

# HENNESSY'S INDEX

*A number is never just a number*

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**1918**

The year women secured the right to vote in Canada. 1944 France. 2005 Kuwait.

**1947**

The year Chinese Canadians secured the right to vote.

**1960**

The year non-enfranchised Aboriginal peoples in Canada secured the right to vote.

**73.1**

Percentage of Canadians who voted in 1867 federal election: year of confederation.

**TWO PARTIES**

Choice in 1867 federal election: Conservatives 50%. Liberals 49%.

**74.2**

Percentage of Canadians who voted in 1935 federal election: mid-Great Depression.

**75.3**

Percentage of Canadians who voted in 1945 federal election: end of Second World War.

**79.4**

Percentage of Canadians who voted in 1958 federal election: John Diefenbaker's Conservative government secured one of largest majorities in Canadian history.

**75.7**

Percentage of Canadians who voted in 1968 federal election: Trudeaumania.

**75.3**

Percentage of Canadians who voted in 1988 federal election: free trade.

**FIVE PARTIES**

Choice in the 2008 federal election: Conservatives, Liberals, NDP, Bloc, Greens.

**58.8**

Percentage of Canadians who voted in the 2008 federal election. Historical low.

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