

Statement: My Democracy Survey Academic Advisory Board

We all participated as members of an academic advisory board in designing the mydemocracy.ca survey. In our role, we engaged in a discussion with Vox Pop Labs about the general goals of the website and survey. We proposed survey questions and commented on questions written by Vox Pop Labs.

While we were not responsible for the design of the final instrument or the selection of the final survey items, we do feel that the choice of items is defensible and consistent with best practices in survey design. Tradeoffs are unavoidable when choosing an electoral system, and the survey aims to reflect this. Our hope is that the data from this project will be made widely available in the research community.

We have all been engaged in debates over electoral reform, in some cases for many years. While we hold differing views on the best electoral system and the process for reforming our current system, we are all committed to an open and informed debate.

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