

**Welcome to the Family Business:
The “Interconnectedness” of Ontario’s Members of
Provincial Parliament, with reference to Ontario, Manitoba,
Quebec, Michigan and New York**

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ABSTRACT

This paper attempts to ascertain, by comparing between C. Wright Mills' "power elite" model of governance with the "family capital model," whether there exists in Canada a ruling class, with special reference to the province of Ontario. I will first choose and define significant elements of Mills' conception of "ruling elite" or "power elite," including "the higher circle," "the very rich," and "the corporate rich," before going on to discuss the networks that govern the ruling elite. I will then provide an empirical comparison between publically documented familial relations with and between elected members of Ontario's Legislative Assembly and those of Ontario's surrounding state-level assemblies, including Manitoba, Quebec, Michigan and New York. I will conclude with some suggestions of what areas of the question may benefit from further research.

Not too long ago, I heard Justin Trudeau speak at an Economic Club of Canada breakfast lecture. Among the opportunities I have had as an intern to interact with Members of Parliament, this encounter was somewhat dissimilar, special even; he is after all the son of our only celebrity prime-minister, the only prime minister to have been worthy of assassination according to many, the leader who co-signed the Canadian Constitution, who controversially employed the War Measures Act, and who fathered what many believe is our greatest asset as Canadians: multiculturalism. After his lecture on possible ways to promote greater youth involvement in politics, I asked the younger Trudeau whether despite his modest proposal certain fundamental structural imbalances would remain in Canada. Would there not always be, I asked, a glass ceiling affixed by the power brokers in this country, a small group whose borders are still firmly decided by family relationships or professional connections? I offered the examples of Ignatieff, Layton, and Justin himself. Mr. Trudeau replied that people didn't vote for those guys, including himself, because of their famous fathers. They became successful because they worked their way up. It was not true, he argued, that his father's legacy had fed his quick rise through lower political ranks and helped him become a 30-something year old Liberal MP in 2007. His own achievements, he argued, were not therefore symptomatic of elitism in Canadian politics. It is this last comment that I found most intriguing, and which led me to wonder whether Justin Trudeau might be correct. To what degree does elitism exist in Canadian politics? Could it exist to the point where one could point out a ruling Class in Canada?

We are aware of the ample literature that documents American elitism, of the favouritism or nepotism that drives relationships between members of the political elite. A cursory recollection of the 2000 presidential election in the United States reminds us of the vast literature remarking on the infamous controversy featuring a presumable case of nepotism, where George W.'s victory in the state of Florida had almost certainly something to do with the fact that the president's brother, Jeb, sat in office as the governor of that state. We are also aware of the deep connections in America between politics and big business. The former vice-president Dick Cheney's close connection to Haliburton, an oilfields company to which Cheney once belonged, and to which it was reported in *Time Magazine* he had presumable caused the Army Corps of Engineers to award defence contracts, fed rumours that the spoils of a

disastrous war were handed by the Republican administration to friends.¹ In Canada, meanwhile, general feeling towards our political system is different, almost as if we are immune to systematic tendencies towards oligarchic governance, that this phenomenon is endogenous only to the politics of other countries. At the moment, the Airbus Affair featuring former prime minister Brian Mulroney and Karlheinz Schreiber features in the media as an important deviation from the carefully regulated, and mostly honest, processes of monetary and political exchange in Canada. But is elitism the exception or the rule in Canada? And why, when scanning the shelves at even such an enormous library like Robarts at the UofT, are there so few titles devoted to exploring the genealogies and interconnections between Canada's key decision-makers. Inspired by works like Tony Porter's *The Vertical Mosaic* and Diane Francis' *Controlling Interest: Who Owns Canada*, this paper's central task will be to make introductory steps towards fleshing out the concept of "ruling class," and then whether or not it is fair to suggest that Canada possesses a ruling class, with some comparative empirical examination centered around Ontario, and jurisdictions bordering Ontario.

First, however, let's take a step back and discuss briefly what we mean by the term "ruling elite," or the "power elite." Out of it follows several concomitant questions. For example, what do we mean by terms like "higher circle?" Or "celebrity?" Who are the "very rich," or the "corporate rich," and what is their connection to government? These expressions are hardly new. Over fifty years ago, C. Wright Mills used these and other markers to gauge the distribution and levels of political involvement in society, and they remain relevant today. Great change, remarks Mills, generally seems outside the control of ordinary people, and yet they affect their conduct and outlook nonetheless. But not everyone belongs to such a class of individuals, and some exist within other realms where power is consolidated through them, and who create demands and cause others to meet them.² The "power elite," Mills writes, is composed of individuals whose positions of governance enable them to transcend the ordinary environments of ordinary individuals, and who are in positions to make decisions of "great importance."³ Whether these people realise the nature of a stratified society is of less consequence than the result of their actions, Mills argues; they are a heterogeneous group that governs in variegated ways. The celebrities, for instance, cast the shadow of public honour over society, he says, where the command posts of the big hierarchies, which obviously include those in the political stratum, "take up the spotlight of publicity and become subjects of the intensive build-up."⁴ Celebrities include the institutional elite, who compete in a system that fetishizes competition, Mills argues.

