

# Democracy Bootcamp NCTCA 2025

Barnett House (ATA), 11010 142 St NW, Edmonton, AB, T5N 2R1

<b>8:30 am - 9:00 am</b>	<b>Welcome and warm-up activity</b>
<b>9:00 am - 10:00 am</b>	<b>Student Vote Canada 2025</b> An overview of the program and participant outcomes, followed by a preview of lesson resources for the 2025 federal election and discussion about best practices.
<b>10:00 am - 10:15 am</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>10:15 am - 11:25 am</b>	<b>Discussing Political Issues with PoliTalks</b> Review of PoliTalks resources with a focus on exploring how our cognitive biases can make it difficult to talk about politics and what we can do to make those discussions easier.
<b>11:25 am - 11:30 am</b>	<b>Movement break</b>
<b>11:30 am - 12:20 pm</b>	<b>Tipping Point</b> Participants will engage with Tipping Point, a new community consultation simulation designed to strengthen students' decision-making, perspective-taking, and consensus-building skills.
<b>12:20 pm - 1:00 pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>1:00 pm - 2:00 pm</b>	<b>The State of Democracy in 2025</b> Experts discuss current challenges to democracy, including growing divisions, disinformation and distrust in institutions, as well as strategies for how to address them. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Graham Thomson (moderator)</li><li>● David Kahane (University of Alberta)</li><li>● Oksana Kishchuk (Abacus Data)</li><li>● Jana Pruden (Globe and Mail)</li><li>● The Hon. Paula Simons (Senate of Canada)</li></ul>
<b>2:00 pm - 2:15 pm</b>	<b>Break</b>

**2:15 pm - 3:25 pm**

**CTRL-F: Digital Media Literacy in an Age of AI**

This session explores how new AI tools work and how they can be used responsibly in the classroom, followed by practical tips on how to identify AI-generated content.

**3:25 pm - 3:30 pm**

**Closing remarks**