

Elections

Thematic vocabulary : ELECTIONS + Chapter 12

A swing	<i>A change in favor of a particular political party</i>
Floating voters	<i>Voters who haven't decided who to vote for yet</i>
Popularity ratings	<i>The results of surveys of public opinion showing how popular politicians are with the people who are going to vote</i>
Electorate	
To roll out a program	<i>To implement, launch or introduce a programme, particularly if it is going to be done at slightly different times in different places</i>
A hawk	<i>A supporter of aggressive foreign policy</i>
A right winger	<i>A political conservative</i>
A hardliner	<i>A politician who strongly believes in a fixed set of ideas and refuses to change</i>
Ballot	<i>scrutin / bulletin de vote</i>
Caucus	<i>Closed meeting of party members to determine nominations</i>
Constituency	<i>électeurs / circonscription</i>
Crossover vote	<i>A vote by a member of one party for a candidate of another party</i>
Electorate	<i>Those eligible to vote</i>
Franchise	<i>The constitutional right to vote</i>
Independent voter	<i>A voter who doesn't belong to a political party</i>
Incumbent	<i>A person currently holding office (le candidat sortant)</i>
Nominee	<i>The person that a political party names, or nominates, to represent it in a general election</i>
Non partisan	<i>Not associated with a particular political party</i>
Office	<i>A political position</i>
A plank	<i>A stand on an issue by a political party</i>
Pollster	<i>Person or company that researches public opinion</i>
Polling place/station	<i>Bureau de vote</i>
Voting suppression	<i>Any effort, either legal or illegal, by way of laws, administrative rules, and/or tactics that prevents eligible voters from registering to vote or voting</i>
Election rigging	<i>The act of dishonestly organizing an election to get a particular result. it is an electoral fraud and an interference with the</i>

	<i>election process.</i>
Absentee voting	Vote par correspondance
Proxy vote	Vote par procuration
Opinion poll	Sondage d'opinion
Personation	<i>The offence of impersonating someone else in order to use their vote.</i>
To spin	<i>The attempt to place a favourable interpretation on an event so that people or the media will interpret it in that way. Those performing this act are known as spin doctors.</i>
Spoiled ballots	<i>Ballot papers which have been filled in incorrectly. The returning officer has the final say over whether any paper not marked with a single cross is valid.</i>
Tactical voting	<i>This is when people vote not for the party they really support, but for another party in order to keep out a more disliked rival.</i>
Turnout	Taux de participation
Constituent	Electeur
Gerrymandering	<i>To redraw electoral district boundaries for political advantage.</i>
Party platform	<i>Formal set of principal goals which are supported by a given party</i>
Straw vote	<i>Also known as straw poll, it is an ad-hoc or unofficial vote which is used to show the popular opinion on a certain matter (sondage non officiel)</i>
To abstain	<i>To refuse to exercise the right to vote</i>
Blank vote	Vote blanc
Endorsement	<i>The support or approval for a candidate by a prominent individual (soutien officiel)</i>
Presumptive nominee	<i>The candidate who is assured of his or her party's nomination, but has not yet been formally nominated</i>
Running mate	<i>A candidate who is running for office with another candidate on the same ticket (co-listier / candidat à la vice-présidence)</i>
To recall	<i>The act of removing an official by petition</i>
Recall election	<i>Method of election in which voters can oust elected officials before their terms have ended (Référendum révocatoire)</i>
Representative	Représentant, délégué