As we can easily detect from observing the world through the television set, the line between celebrity and politician becomes blurred, and there are many crossover individuals. Examples include Pierre Trudeau as a subject and cause of *Trudeaumania*, while the opposite event is performed by Ronald Reagan's transition from a Hollywood actor to the president of the United States. Justin Trudeau's rise to political prominence, to return to the former example, traces a genealogy of celebrity, which in a world ruled by images confers a great deal of social and cultural capital; these varieties of capital arguably allow for an exponentially easier acquisition of financial liquidity, an invaluable asset at any

¹ Zagorini

² Mills, 3

³ Mills, 4

⁴ Mills, 7

time during a politician's career and most useful during a campaign for office. Within the current economy of signs, in which speech is conveyed on billboards, through television advertisements and internet ads, to mention only three examples, the very rich, to speak of another category of related individuals, can afford to speak louder and more profusely than others, Mills points out. The relationship between business and politics begins from the public relations firms, who may advertise for political parties as well as toothpaste companies, and it hardly ends there. As we will later discuss, through examples from Diane Francis' book on Canadian business elite, the political world is a highly personal one. Amiability, we will discover, is the mood that governs the transitional world of the political and personal, where deals are made in backrooms. There is nothing conspiratorial about any of this; as we know from our own experiences, politics happens with the wine glass in hand (as the interns have witnessed firsthand at Queen's Park). Some political scientists, such as Robert Dahl and Charles Lindblom, believe that in fact interest-groups rule Washington, that representatives from highly powerful firms courting politicians and inciting changes in legislation to favour business interests is *the* major force in American politics. And while I acknowledge there exists major differences between the laws which govern the activities of lobby groups in this country when compared with the United States, it is hardly arguable the corporate rich in this country, the third of Mills' examples I have chosen, are capable of spreading their political message further and wider than non-corporate actors. Two common similarities exist between each of these elite actors, as one can observe from the examples above: first, they have greater access to political power; second, their road to public office, if they should choose ever to take it, is paved by the public's recognition of their names and faces.

After our discussion of these several types of elite camps, we can now ask of the varieties and question what degree of coordination exists among them in Canada and how these occur. Three important factors facilitate co-ordination between elites, John Porter argues: the first is the relatively small size of elite groups, which facilitates communication and control within any one institutional system, and the second is a "general agreement on the ground rules to govern the conflicts of power and to ensure a minimizing of violence."⁵ These elite camps operate by the principle of collegiality, where groups of individuals function as minority rulers operating by collective responsibility in order to accomplish the goal of sustaining the governing authority of the group in question.⁶ The second factor, meanwhile, is established within legal norms, where these are followed, in Porters words, by the "decision of the courts and quasi-judicial agencies," which Porter does not describe at once but in which, he claims, legal norms apply "to observe only the minimum of the law." While these can be countered by the lobbying and threats of removal of public support, the elite in his opinion operate within the margins of the law until the law is clearly stated and forces the re-consolidation of power within a more limited framework. Since the majority of the country's citizenry can be categorized as non-political agents, it is logical to argue this challenge to elite authority occurs less frequently than not, and the spirit of egalitarian interpretations of law, therefore, is generally eschewed, while other times progressive items of law are slowly eroded to facilitate the consolidation of elite wealth and power. But why, we might ask, do the elite not challenge the legal normative structure altogether, so as to protect themselves from each other? Certainly, we cannot argue out of existence the fact of competition within elite camps; William I.

⁵ Porter, 211

⁶ Weber, 360

Robinson's notion of polyarchy, for example, argues that the electoral and other procedural democratic processes enact this very phenomenon; the system works to encourage competition in a limited sense.⁷ Much explanatory language resides in Porter's argument that legal norms provide stable working arrangements that allow for the smoother flow of capital, and the acceptance of a legal normative order among the elite groups provides "workable arrangements in relatively peaceful communities."⁸

In contrast to the power elite formulation of Canadian politics, it is possible concomitantly to posit the narrative whereby political families accrue social and material capital that allows them to sustain competitive advantage over nonfamily actors. Writers like Robert Putman have posited "a family capital" model of political elitism, which centralizes on the family as the location of power accrual and transference of political authority. Irrespective of the networks that guide lawmaking and the flows of power in society, the links between business and government, the family remains paramount. However, the family alone may be an insufficient locus in the description of the political process. It was not, after all, Jeb Bush alone who assisted George W.'s election in 2000. Diane Francis iterates the question "Who Owns Canada now?" in her discussion of "old money, new money and the future of Canadian business." And the names with which she answers her own question are familiar to us: the Irvings, the McCains, the Molsons, the Singers, the Blacks, the Eatons, the Romans, and the Ignatieffs. Part political intrigue and part confessional literature, Francis lays out the totemic business families and their consolidation of capital through close ties to Canadian policy makers, subsequently revealing the nepotistic backroom deals through which public policies are made and business plays conducted. She talks, for instance, of Robert Campeau, who during the mid-1980s was one of two French Canadians to achieve Canada's billion-dollar club. "The secret of the Campeau's success," Francis writes, "has been their extreme aggressiveness and ability to use francophone political contacts to more than make up for not attending Upper Canada College, Harvard, or other traditional breeding grounds of Canada's economic elite." She continues by adding that Robert Campeau was a close friend of Pierre Eliot Trudeau, whose rise to the Prime Ministership in 1968 marked a dramatic shift in favour of French Canada and French Canadians.⁹ How exactly did this occur, we might ask? The author explains by saying Campeau's friendship with the prime minister gave him cachet; he landed many government leases, she explains, occasionally without competing against others, and as a real estate mogul, was able to charge the government rents far higher than market rates. The last deal between Campeau Corp and the government was signed on August 29, 1984, she writes, the last day of the Turner government.¹⁰

Allow me to make two comments first before moving on. Diane Francis' book, while being a very good one in its field, is also one of the few to discuss this topic at all; when searching for such literature, even in the unending stacks of the UofT library system, one encounters an impoverished landscape. In such a polite society as Canada, it seems we are often too shy to interrogate the mechanics of the democratic process in her demanding manner. Second, Francis' critique of expensive and private educational institutions as a breeding ground for political and business elites opens the door again to the multi-layered analysis in the style of John Porter's *The Vertical Mosaic*. "A sizable portion (29 per cent) of the

