Getting informed

Welcome to the third explainer in the What to Expect When You’re Electing series. This week: How can I learn about the parties, Candidates, and election issues, and how are we being misled by bad information?

1. Where should I look for information on who to vote for?

- National leaders’ debates will be broadcast on several major TV channels and streamed online.
- Check out our Field Guide to Online Political Discussions (ENGLISH) for tips on how to keep it civil.

2. How can I know the information I’m getting is trustworthy?

- To evaluate news sources and online content, use the five Ws and a H: Why was this piece written or the content created? Where did this content come from? Who supports them? What is their political bias or leaning? Is what’s missing? Even in an opinion piece, what’s the news outlet, organization, or person raising this issue?
- For more explainers, go to samaracanada.com/what-to-expect

3. Getting political

Political party websites tell you about their platform and their leaders. They should also have a section with information on their candidates’ running in your constituency. For more about platforms, see our Candidates Explainer.

Dear knowing voters, or candidates from volunteers from their campaign come right to your door in hopes of winning your vote. Such visits are a good chance to learn about candidates’ running in your constituency. So, you may want to keep a list of questions you’d like to ask by the door.

In debates

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Still have questions? Want to learn more?

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