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What Should Be Done With The Senate?

The Senate is referred to as the “Upper House” or the “Red Chamber”. They were intended to be check on the House of Commons (Lower House)…no bad laws will be passed on their watch! However, while the Upper House has the power to veto bills from becoming law, there have only been 4 times when they did so.

Senators are appointed by the Prime Minister, and always tend to agree with the PM’s political agenda. Therefore, many argue, they pass laws that the party wants. For this reason, many believe the senate serves no real purpose, and the time has come to abolish or reform this part of the legislative branch.

The proposed “Triple E Senate”…

**E**lect instead of Appoint

**E**qual representation for each province and territory

**E**ffective….the above will make the senate more effective!

**Your task for today is to**

* **choose a position (Abolish, Reform, or Maintain)**
* **create a Pros/Cons list for your position**
* **create a job advertisement for a senator that best suits your position ( what do they do, length of term, compensation, etc.)**