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Our current elections system is deeply flawed because:

- It encourages and perpetuates a 2 party political system, which is unhealthy for a number of reasons, but mainly because we end up with candidates who appeal to the extreme political minorities, rather than the moderate main stream majority.
- It causes fewer people to vote because people don't vote if they can't vote for a candidate they support.
- If people do vote, many times they are forced to vote against the candidate they don't like, or vote for the candidate who has a better chance of winning, rather than vote for the candidate they like.
- The current 2 party political system encourages large political donors who influence elections and manipulate elect officials because, in a 2 party system, they only have to give money to 2 candidates, and whoever wins the election is much more beholding to those campaign supporters.

The use of ranked choice voting in Canada and Europe has resulted in a much better election and political system.