

Educational Resources

PARLIAMENT IN THE NEWS

Levels of Leadership: Differing Coverage?

In Canada, there are three levels of government – local, provincial/territorial, and national – which are each responsible for making decisions within their jurisdictions. This division of powers makes Canada a federal system of government.

Each level of government has a leader (Prime Minister, Premier, or Mayor) and individuals and groups that hold the leader accountable (Senators and MPs; Members of Provincial Parliament, MPPs; and Members of the Legislative Assembly, or MLAs, and city councillors).

- Look through news sources for items discussing leaders at the federal, provincial/territorial, and local levels.
- List the leader's names.
- Compare coverage (type, amount and placement) given to each of these leaders.
- How might the amount of coverage of each leader affect their public support at the various levels of government?