calgary (B.A., M.A., Economics). Married to Laureen Teskey. Two children (son & daughter). Prime Minister since 2006. Private career: economist. Honorary Member of the International Raoul Wallenberg Foundation.



ELIZABETH MAY, GREEN

Born Jun. 9, 1954, in Hartford, CT, USA. Educated at Dalhousie Law School (LL.B.). One daughter. First elected to House of Commons in 2011. Private career: lawyer & environmentalist. Became Officer of the Order of Canada in 2005 for conservation work, including creating Gwaii Haanas National Park.



THOMAS MULCAIR, NDP

Born Oct. 24, 1954 in Ottawa, ON. Educated at Vanier College; McGill Univ. (LL.B.). Married to Catherine Pinhas. Two sons. Leader of the New Democratic Party and the Official Opposition since 2012. Private career: lawyer. Great great grandson of Honoré Mercier, MP, Rouville, QC (Liberal).



JUSTIN TRUDEAU, LIBERAL

Born Dec. 25, 1971 in Ottawa, ON. Educated at McGill Univ. (B.A.); Univ. British Columbia (B.Ed.). Married to Sophie Grégoire. Three children (two sons & one daughter). Leader of Liberal Party since 2013. Private career: teacher. Eldest son of the late Pierre E. Trudeau, Prime Minister from 1968 to 1979; 1980 to 1984.



first-past-the-post

—noun

1. (modifier) The most votes in the riding wins.



Majority Government

154 ridings



Minority Government



William Lyon Mackenzie King served 21 years, 154 days as Prime Minister of Canada.

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