⁷ Robinson, 14

⁸ Porter, 128

⁹ Francis, 173

¹⁰ Francis, 175

political elite attended private schools, he says, before breaking down the numbers: 31 per cent of federal cabinet ministers (before 1997) attended private schools while the number for provincial members was 13 per cent.¹¹ 88 per cent of Liberals have a university background, he adds, while that number is 84 per cent for the Conservatives. Porter manufactures a more robust discourse by adding ethnic affiliation and religion to the mix. Twenty-one per cent of the political elite in Canada are French, he says, while that number sits at a paltry 3.2 per cent for other minority groups. In his own words, “the Canadian political elite has scarcely been representative of Canada’s ethnic composition.”¹²

Here, we can bolster Porter’s efforts with a modest empirical analysis. In this section, I will attempt through graphical illustration to show familial relationships with and between members of Ontario’s 39th (current) Parliament to ascertain the degree by which these relationships¹³ are demonstrably significant when compared against the graphs of state-level government members of Quebec, Manitoba, New York, and Michigan—those jurisdictions which border Ontario.¹⁴ I have delineated the research using the elected members of the provincial/state-level assemblies as a base. Through various forms of research, I have sought to locate at least one mention within the public realm of a familial relationship that a member may have to at least one other publically elected official in the Canadian landscape that has preceded their own foray into political life. The charts are limited insofar as they display only publically documented familial links,¹⁵ while other networks, like those acquired through connections at elite educational institutions, are foregone. Despite its failings, however, the numbers are telling. As we can see, clearly, therefore, even within such a limited model, the elite networks in Ontario demonstrably exceed those in other places at the state or provincial level, at times nearly by twofold.

In an effort to recapitulate this paper’s major threads, I have tried to identify the relevance of power elite literature, while making reference to such terms as “higher circle,” “the very rich,” “the celebrity,” and “the corporate rich” in order to develop the idea of what a Canadian ruling class might resemble, how it may form and utilize its networks. I contrasted the power elite model briefly with a family capital model of elitism, but in the wake of evidence, had to defer to the former and conclude that its explanatory power is greater. In response to Justin Trudeau’s argument that political elitism does not exist in Canada, I would argue that the records from the genealogical graphs from Ontario and the several legislatures provide evidence otherwise. While their scope, as I have discussed, could have been broadened, they demonstrate nevertheless that Canada is not free from what I referred above to as a systematic tendency towards dynasties and the generational gifting of power. Since the evidence in this essay would suggest that the power elite model allows us to broaden the family capitalist model while including several of its key segments, however, we should ask ourselves how one might conduct research to better understand this synthesis of approaches. Where the graphs fell short is precisely the points around which I would argue that research should be conducted; quantitative examinations of

¹¹ Porter, 388

¹² Porter, 389

¹³ I define these relationships as either by blood or by (in)direct inheritance of a relative through marriage/common law relationship

¹⁴ See Appendix A

¹⁵ See Appendix B for information on the political relatives

Diane Francis's qualitative arguments, which proclaim deep connections between business and politicians especially, are a beginning, as are deeper qualitative examinations of how educational institutions promote the formation of future elite collaborations between business and politics. If Pierre Elliot Trudeau's belief in a just society is to be upheld, we must examine more deeply whether the principle of meritocratic governance is merely an illusion given the high degree of interconnectedness between political elites, whether there truly exists a ruling class in Canada.

APPENDIX A

Charts listing current, elected members of the Provincial Assemblies of Ontario, Manitoba and Quebec, and lower house members of the State Assemblies of Michigan and New York

Members of Ontario's Provincial Parliament (As of May 15, 2009)

#	Last Name	First Name	Riding	Party	Family History of Political Service
1	Dickson	Joe	Ajax-Pickering	Liberal	No relation OR No public record
2	Brown	Mike	Algoma-Manitoulin	Liberal	No relation OR No public record
3	McMeekin	Ted	Ancaster-Dundas-Flamborough-Westdale	Liberal	No relation OR No public record
4	Carroll	Aileen	Barrie	Liberal	No relation OR No public record
5	Prue	Michael	Beaches-East York	New Democrat	No relation OR No public record
6	Kular	Kuldip	Bramalea-Gore-Malton	Liberal	No relation OR No public record
7	Dhillon	Vic	Brampton West	Liberal	No relation OR No public record
8	Jeffrey	Linda	Brampton-Springdale	Liberal	No relation OR No public record
9	Levac	Dave	Brant	Liberal	No relation OR No public record
10	Murdoch	Bill	Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound	Progressive Conservative	No relation OR No public record
11	Savoline	Joyce	Burlington	Progressive Conservative	No relation OR No public record
12	Martiniuk	Gerry	Cambridge	Progressive Conservative	No relation OR No public record
13	Sterling	Norm	Carleton-Mississippi Mills	Progressive Conservative	No relation OR No public record
14	Hoy	Pat	Chatham-Kent-Essex	Liberal	No relation OR No public record
15	Ruprecht	Tony	Davenport	Liberal	No relation OR No public record
16	Caplan	David	Don Valley East	Liberal	Son of Elinor Caplan (1)
17	Wynne	Kathleen	Don Valley West	Liberal	No relation OR No public record
18	Jones	Sylvia	Dufferin-Caledon	Progressive Conservative	No relation OR No public record
19	O'Toole	John	Durham	Progressive Conservative	No relation OR No public record
20	Colle	Mike	Eglinton-Lawrence	Liberal	No relation OR No public record
21	Peters	Steve	Elgin-Middlesex-London	Liberal	No relation OR No public record
22	Crozier	Bruce	Essex	Liberal	No relation OR No public record
23	Cansfield	Donna	Etobicoke Centre	Liberal	No relation OR No public record
24	Qaadri	Shafiq	Etobicoke North	Liberal	No relation OR No public record
25	Brotten	Laurel	Etobicoke-Lakeshore	Liberal	No relation OR No public record
26	Lalonde	Jean-Marc	Glengarry-Prescott-Russell	Liberal	No relation OR No public record
27	Sandals	Liz	Guelph	Liberal	No relation OR No public record
28	Barrett	Toby	Haldimand-Norfolk	Progressive Conservative	No relation OR No public record
29	Scott	Laurie	Haliburton-Kwartha Lakes-Brock	Progressive Conservative	Daughter of William C. Scott (2)
29	Johnson	Rick	Haliburton-Kwartha Lakes-Brock	Liberal	No relation OR No public record
30	Chudleigh	Ted	Halton	Progressive Conservative	Grandson of Thomas Laird Kennedy (3)
31	Horwath	Andrea	Hamilton Centre	New Democrat	No relation OR No public record
32	Miller	Paul	Hamilton East-Stoney Creek	New Democrat	Nephew of Bill Powell (4)
33	Aggelonitis	Sophia	Hamilton Mountain	Liberal	No relation OR No public record
34	Mitchell	Carol	Huron-Bruce	Liberal	No relation OR No public record
35	Hampton	Howard	Kenora-Rainy River	New Democrat	Son-in-Law of Elie Martel (5)

