

# Council Composition Review, November 2024

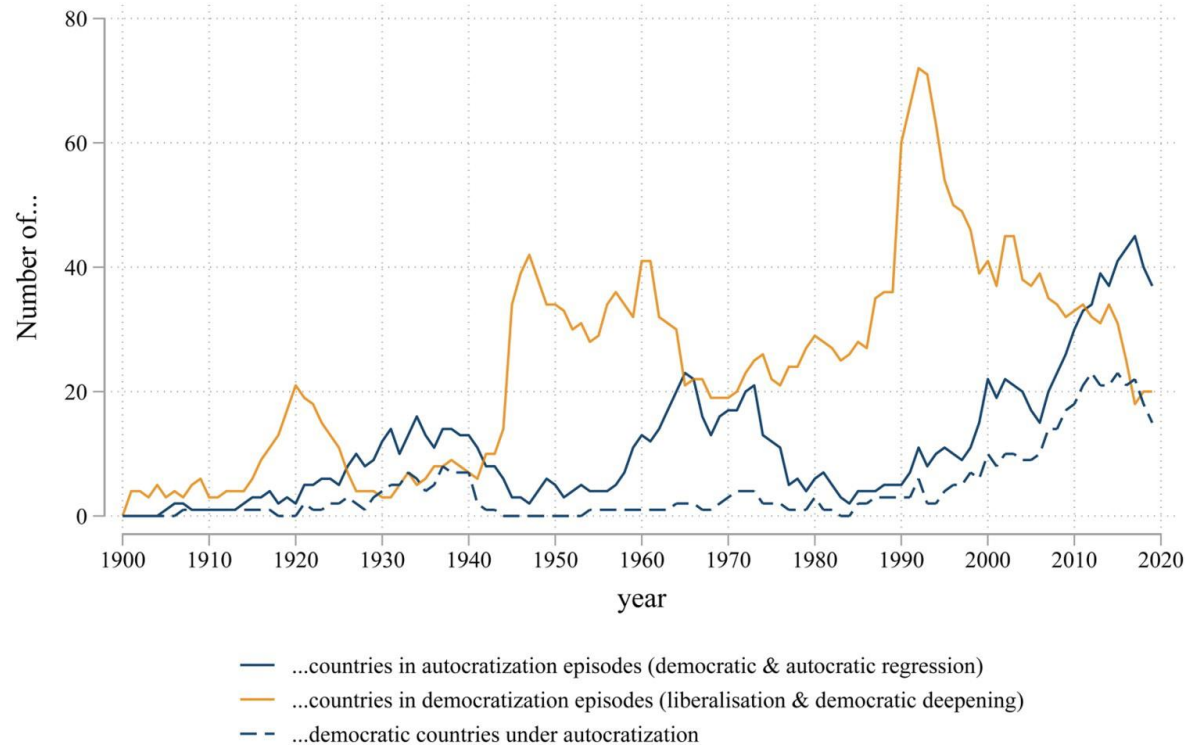
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# Public Engagement

Voted in 2022:	<b>43%</b>
Did not vote in 2022:	<b>57%</b>
Ontarians represented by at-large councillors (2021):	<b>161 505 (18%)</b>
Ontarians represented by a ward system (2021):	<b>743 064 (82%)</b>
Median campaign expenses for at-large candidates (2022):	<b>\$4 584.82</b>
Median campaign expenses for ward candidates (2022):	<b>\$2 258.39</b>

