

A GOOD VOTING SYSTEM



A good voting system:

- provides for frequent elections;
- is based on procedures that are user-friendly;
- allows for all adults to vote, without prejudice against individuals or groups;
- has clear and accepted laws about voting;
- is based upon a secret ballot;
- has a clear and accepted process for counting votes and deciding on a winning candidate;
- means 'one vote, one value';
- has results based on majority rule;
- provides freedom from false, misleading or unfair influence on voters; and
- ensures elections are administered in an impartial way.

- a. Rank these elements from the one you consider to be the most important down to the one you consider to be the least important (where 1 is most important and 10 is least important). Be prepared to justify your ranking.
- b. Compare your responses with others in your class and discuss similarities and differences.
- c. Think about times when you have voted. If so, which of the above qualities of a good voting system applied?

