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FINAL VERSION

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Important:

DemocraticSPACE does not endorse strategic voting (i.e. where voters cast their ballot for their second choice party to prevent a less favourable party from winning). We believe that Canada should explore options of adding an element of proportionality into our electoral system to ensure fair and accurate representation in parliament. See

"Making Every Vote Count: Towards Fair Representation in the Canadian Parliament" (756kb PDF).

However, strategic voting happens in Canada. DemocraticSPACE.com believes that it is better to make informed choices than misinformed choices. Therefore, this guide is meant to help voters who are thinking of voting

In order for a riding to qualify for strategic voting, we feel 3 conditions must be met:

- 1. It must be a close 2-way race (i.e. the two other parties must be within 5% of one another)
- 2. Liberals must have a remote chance of winning (i.e. Liberal support < 25% in the riding)
- 3. A small number of Liberal votes will make a difference (i.e. no more than 1 in 5 Liberals voting strategically).

Strategic voting might be effective in only **13** ridings — just **4%** of the ridings. Strategic voting will not be effective in the remaining **96%** or **295** ridings. Strategic voting ridings are ridings where the Liberal has no chance of winning, but where your vote could elect your second choice candidate. The **13** ridings are (how many Liberal strategic votes needed to impact result is indicated - click on name to go to democraticSPACE riding prediction):

- 1 VANCOUVER ISLAND NORTH (BC) 1 IN 100
- 2 OSHAWA (ON) 1 IN 10
- 3 MEGANTIC-L'ERABLE (QC) 1 IN 8
- 4 SKEENA-BULKLEY VALLEY (BC) 1 IN 6
- 5 **PONTIAC (OC) 1 IN 6**
- 6 PITT MEADOWS-MAPLE RIDGE-MISSION (BC) 1 IN 4
- 7 BEAUPORT-LIMOILOU (QC) 1 IN 3
- 8 NANAIMO-ALBERNI (BC) 1 IN 3
- 9 PALLISER (SK) 1 IN 3
- 10 LEVIS-BELLECHASSE (QC) 1 IN 3
- 11 JONQUIERE-ALMA (QC) 1 IN 3
- 12 COMPTON-STANSTEAD (QC) 1 IN 3
- 13 RICHMOND-ARTHABASKA (QC) 1 IN 3

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