

# MP HILL INTERVIEW VIDEO: A GUIDE

In 2023, CIVIX organized a series of recorded interviews with MPs from throughout the country to help Canadian youth better understand politics and the role of elected representatives. The objective of these videos are to highlight the motivations of politicians, demystify political processes, and increase awareness of the importance of public service.

77 MPs across all parties reflected on their time as an elected representative, and answered the following eight standard questions:

- Why did you run for political office?
  - What has been your proudest accomplishment during your time as an MP?
  - What motivates you to go to work every day?
  - What is something about politics that you learned only after becoming an MP?
- Can you tell us about a time when you worked with an MP across party lines to achieve a common goal?
  - What are the biggest challenges to democracy today and what can we do about it?
  - What gives you hope for the next generation?
  - If you were to share a piece of advice with your 16-year old self, what would it be?

We hope that this will be a valuable resource for your students to further get to know their MP, or hear from another MP, before their Rep Day visit.

[VIEW THE FULL PLAYLIST](#)



## BEFORE WATCHING THE VIDEO

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- Provide students with context for watching the video/learning about their MP (i.e., to get to know the MP better before they visit your class, understand more about the work of MPs)
- Review **Rep Day - Lesson 2** (Activities 1 and 3) to provide students with background information about their local MP and the role of elected representatives.
- Have students watch the 'CIVIX Parliament Interview' video for their MP, and select one other video to get a sense of other MPs' responses across regions and party lines.

## DURING/AFTER THE VIDEO

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- As students are watching the videos, have them complete the guided note worksheet below to write down anything they found interesting, or new information they'd like to explore. You can use these to generate discussion and questions for your visit.

## ADDITIONAL PROMPTS TO GENERATE QUESTIONS

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- Watch clips of your MP speaking in the House of Commons. What do you think about how MPs speak to each other during Question Period?
- Research committees that your MP has been on, that have members across party lines. Include questions in your Rep Day meeting.
- Can you think of instances where you might have had to work with others in a team made up of people with different perspectives? Why is this important?
- Did it surprise you to hear how MPs talked about working with other MPs across party lines? Why or why not?
- What are some ways that social media has been used both positively and negatively towards democracy?

# MP HILL INTERVIEW VIDEO: GUIDED NOTES

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Video subject: \_\_\_\_\_

What are three things you learned that surprised you about your MP or about politics?

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3 \_\_\_\_\_

What are two similarities and differences that you found notable between the responses from MPs across party lines?

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What is one thing you would like to ask your MP about?

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Brainstorm or research some ways that you, as the next generation, can connect with your MP. Bring these up to your MP during your visit.

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The MP has shared advice with their younger self – do you have any advice for them on how to tune into the priorities of youth in your riding?

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