

## Canadian Federalism and Multinational Democracy: 'Pressures' from Quebec on the Federation

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Evaluating the performance of a federation composed of two or more nations requires, first, an understanding of the purposes of particular institutional configurations in specific historical contexts. In other words, federalism is a normative and thus contested category that cannot be evaluated outside of the particular socio-political identities that have constituted the polity and the extent to which they have consented to institutional outcomes. Questions of performance in multinational democracies that have adopted a federal form are thus overwhelmingly about legitimacy and are ultimately constitutional questions. If the political community is not constituted democratically, it is not perceived as legitimate. Without legitimacy, a federation cannot be politically stable, and without stability, it is harder for it to address problems effectively. The purposes of states built on federal principles must always be aimed towards legitimacy if democracy is a foundational principle of the polity.

This chapter discusses how the Canadian federation continues to sidestep the question of legitimacy due to ongoing efforts to define itself in opposition to principles of multinational democracy. James Tully, one of the foremost thinkers on multinational democracy, argues that it is a unique political association with distinct constitutional challenges. He defines a multinational democracy along four main principles. First, these polities consist of two or more nations that seek not only group rights, but actual self-rule and self-determination as it is understood in international law. Self-rule does not necessarily imply outright secession, but it does involve compromises that at a minimum link relative degrees of political sovereignty with a group's status as an internal nation. Second, multinational democracies are not to be viewed as confederations of independent

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