

Canadian Democracy

Different countries have different rules. These rules are called laws. The people who make these laws are called various things, depending on the country. Look up these words in a dictionary or use the glossary at the back of *Our Country, Our Parliament*:

Governor General:

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Monarch:

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Representative:

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Parliamentarian:

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Member of Parliament:

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Senator:

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Head of State:

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Head of Government:

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Different countries have different names for their leaders and different ways of choosing a leader. In Canada, citizens elect a leader. In the chart below, put a checkmark in the column that matches how various types of leaders are chosen. Can you think of other terms for people who govern a country? Add these terms to the chart below and mark whether they are elected or non-elected.

Leader's Title	Elected	Not-elected
King or Queen		
Prime Minister		
President		
Emperor		

Canada's democracy is similar to Great Britain's and to the United States'. Pick another country and try to find out the similarities and differences.

	Canada	Other Country:
Citizens may vote for the leader		
Women may vote		
Major decisions are made by one person		
Head of State		
Head of Government		
People may be arrested without cause		
Citizens may live wherever they like		
Laws apply to everyone equally		
Women may be elected leaders		
Everyone has the right to free health care		
Newspapers may be critical of the government		
People may be put in prison without trial		
People are free to practise any religion		
People may criticize the government		
Everyone has equal rights under law		