# Democratic Backsliding



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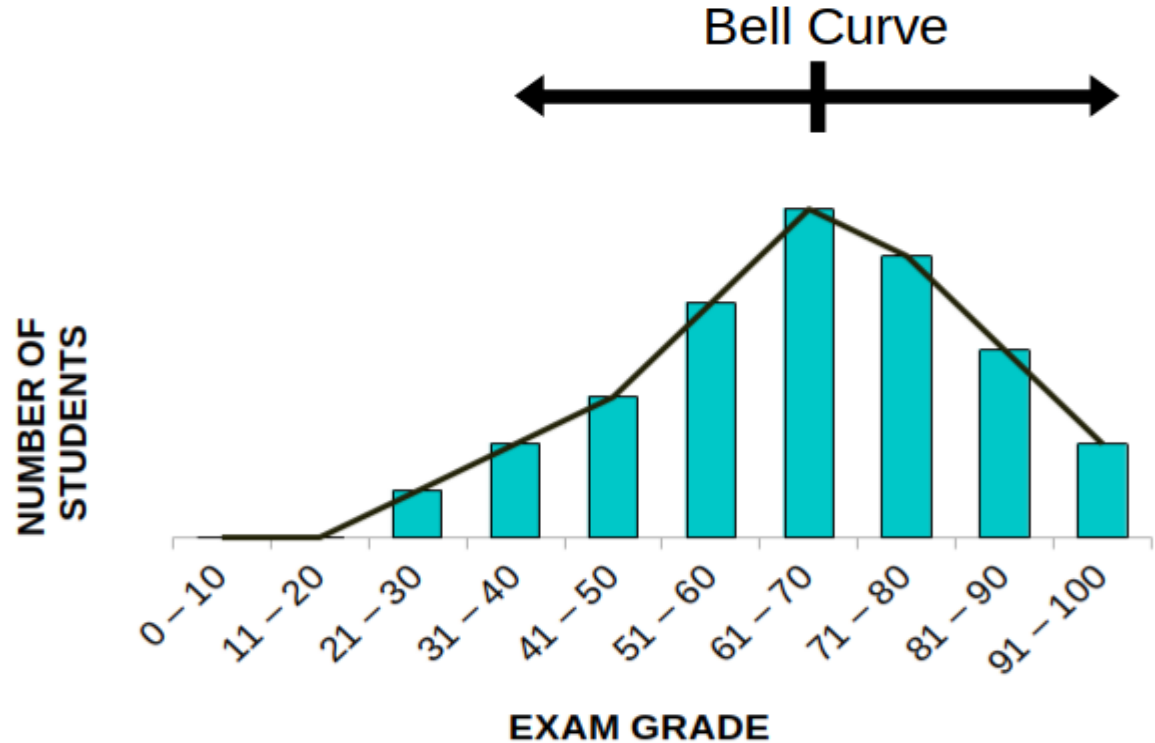
The incremental process whereby democratic institutions experience autocratic regression.

Shows "number of countries that experience autocratization [and democratization] as defined by the Episodes of Regime Transformation (ERT) Dataset" from 1900–2019 [note: not 2000]. The cited dataset is produced by V-Dem Institute.  
Vanessa A. Boese, Staffan I. Lindberg, Anna Lührmann - <https://www.tandfonline.com/>

