



FINDING THE RIGHT BALANCE: EQUALIZATION IN CANADA



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Canada's equalization program has formally existed since 1957, and the principle of equalization has been constitutionally entrenched since 1982. While the program has undergone several changes over the decades, the intent remains the same: to ensure each provincial government can provide a certain level of public services to its citizens, no matter what economic factors may be affecting that region. Equalization can be very politically charged, as is seen with Alberta Premier Jason Kenney's plans to hold a provincial referendum on the program in fall 2021. What is the history of Equalization? To what extent does it foster or fragment national unity? What are the challenges for finding the "right" formula? Join us as our panelists tackle the history, formula and policy around Canada's equalization plan.



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