

## Samara breaks down debates, declares NDP Canada's chattiest party

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Members of Parliament often speak and sometimes shout in the House of Commons. But which MP stands up and talks the most?

It's NDP MP Peter Julian, the energy and natural resources critic, according to new data from Samara, a non-profit political think-tank that examines the state of Canada's democracy.

Next on the chatterbox list is Liberal MP Kevin Lamoureux and then Green Party leader Elizabeth May. In fourth spot is Tory MP and Parliamentary Secretary Kellie Leitch.

Samara came up with the list using data from their recent democracy report [Lost in Translation or Just Lost?](#), which examined 54 days of debate in the House of Commons in 2012.

The think-tank then used that data to generate estimates of how many words MPs spoke in the 129 days the House sat last year.

To give Canadians a better idea of what it means to utter more than 200,000 words in one year, Samara used [an infographic](#) to show what length of book that MP could have filled with his or her verbal contributions.

Julian spoke enough words — 226,027 to be precise — to fill Rohinton Mistry's hefty novel *A Fine Balance*.

Lamoureux's used 222,451 words, the same number in Conrad Black's *A Matter of Principle*. May uttered 174,783 words, a match for the number in Naomi Klein's *No Logo*.

Samara also breaks down the data according to [party, gender and age](#). The NDP talked the most, responsible for 44% of words spoken, according to the data. The Tories were responsible for 36% of words and the Liberals 16%.

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Prime Minister Stephen spoke 26,758 words, whereas new Liberal leader Justin Trudeau (then just a Quebec MP) spoke just 5,408. NDP leader Thomas Mulcair spoke 44,498 words and former Liberal leader Bob Rae 76,447.

On the quiet end of the spectrum are Tory MPs Tilly O'Neill-Gordon, Peter Penashue (who recently resigned and is running in a byelection) and Rob Anders.