# Normal Distribution

## Scores on a math exam:

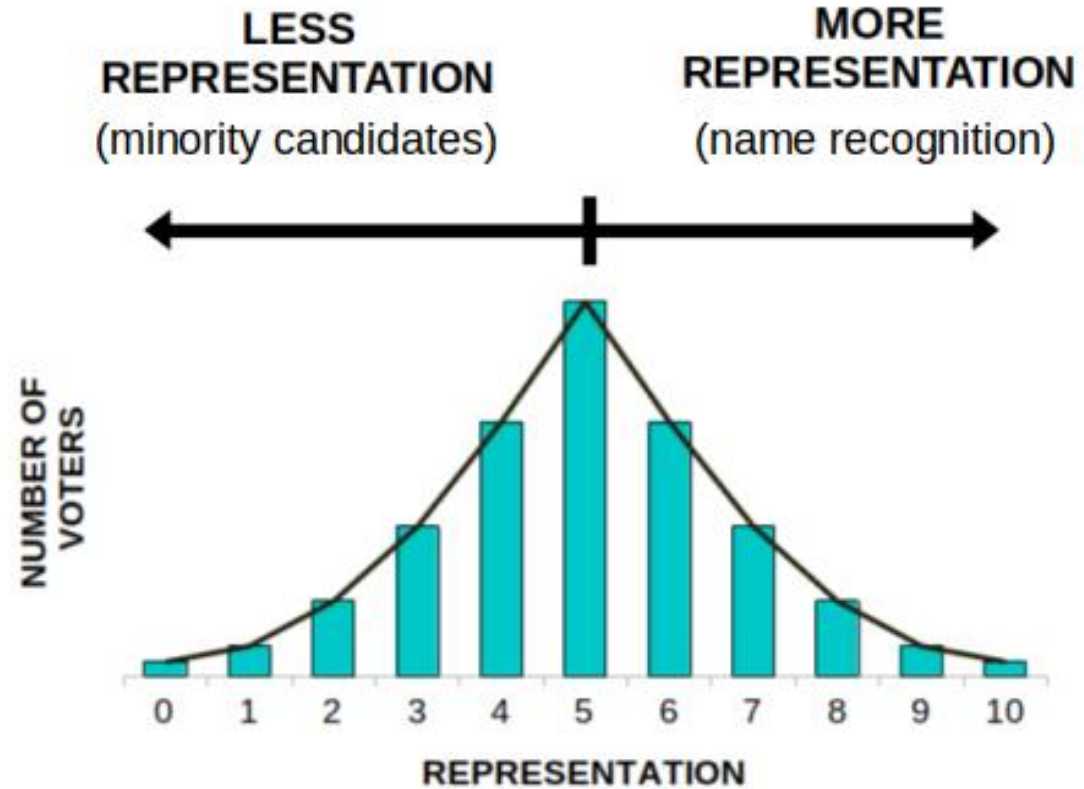
30 students write a statistics final exam. Result is a **normal distribution** in exam grades.



# At-Large Distribution

## Distribution in Representation:

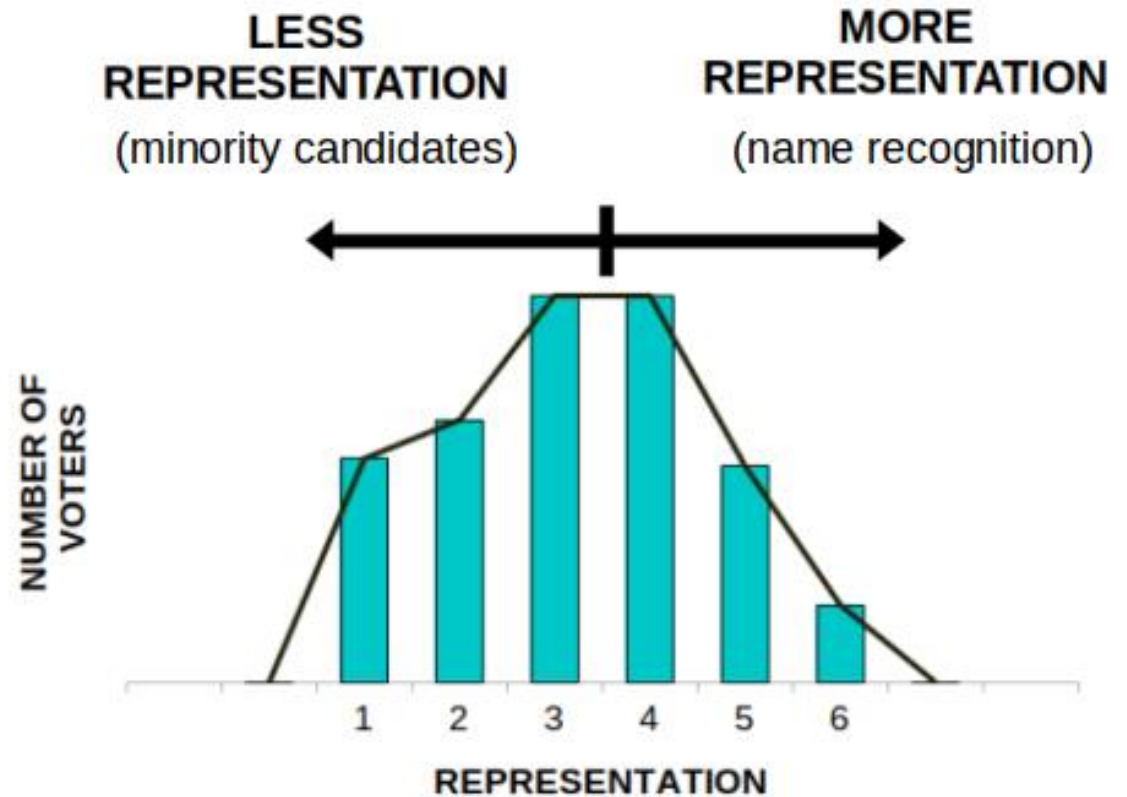
At-large systems result in some voters having no representation at all.



