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Internet voting

One Part of the E-Democracy Pie: Impacts in Canada and Europe



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The proliferation of digital and mobile technologies is having dramatic impacts on our society – the ways in which we connect, communicate, and take part politically. Internet voting is one of the primary policy changes governments are entertaining to keep up with technological change in other areas of society, to make electoral processes more accessible and attempt to improve falling rates of voter turnout. This talk examines the impacts of Internet voting in a comparative context, but with a special focus on Canada given that it is the world leader in online voting at the local level. It explores why jurisdictions adopt online voting, who makes use of it, its potential to improve electoral participation (especially among young people), and the best practices we can learn from Canadian municipalities for the deployment of Internet voting programmes at other levels of government in Canada or in other jurisdictions. This research is part of a project to understand the impacts of Internet voting in Canada. It will be expanded in the coming year to include important comparative research possibilities.

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