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36	Gerretsen	John	Kingston and the Islands	Liberal	No relation OR No public record
37	Milloy	John	Kitchener Centre	Liberal	No relation OR No public record
38	Pendergast	Leeanna	Kitchener-Conestoga	Liberal	Sister-in-Law of John Milloy (6)
39	Witmer	Elizabeth	Kitchener-Waterloo	Progressive Conservative	No relation OR No public record
40	Van Bommel	Maria	Lambton-Kent-Middlesex	Liberal	No relation OR No public record
41	Hillier	Randy	Lanark-Frontenac-Lennox and Addington	Progressive Conservative	No relation OR No public record
42	Runciman	Bob	Leeds-Grenville	Progressive Conservative	No relation OR No public record
43	Matthews	Deb	London North Centre	Liberal	Widow of Bruce McCaffrey, Sister-in-Law of David Peterson (7)
44	Bentley	Chris	London West	Liberal	No relation OR No public record
45	Ramal	Khalil	London-Fanshawe	Liberal	No relation OR No public record
46	Chan	Michael	Markham-Unionville	Liberal	No relation OR No public record
47	Fonseca	Peter	Mississauga East-Cooksville	Liberal	Nephew-in-Law of Greg Sorbara (8)
48	Sousa	Charles	Mississauga South	Liberal	No relation OR No public record
49	Mangat	Amrit	Mississauga-Brampton South	Liberal	No relation OR No public record
50	Takhar	Harinder	Mississauga-Erindale	Liberal	No relation OR No public record
51	Delaney	Bob	Mississauga-Streetsville	Liberal	No relation OR No public record
52	MacLeod	Lisa	Nepean-Carleton	Progressive Conservative	Daughter of Danny MacLeod (9)
53	Klees	Frank	Newmarket-Aurora	Progressive Conservative	No relation OR No public record
54	Craitor	Kim	Niagara Falls	Liberal	No relation OR No public record
55	Hudak	Tim	Niagara West-Glanbrook	Progressive Conservative	No relation OR No public record
56	Gelinas	France	Nickel Belt	New Democrat	No relation OR No public record
57	Smith	Monique	Nipissing	Liberal	Daughter of Richard Smith (10)
58	Rinaldi	Lou	Northumberland-Quinte West	Liberal	No relation OR No public record
59	Jaczek	Helena	Oak Ridges-Markham	Liberal	No relation OR No public record
60	Flynn	Kevin	Oakville	Liberal	No relation OR No public record
61	Ouelette	Jerry	Oshawa	Progressive Conservative	No relation OR No public record
62	Naqvi	Yasir	Ottawa Centre	Liberal	No relation OR No public record
63	McGuinty	Dalton	Ottawa South	Liberal	Son of Dalton McGuinty Sr. (11)
64	Watson	Jim	Ottawa West-Nepean	Liberal	No relation OR No public record
65	McNeely	Phil	Ottawa-Orleans	Liberal	No relation OR No public record
66	Meilleur	Madeleine	Ottawa-Vanier	Liberal	No relation OR No public record
67	Hardeman	Ernie	Oxford	Progressive Conservative	No relation OR No public record
68	DiNovo	Cheri	Parkdale-High Park	New Democrat	No relation OR No public record
69	Miller	Norm	Parry Sound-Muskoka	Progressive Conservative	Son of Frank Miller (12)
70	Wilkinson	John	Perth-Wellington	Liberal	No relation OR No public record
71	Leal	Jeff	Peterborough	Liberal	No relation OR No public record
72	Arthurs	Wayne	Pickering-Scarborough East	Liberal	No relation OR No public record

