

Discussion Questions for February 7, 2017

1. What are the 3 different components of the governance processes?
2. Let's practice reading an actual statute: Alberta's Bill 25. What limit does it place on oil sands emissions? What exemptions does it make? Are those exemptions justified? Note: oil sands emissions in 2014 were about 68 million tonnes.
3. What are Bankes' main concerns about the Bill?
4. Hoberg describes the formal structure of government in Canada. You should understand and be able to describe the roles of the following elements of the parliamentary system of government,
  - a. Division of powers
  - b. Head of state
  - c. PM or premier
  - d. Cabinet
  - e. Members of legislature
  - f. Legislatures
  - g. Minister
  - h. Appointed officials
  - i. Bureaucracies
  - j. Courts
5. If you are working on another jurisdiction, how does your country differ?
6. According to Chalifour, on what grounds does the federal government have authority to impose a carbon tax on the provinces?
7. If your country's government is federal (not unitary), be prepared to discuss examples of the division of power between federal and state/provincial governments (don't worry about municipalities).
8. According to Hoberg, how did the Tsilhqot'in decision change the role of First Nations in resource decision-making.
9. Please complete the cells in this spreadsheet on your country's political system.  
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