

Proportional Representation

The Proportional Voting Solution Through proportional voting systems (commonly referred to as "proportional representation" or "full representation"), like-minded groupings of voters win legislative seats in better proportion to their share of the population. Whereas winner-take-all elections award 100% of power to a 50.1% majority, proportional voting systems allow voters in a minority to win a fair share of representation. Proportional voting describes a broad range of methods that require at least some legislators to be elected in districts with more than one seat.

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