

Part of our Unwritten Constitution -Responsible Government (a Canadian innovation)

The basic	principals of re	sponsible go	vernment:							
1. Th	The governor is bound to follow the advice of his executive council.									
What is the "Executive Council"?										
2. Th	2. The Council should be made up of people that hold the confidence of (meaning: are able to politically control, or									
command a majority of the votes of) the elected legislature.										
What is a legislature?										
What does it mean to hold the "confidence" of the legislature?										
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• Responsible government was the uniquely Canadian solution to balancing American republicanism with British monarchism.



The colony of Nova Scotia became the first legislature to practice responsible government in the British Empire.