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73	Dombrowsky	Leona	Prince Edward-Hastings	Liberal	No relation OR No public record
74	Yakabuski	John	Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke	Progressive Conservative	Son of Paul Yakabuski (13)
75	Moridi	Reza	Richmond Hill	Liberal	No relation OR No public record
76	Bailey	Bob	Sarnia-Lambton	Progressive Conservative	No relation OR No public record
77	Oraziotti	David	Sault Ste. Marie	Liberal	No relation OR No public record
78	Duguid	Brad	Scarborough Centre	Liberal	No relation OR No public record
79	Berardinetti	Lorenzo	Scarborough Southwest	Liberal	No relation OR No public record
80	Phillips	Gerry	Scarborough-Agincourt	Liberal	No relation OR No public record
81	Best	Margarett	Scarborough-Guildwood	Liberal	No relation OR No public record
82	Balkissoon	Bas	Scarborough-Rouge River	Liberal	No relation OR No public record
83	Dunlop	Garfield	Simcoe North	Progressive Conservative	No relation OR No public record
84	Wilson	Jim	Simcoe-Grey	Progressive Conservative	No relation OR No public record
85	Bradley	Jim	St. Catherines	Liberal	No relation OR No public record
86	Bryant	Michael	St. Paul's	Liberal	No relation OR No public record
87	Brownell	Jim	Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry	Liberal	No relation OR No public record
88	Bartolucci	Rick	Sudbury	Liberal	No relation OR No public record
89	Shurman	Peter	Thornhill	Progressive Conservative	No relation OR No public record
90	Mauro	Bill	Thunder Bay-Atikokan	Liberal	No relation OR No public record
91	Gravelle	Mike	Thunder Bay-Superior North	Liberal	No relation OR No public record
92	Ramsay	David	Timiskaming-Cochrane	Liberal	No relation OR No public record
93	Bisson	Gilles	Timmins-James Bay	New Democrat	No relation OR No public record
94	Smitherman	George	Toronto Centre	Liberal	No relation OR No public record
95	Tabuns	Peter	Toronto-Danforth	New Democrat	No relation OR No public record
96	Marchese	Rosario	Trinity-Spadina	New Democrat	No relation OR No public record
97	Sorbara	Greg	Vaughan	Liberal	No relation OR No public record
98	Kormos	Peter	Welland	New Democrat	No relation OR No public record
99	Arnott	Ted	Wellington-Halton Hills	Progressive Conservative	No relation OR No public record
100	Elliot	Christine	Whitby-Oshawa	Progressive Conservative	Wife of Jim Flaherty (14)
101	Zimmer	David	Willowdale	Liberal	No relation OR No public record
102	Pupatello	Sandra	Windsor West	Liberal	Wife of Jim Bennett (15)
103	Duncan	Dwight	Windsor-Tecumseh	Liberal	No relation OR No public record
104	Kwinter	Monte	York Centre	Liberal	No relation OR No public record
105	Albanese	Laura	York South-Weston	Liberal	No relation OR No public record
106	Sergio	Mario	York West	Liberal	No relation OR No public record
107	Munro	Julia	York-Simcoe	Progressive Conservative	No relation OR No public record

Members of Ontario's Provincial Parliament (As of May 15, 2009)

15 members of Ontario 39th parliament are publically known to have relatives (either through marriage/common law relationships or blood relationships) precede their own foray into provincial politics. This translates into roughly 14%

Members of Quebec's National Assembly (As of May 15, 2009)

#	Last Name	First Name	Riding	Party	Family History of Political Service
1	Corbeil	Pierre	Abitibi-Est	Libéral	No relation OR No public record
2	Gendron	François	Abitibi-Ouest	Parti Québécois	No relation OR No public record
3	St-Pierre	Christine	Acadie	Libéral	No relation OR No public record
4	Thériault	Lise	Anjou	Libéral	No relation OR No public record
5	Whissell	David	Argenteuil	Libéral	No relation OR No public record
6	Bachand	Claude	Arthabaska	Libéral	No relation OR No public record
7	Grondin	Janvier	Beauce-Nord	ADQ	No relation OR No public record
8	Dutil	Robert	Beauce-Sud	Libéral	Grandson of Édouard Lacroix (16)
9	Leclair	Guy	Beauharnois	Parti Québécois	No relation OR No public record
10	Vien	Dominique	Bellechasse	Libéral	No relation OR No public record
11	Villeneuve	Andre	Berthier	Parti Québécois	No relation OR No public record
12	Cousineau	Claude	Bertrand	Parti Québécois	No relation OR No public record
13	Ratthé	Daniel	Blainville	Parti Québécois	No relation OR No public record
14	Normandeau	Nathalie	Bonaventure	Libéral	No relation OR No public record
15	Curzi	Pierre	Borduas	Parti Québécois	No relation OR No public record
16	Beauchamp	Line	Bourassa-Sauvé	Libéral	No relation OR No public record
17	Kotto	Maka	Bourget	Parti Québécois	No relation OR No public record
18	Paradis	Pierre	Brome-Missisquoi	Libéral	No relation OR No public record
19	St-Arnaud	Bertrand	Chambly	Parti Québécois	No relation OR No public record
20	Champagne	Noella	Champlain	Parti Québécois	No relation OR No public record
21	Carrière	Marc	Chapleau	Libéral	No relation OR No public record
22	Pigeon	Michel	Charlesbourg	Libéral	No relation OR No public record
23	Marois	Pauline	Charlevoix	Parti Québécois	No relation OR No public record
24	Moreau	Pierre	Châteauguay	Libéral	No relation OR No public record
25	Deltell	Gerard	Chauveau	ADQ	No relation OR No public record
26	Bédard	Stéphane	Chicoutimi	Parti Québécois	Son of Marc-André Bédard (17)
27	Ouellette	Guy	Chomedey	Libéral	No relation OR No public record
28	Picard	Marc	Chutes-de-la-Chaudière	ADQ	No relation OR No public record
29	Lapointe	Lisette	Crémazie	Parti Québécois	Wife of Jacques Parizeau (18)
29	Bergman	Lawrence	D'Arcy-McGee	Libéral	No relation OR No public record
30	Charette	Benoît	Deux-Montagnes	Parti Québécois	No relation OR No public record
31	Blanchet	Yves-Francois	Drummond	Parti Québécois	No relation OR No public record
32	Simard	Serge	Dubuc	Libéral	No relation OR No public record
33	Richard	Lorraine	Duplessis	Parti Québécois	No relation OR No public record
34	Courchesne	Michelle	Fabre	Libéral	No relation OR No public record
35	Lessard	Laurent	Frontenac	Libéral	No relation OR No public record

