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**Overview**

Chapter basically summarizes the argument from their book – *Rebuilding Party Politics in Canada*

* Four functions of Cdn parties:
  + Representation/accommodation of societal interests
  + Institutionalization of democratic practices
  + Election fighting
  + Governing
* 1993 election exploded the 3rd party system – and a new system is emerging that is characterized by new diversity in the societal basis, ideology, and internal organization of the parties that constitute it:
  + 2 new parties
  + Regionalization
  + Fragmentation of the electorate
  + Democratization
  + Greater diversity among parties