

Why vote?

Voting is one way to make sure your voice is heard when the government is deciding what's important and what's not important to people in Ontario.

Here are some **issues** the government makes decisions about. Do you care about these issues?



Health care



Environment



Human rights



Education



Economy



Security



Taxes



Housing

Members of the government decide how much money the government will spend on each of these areas, and what laws apply to them. When you vote for a candidate or a political party, you're saying that you agree with their values and ideas for Ontario. With your vote, that candidate and the political party they represent are more likely to win and put those values and ideas into action.



Voting words

Issues

Important topics that people discuss.

Sometimes, a political candidate wins an election by only a few votes.



Every vote counts—make sure yours is one of them!



To learn more about why voting is important, go to:

A history of voting in Canada

Information on how voting has changed during Canadian history: elections.on.ca

Activity: Issues and political parties

When you vote for a candidate or a political party, you tell the government about what's most important to you. Knowing what issues are most important to you can help you decide which candidate or political party to vote for.

Here's a list of 8 issues that might be important to you. In the box next to each issue, write a number from 1-8: 1 means that this issue is the most important to you, and 8 means it's the least important issue to you. There's a space for you to make notes about why you think each issue is important. You can also add your own issue that's important to you.

Issue	Ranking (1-8)	Why is this issue important to you?
Health care 		
Education 		
Taxes 		
Environment 		
Economy 		
Housing 		
Human rights 		
Security 		
Another issue		