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36	Mamelonet	Georges	Gaspé	Libéral	No relation OR No public record
37	Vallée	Stéphanie	Gatineau	Libéral	No relation OR No public record
38	Girard	Nicolas	Gouin	Parti Québécois	No relation OR No public record
39	Gauvreau	René	Groulx	Parti Québécois	No relation OR No public record
40	Poirier	Carole	Hochelaga-Maisonneuve	Parti Québécois	No relation OR No public record
41	Gaudreault	Maryse	Hull	Libéral	No relation OR No public record
42	Billette	Stéphane	Huntingdon	Libéral	No relation OR No public record
43	Bouillé	Marie	Iberville	Parti Québécois	No relation OR No public record
44	Chevarie	Germain	Îles-de-la-Madeleine	Libéral	No relation OR No public record
45	Kelley	Geoffrey	Jacques-Cartier	Libéral	No relation OR No public record
46	Drolet	André	Jean-Lesage	Libéral	No relation OR No public record
47	Rotiroti	Filomena	Jeanne-Mance—Viger	Libéral	Daughter of Vincent Rotiroti (19)
48	Bolduc	Yves	Jean-Talon	Libéral	No relation OR No public record
49	Boucher	Étienne-Alexis	Johnson	Parti Québécois	Son of Claude Boucher (20)
50	Hivon	Véronique	Joliette	Parti Québécois	No relation OR No public record
51	Gaudreault	Sylvain	Jonquière	Parti Québécois	No relation OR No public record
52	Béchar	Claude	Kamouraska-Témiscouata	Libéral	No relation OR No public record
53	Pagé	Sylvain	Labelle	Parti Québécois	No relation OR No public record
54	Cloutier	Alexandre	Lac-Saint-Jean	Parti Québécois	No relation OR No public record
55	Tomassi	Tony	LaFontaine	Libéral	No relation OR No public record
56	Caire	Éric	La Peltrie	ADQ	No relation OR No public record
57	Houda-Pépin	Fatima	La Pinière	Libéral	No relation OR No public record
58	Ménard	Nicole	Laporte	Libéral	No relation OR No public record
59	Rebello	François	La Prairie	Parti Québécois	No relation OR No public record
60	McKay	Scott	L'Assomption	Parti Québécois	No relation OR No public record
61	Sklavounos	Gerry	Laurier-Dorion	Libéral	No relation OR No public record
62	Paquet	Alain	Laval-des-Rapides	Libéral	No relation OR No public record
63	Boulet	Julie	Laviolette	Libéral	No relation OR No public record
64	Lehouillier	Gilles	Lévis	Libéral	No relation OR No public record
65	Roy	Sylvie	Lotbinière	ADQ	No relation OR No public record
66	Hamad	Sam	Louis-Hébert	Libéral	No relation OR No public record
67	Jérôme-Forget	Monique	Marguerite-Bourgeoys	Libéral	No relation OR No public record
<i>VACANT since April 8, 2009</i>					
68	Richard	Monique	Marguerite-D'Youville	Parti Québécois	No relation OR No public record
69	Drainville	Bernard	Marie-Victorin	Parti Québécois	No relation OR No public record
70	Ouimet	François	Marquette	Libéral	No relation OR No public record
71	Diamond	Jean-Paul	Maskinongé	Libéral	No relation OR No public record

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72	Tremblay	Guillaume	Masson	Parti Québécois	No relation OR No public record
73	Bérubé	Pascal	Matane	Parti Québécois	No relation OR No public record
74	Doyer	Danielle	Matapédia	Parti Québécois	No relation OR No public record
75	Gonthier	Johanne	Mégantic-Compton	Libéral	Daughter of Madeleine Bélanger (21)
76	Khadir	Amir	Mercier	Québec solidaire	No relation OR No public record
77	Charbonneau	Francine	Mille-Îles	Libéral	No relation OR No public record
78	Beaudoin	Denise	Mirabel	Parti Québécois	No relation OR No public record
79	Morin	Norbert	Montmagny-L'Islet	Libéral	No relation OR No public record
80	Bernier	Raymond	Montmorency	Libéral	No relation OR No public record
81	Arcand	Pierre	Mont-Royal	Libéral	No relation OR No public record
82	James	Yolande	Nelligan	Libéral	No relation OR No public record
83	Aussant	Jean-Martin	Nicolet-Yamaska	Parti Québécois	No relation OR No public record
84	Weil	Kathleen	Notre-Dame-de-Grâce	Libéral	No relation OR No public record
85	Reid	Pierre	Orford	Libéral	No relation OR No public record
86	Bachand	Raymond	Outremont	Libéral	No relation OR No public record
87	MacMillan	Norman	Papineau	Libéral	No relation OR No public record
88	Léger	Nicole	Pointe-aux-Trembles	Parti Québécois	Daughter of Marcel Léger (22)
89	L'Écuyer	Charlotte	Pontiac	Libéral	No relation OR No public record
90	Matte	Michel	Portneuf	Libéral	No relation OR No public record
91	Robert	Gilles	Prévost	Parti Québécois	No relation OR No public record
92	Dufour	Marjolain	René-Lévesque	Parti Québécois	No relation OR No public record
93	Simard	Sylvain	Richelieu	Parti Québécois	No relation OR No public record
94	Vallières	Yvon	Richmond	Libéral	No relation OR No public record
95	Pelletier	Irvin	Rimouski	Parti Québécois	No relation OR No public record
96	Dumont	Mario	Rivière-du-Loup	ADQ	No relation OR No public record
VACANT since March 6, 2009					
97	Marsan	Pierre	Robert-Baldwin	Libéral	No relation OR No public record
98	Trottier	Denis	Roberval	Parti Québécois	No relation OR No public record
99	Beaudoin	Louise	Rosemont	Parti Québécois	No relation OR No public record
100	Legault	François	Rousseau	Parti Québécois	No relation OR No public record
101	Bernard	Daniel	Rouyn-Noranda—Témiscamingue	Libéral	No relation OR No public record
102	Gagnon-Tremblay	Monique	Saint-François	Libéral	No relation OR No public record
103	Blais	Marguerite	Saint-Henri—Sainte-Anne	Libéral	No relation OR No public record
104	Pelletier	Émilien	Saint-Hyacinthe	Parti Québécois	No relation OR No public record
105	Turcotte	Dave	Saint-Jean	Parti Québécois	No relation OR No public record
106	Dupuis	Jacques	Saint-Laurent	Libéral	No relation OR No public record
108	Lemay	Martin	Sainte-Marie—Saint-Jacques	Parti Québécois	No relation OR No public record

