Soc 11 Government Q’s Assignment 5

1. What is considered to be the strength of the first-past-the-post system? What is the major disadvantage of the system?
2. What problems associated with the first-past-the-post would proportional representative (PR) address? What new problems might PR create?
3. Why do you think Politicians are reluctant to change the system of first-past-the-post?
4. Explain in your own terms the meaning of pressure group and lobbyist.
5. Describe the role of the media in the democratic process. Give examples that illustrate each aspect of the media’s role.
6. A pressure group called “fair vote Canada” Formed after the 2000 Federal election. Members want to reform the electoral system so that the distortions cause by the first-past-the-post system is lessened.
7. How would you advise this pressure group to organise?
8. Whom would you suggest they target with their ideas?