

Executive Council of Ontario

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The Ontario Cabinet

- ◆ Appointed by suggestion of the Premier, Dalton McGuinty
- ◆ Made up of Members of Legislative Assembly of Ontario
- ◆ Goal = To advise Lieutenant Governor of Ontario
- ◆ Comprised of 26 members, including the Premier and Lieutenant Governor of Ontario
- ◆ Most cabinet ministers are head of a ministry MPPs



CRITERIA

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2. Roman Guard
3. Loyalty
4. New Blood
5. Experience
6. Ethnic / Gender / Regional Balance
7. Ideological Perspective
8. Problem Solvers

Party Solidarity

- ◆ All cabinet members are from the Ontario Liberal Party
- ◆ High party solidarity



New Blood Vs. Experience

- ◆ Dalton McGuinty 2003
- ◆ 50% Cabinet members began in 2003 = New blood..
THEN
- ◆ 23 out of 26 members were appointed from 2003 or before
- ◆ 4 Current members joined within the last 3 years
- ◆ Recent Cabinet change brings new blood into the picture
- ◆ Some members are not running for re-election in 2011

Gender Composition



Ethnicity

- ◆ 6 out of 26 member of the Cabinet are culturally diverse
- ◆ Italian
- ◆ Punjabi
- ◆ Chinese
- ◆ Portuguese
- ◆ Jamaican
- ◆ Polish



Regional Balance

- ◆ 9 of the 26 cabinet members are from the greater Toronto area.
- ◆ This is probably due to a more concentrated and larger population in the area.



Different Ideological Perspectives

The cabinet is composed of a variety of people with different lifestyle ideologies including:

- ◆ Single mother
- ◆ Senior citizen
- ◆ Olympic athlete
- ◆ Nurse
- ◆ Religious
- ◆ Italian & woman of the year
- ◆ Community recognized
- ◆ Disabilities - Polio

Problem Solvers

- ◆ At least half of the cabinet was identified as good problem solvers
- ◆ Among their achievements:
- ◆ “One person, one seatbelt” policy
- ◆ Revitalizing research and innovation in province
- ◆ Constructing hospital
- ◆ Improvements in public education
- ◆ Improvements in city, i.e. green bin.
- ◆ Community involvement and growth

CONCLUSION

Was the Cabinet properly chosen?



Comparison

THE GOOD

- ◆ Problem Solvers
- ◆ Experience
- ◆ Ideology Diversity
- ◆ Gender Representation
- ◆ Region Representation

THE BAD

- ◆ New Blood
- ◆ Lack of Ethnic Diversity
- ◆ Political Solidarity



CURRENT ISSUES

Poised to shuffle Cabinet to add new energetic faces.

Jim Watson to quit to run for mayor in Ottawa

Monday, January 18 Premier announced new cabinet members!!

Reasons of the Shuffle

- ◆ McGuinty is looking to revamp his cabinet
- ◆ Record deficit of \$24.7 billion dollars
- ◆ Unpopular Tax Reforms
- ◆ Progressive Conservative Leader Tim Hudak moves ahead in the polls

Cabinet Changes

New Faces

- ◆ Sophia Aggelonitis
- ◆ Linda Jeffrey
- ◆ Eric Hoskins
- ◆ Carol Mitchell

Dumped Members

- ◆ Ted McMeeKin
- ◆ Donna Cansfield
- ◆ Aileen Carroll

Overall Results

- ◆ 13 Ministers retain the same position as before. (50%)
- ◆ 9 continued members were shuffled within ministries
- ◆ Overall 22 out of 26 members remain familiar faces
- ◆ 12 out of 26 members remain from the 2003 appointment (46%)
- ◆ Women representation increased from 10 to 11 members

Time will tell if this
change proves to
improve McGuinty's
popularity