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109	Pinard	Claude	Saint-Maurice	Parti Québécois	No relation OR No public record
110	Bonnardel	François	Shefford	ADQ	No relation OR No public record
111	Charest	Jean	Sherbrooke	Libéral	No relation OR No public record
112	Charlebois	Lucie	Soulanges	Libéral	No relation OR No public record
113	Malavoy	Marie	Taillon	Parti Québécois	No relation OR No public record
114	Maltais	Agnès	Taschereau	Parti Québécois	No relation OR No public record
115	Traversy	Mathieu	Terrebonne	Parti Québécois	No relation OR No public record
116	Saint-Amand	Danielle	Trois-Rivières	Libéral	No relation OR No public record
117	Ferland	Luc	Ungava	Parti Québécois	No relation OR No public record
118	Bouchard	Camil	Vachon	Parti Québécois	No relation OR No public record
119	Huot	Patrick	Vanier	Libéral	No relation OR No public record
120	Marcoux	Yvon	Vaudreuil	Libéral	No relation OR No public record
121	Bergeron	Stephane	Verchères	Parti Québécois	No relation OR No public record
122	Gautrin	Henri-François	Verdun	Libéral	No relation OR No public record
123	Dubourg	Emmanuel	Viau	Libéral	No relation OR No public record
124	Auclair	Vincent	Vimont	Libéral	No relation OR No public record
125	Chagnon	Jacques	Westmount—Saint-Louis	Libéral	No relation OR No public record

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#	Last Name	First Name	Riding	Party	Family History of Political Service
1	Maguire	Larry	Arthur-Virden	Progressive Conservative	No relation OR No public record
2	Rondeau	Jim	Assiniboia	New Democrat	No relation OR No public record
3	Caldwell	Drew	Brandon East	New Democrat	No relation OR No public record
4	Borotsik	Rick	Brandon West	Progressive Conservative	No relation OR No public record
5	Martindale	Doug	Burrows	New Democrat	No relation OR No public record
6	Pedersen	Blaine	Carman	Progressive Conservative	No relation OR No public record
7	Driedger	Myrna	Charleswood	Progressive Conservative	No relation OR No public record
8	Doer	Gary	Concordia	New Democrat	No relation OR No public record
9	Struthers	Stan	Dauphin-Roblin	New Democrat	No relation OR No public record
10	Blaikie	Bill	Elmwood	New Democrat	No relation OR No public record
11	Graydon	Cliff	Emerson	Progressive Conservative	No relation OR No public record
12	Jennissen	Gerard	Flin Flon	New Democrat	No relation OR No public record
13	Irvin-Ross	Kerri	Fort Garry	New Democrat	No relation OR No public record
14	Howard	Jennifer	Fort Rouge	New Democrat	No relation OR No public record
15	McFadyen	Hugh	Fort Whyte	Progressive Conservative	Nephew of Linda McIntosh (23)
16	Bjornson	Peter	Gimli	New Democrat	No relation OR No public record
17	Lamoureux	Kevin	Inkster	Liberal	No relation OR No public record
18	Nevakshonoff	Tom	Interlake	New Democrat	No relation OR No public record
19	Chomiak	David	Kildonan	New Democrat	No relation OR No public record
20	Blady	Sharon	Kirkfield Park	New Democrat	No relation OR No public record
21	Lemieux	Ron	La Verendrye	New Democrat	No relation OR No public record
22	Hawranik	Gerald	Lac Du Bonnet	Progressive Conservative	No relation OR No public record
23	Eichler	Ralph	Lakeside	Progressive Conservative	No relation OR No public record
24	McGifford	Diane	Lord Roberts	New Democrat	No relation OR No public record
25	Rowat	Leanne	Minnedosa	Progressive Conservative	No relation OR No public record
26	Swan	Andy	Minto	New Democrat	No relation OR No public record
27	Taillieu	Mavis	Morris	Progressive Conservative	No relation OR No public record
28	Dyck	Peter	Pembina	Progressive Conservative	No relation OR No public record
29	Hickes	George	Point Douglas	New Democrat	No relation OR No public record
30	Faurschou	David	Portage La Prairie	Progressive Conservative	No relation OR No public record
31	Jha	Bidhu	Radisson	New Democrat	No relation OR No public record
32	Melnick	Christine	Riel	New Democrat	No relation OR No public record
33	Mitchelson	Bonnie	River East	Progressive Conservative	Wife of Don Mitchelson (24)
34	Gerrard	Jon	River Heights	Liberal	No relation OR No public record
35	Braun	Erna	Rossmere	New Democrat	No relation OR No public record
36	Robinson	Eric	Rupertsland	New Democrat	No relation OR No public record

