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## POLICY WATCH

**Canada25 is pleased to announce the launch of Policy Watch, a new e-communication to inform you of interesting developments and resources on specific Canada25 policy topics. With a selection of articles, research links, and updates, Policy Watch will keep you informed and engaged in our projects. It will also be our platform to communicate new Canada25 policy developments such as chapter policy projects, national policy reports and upcoming projects. Please feel free to send in your thoughts, suggestions and any relevant materials to [policy@canada25.com](mailto:policy@canada25.com).**

**SURVEY:** Please take a second to complete a brief survey designed to get your ideas on the framework for the Canada25's Civic Engagement Project. The survey can be found at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=25075810645>

## ARTICLES

Court rules in bid by Alberta youth to get voting age lowered.

Read full article at <http://cnews.canoe.ca/CNEWS/Law/2005/01/06/813107-cp.html>

Alternative methods used to engage youth in the 2004 U.S election. Associated Press article in Philadelphia Inquirer "The election, the war, poker and blogs, twentysomethings reflect". Read full article at <http://www.phillyburbs.com/pd-dyn/news/103-12292004-424-26.html>

Axiomnews article on recent Stats Canada findings July 2004 on civic engagement and social capital formation. Read full article at <http://www.axiomnews.ca/2004/July/July09.htm#>

## WEBSITES

The B.C citizen's assembly website

<http://www.citizensassembly.bc.ca/public>

The Ontario government's Democratic Renewal Secretariat:

<http://www.democraticrenewal.gov.on.ca/>

## REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Drawing on the findings of four citizens' dialogues, involving 1600 randomly-selected citizens, the Canadian Policy Research Networks (CPRN) report, "Transparency, Trust and Citizen Engagement: what Canadians are saying about accountability." Access full report at <http://www.cprn.com/en/network.cfm?network=3>

The Institute for Research on Public Policy (IRPP) released a paper on Canada's role in democratic institution building and engagement abroad "Canada can do more and better for democracy promotion abroad". Also, Thomas Axworthy's recent article on accountability: "Canada must fix its accountability framework to cure the Democratic Deficit. Access full report

at <http://www.irpp.org/>

A short volume of essays, recently published by the C.D. Howe Institute, looks at Canadian institutions and asks "how are we doing, and how can we do better?" Find this volume on the C.D.Howe website at [http://www.cdhowe.org/pdf/who\\_decides\\_bird.pdf](http://www.cdhowe.org/pdf/who_decides_bird.pdf)

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