# Hybrid Distribution

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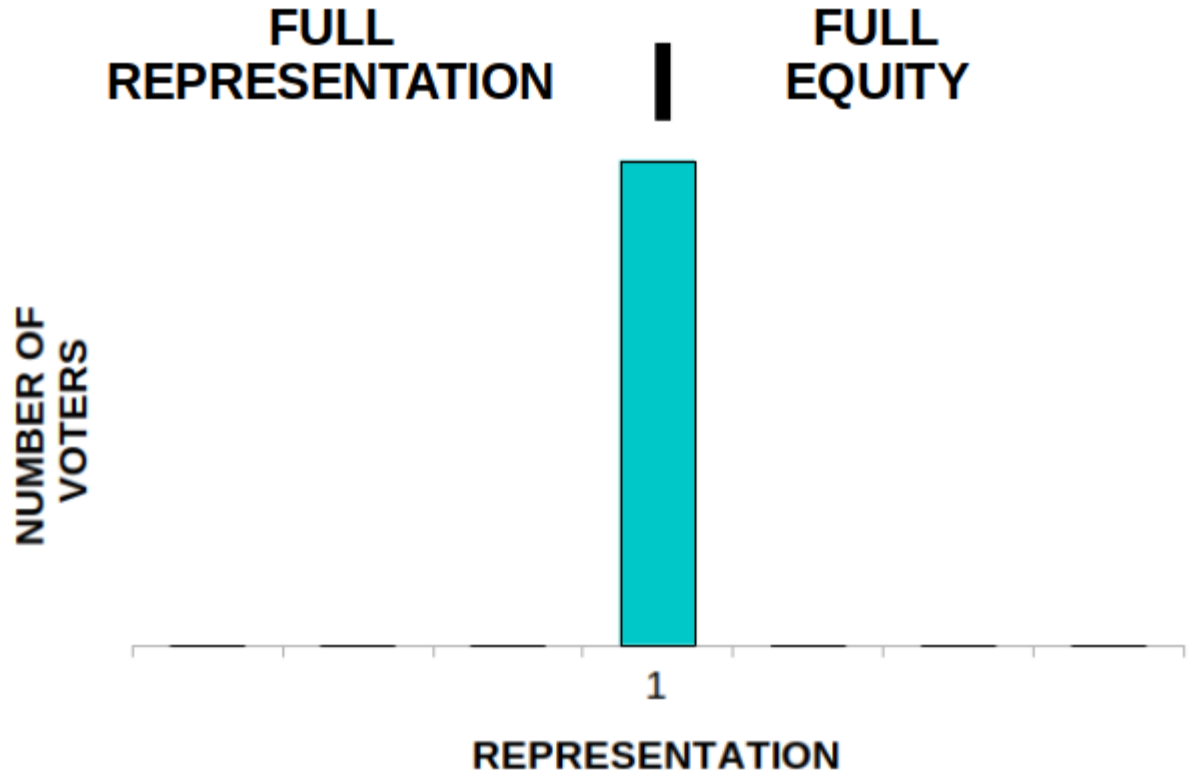
A hybrid system results in everyone having at least some representation.



