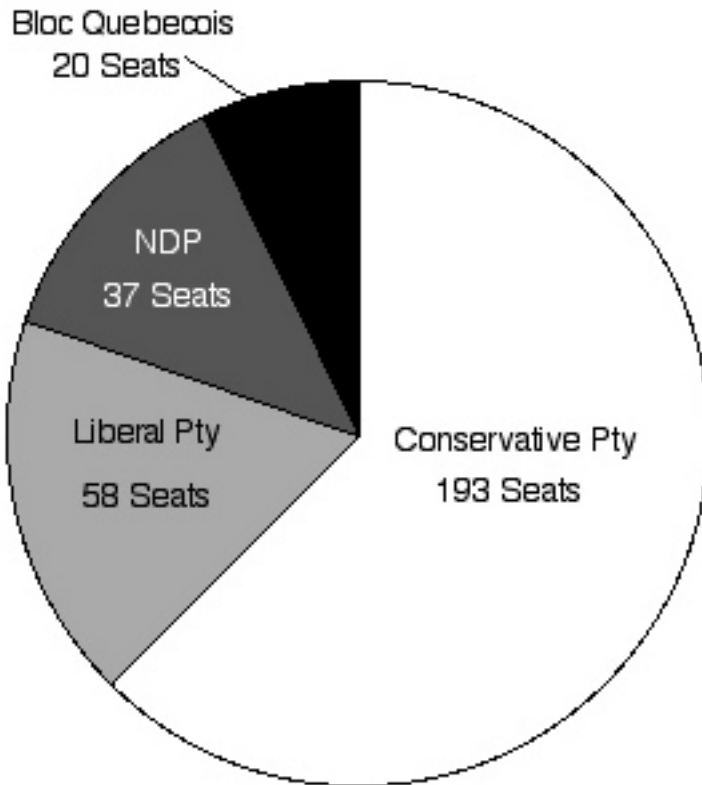


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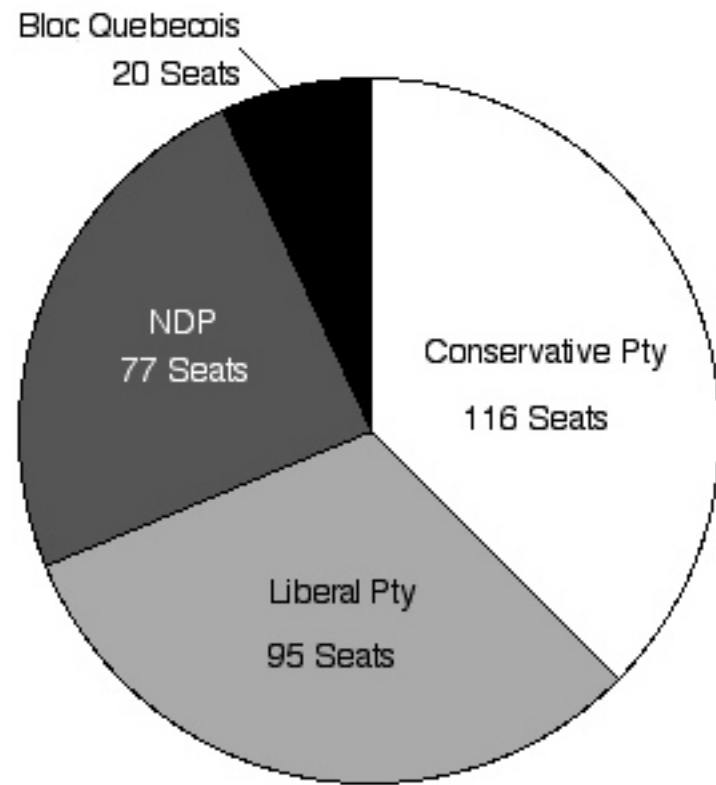


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MAJORITY GOVERNMENT:

Advantages to Canadian People:

- **More seems to get done as bills can more easily be passed in the House of Commons**

Disadvantages to Canadian People:

- **Governing party seems to have lots of power which is not desirable to those who are not in favour of the governing party**

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Advantages to Canadian People:

- **Governing party requires support of other parties to pass legislation in the House of Commons. This can result in decisions being made that appeal to more Canadians**

Disadvantages to Canadian People:

- **Since passing legislation requires agreement amongst two or more parties, if parties can't agree, little legislation is passed hindering progress of Canada.**