# Ward Distribution

## Distribution in Representation:

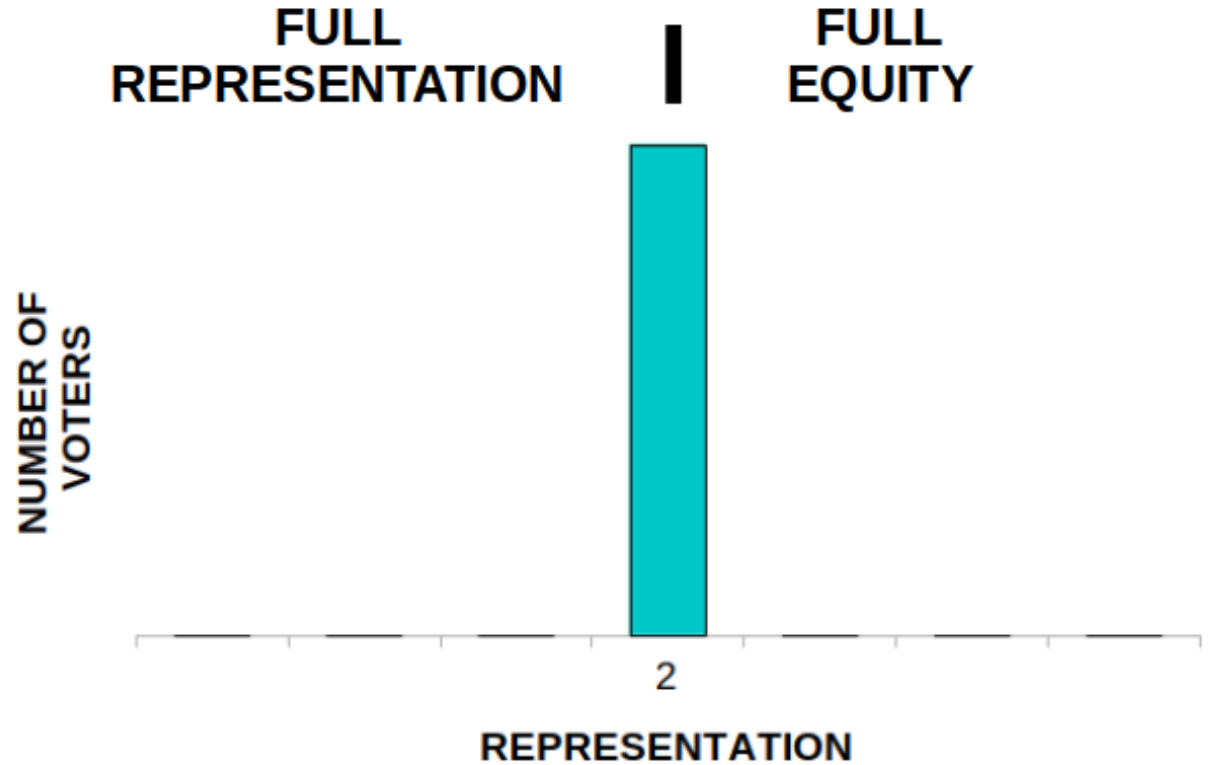
Ward systems will always result in full representation and full equity.



# Deputy Mayor Distribution

## Distribution in Representation:

Deputy mayors will increase at-large representation for everyone, equitably.





# Nine Ward Model

## Full Representation

democratic.

## Full Equity

person, one vote.

## Inclusion

barriers for minority candidates.

## Diversity

Smaller wards, more of them.

## Simplicity

voter turnout.

More

One

Fewer

Drives