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37	Derkach	Len	Russell	Progressive Conservative	No relation OR No public record
38	Oswald	Theresa	Seine River	New Democrat	No relation OR No public record
39	Dewar	Gregory	Selkirk	New Democrat	Grandson of Ben Massey (25)
40	Selby	Erin	Southdale	New Democrat	No relation OR No public record
41	Schuler	Ron	Springfield	Progressive Conservative	No relation OR No public record
42	Selinger	Greg	St. Boniface	New Democrat	No relation OR No public record
43	Korzeniowski	Bonnie	St. James	New Democrat	No relation OR No public record
44	Mackintosh	Gord	St. Johns	New Democrat	No relation OR No public record
45	Brick	Marilyn	St. Norbert	New Democrat	No relation OR No public record
46	Allan	Nancy	St. Vital	New Democrat	No relation OR No public record
47	Briese	Stu	Ste. Rose	Progressive Conservative	No relation OR No public record
48	Goertzen	Kelvin	Steinbach	Progressive Conservative	No relation OR No public record
49	Wowchuk	Rosann	Swan River	New Democrat	Sister of Leonard Harapiak and Harry Harapiak (26)
50	Saran	Mohinder	The Maples	New Democrat	No relation OR No public record
51	Whitehead	Frank	The Pas	New Democrat	No relation OR No public record
52	Ashton	Steve	Thompson	New Democrat	No relation OR No public record
53	Reid	Daryl	Transcona	New Democrat	No relation OR No public record
54	Cullen	Cliff	Turtle Mountain	Progressive Conservative	No relation OR No public record
55	Stefanson	Heather	Tuxedo	Progressive Conservative	No relation OR No public record
56	Marcelino	Flor	Wellington	New Democrat	No relation OR No public record
57	Altemeyer	Rob	Wolseley	New Democrat	No relation OR No public record
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District	Last Name	First Name	County(ies)	Party	Family History of Political Service
1st	Bledsoe	Tim	Wayne	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
2nd	Lemmons, Jr.	Lamar	Wayne	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
3rd	Scott	Bettie Cook	Wayne	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
4th	Young II	Coleman	Wayne	Democratic	Son of Coleman A. Young (27)
5th	Johnson	Bert	Wayne	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
6th	Durhal, Jr.	Fred	Wayne	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
7th	Womack	Jimmy	Wayne	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
8th	Cushingberry	George	Wayne	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
9th	Jackson	Shanelle	Wayne	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
10th	Leland	Gabe	Wayne	Democratic	Son of Burton Leland (28)
11th	Nathan	David	Wayne	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
12th	Tlaib	Rashida	Wayne	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
13th	Kandrevas	Andrew	Wayne	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
14th	Clemente	Ed	Wayne	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
15th	Polidori	Gino	Wayne	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
16th	Constan	Bob	Wayne	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
17th	Dillon	Andy	Wayne	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
18th	LeBlanc	Richard	Wayne	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
19th	Walsh	John	Wayne	Republican	No relation OR No public record
20th	Corriveau	Marc	Wayne	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
21st	Slavens	Dian	Wayne	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
22nd	Geiss	Douglas	Wayne	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
23rd	Kennedy	Deb	Wayne	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
24th	Roberts	Sarah	Macomb	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
25th	Switalski	Jon	Macomb	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
26th	Donigan	Marie	Oakland	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
27th	Lipton	Ellen Cogen	Oakland	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
28th	Liss	Lesia	Macomb	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
29th	Melton	Tim	Oakland	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
30th	Rocca	Tory	Macomb	Republican	Son of Sal Rocca & Sue Rocca (29)
31st	Miller	Fred	Macomb	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
32nd	Haase	Jennifer	Macomb, St. Clair	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
33rd	Meltzer	Kim	Macomb	Republican	No relation OR No public record
34th	Stanley	Woodrow	Genesee	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
35th	Gregory	Vincent	Oakland	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
36th	Lund	Pete	Macomb	Republican	No relation OR No public record

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37th	Barnett	Vicki	Oakland	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
38th	Crawford	Anthony	Oakland	Republican	No relation OR No public record
39th	Brown	Hugh	Oakland	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
40th	Moss	Chuck	Oakland	Republican	No relation OR No public record
41st	Knollenberg	Marty	Oakland	Republican	Son of Joe Knollenberg (30)
42nd	Haugh	Harold	Macomb	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
43rd	Haines	Gail	Oakland	Republican	No relation OR No public record
44th	Kowall	Eileen	Oakland	Republican	No relation OR No public record
45th	McMillin	Tom	Oakland	Republican	No relation OR No public record
46th	Marleau	James	Oakland	Republican	No relation OR No public record
47th	Denby	Cindy	Livingston	Republican	No relation OR No public record
48th	Hammel	Richard	Genesee	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
49th	Gonzales	Lee	Genesee	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
50th	Slezak	Jim	Genesee	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
51st	Scott	Paul H.	Genesee	Republican	No relation OR No public record
52nd	Byrnes	Pam	Washtenaw	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
53rd	Warren	Rebekah	Washtenaw	Democratic	Daughter-in-law of Alma Smith (31)
54th	Smith	Alma	Washtenaw	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
55th	Angerer	Kathy	Monroe, Washtenaw	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
56th	Ebli	Kate	Monroe	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
57th	Spade	Dudley	Lenawee	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
58th	Kurtz	Kenneth	Branch, Hillsdale	Republican	No relation OR No public record
59th	Lori	Matt	Cass, St. Joseph	Republican	No relation OR No public record
60th	Jones	Robert	Kalamazoo	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
61st	DeShazor	Larry	Kalamazoo	Republican	No relation OR No public record
62nd	Segal	Kate	Calhoun	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
63rd	Bolger	James	Calhoun, Kalamazoo	Republican	No relation OR No public record
64th	Griffin	Martin	Jackson	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
65th	Simpson	Mike	Eaton, Jackson, Lenawee	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
66th	Rogers	Bill	Livingston, Oakland	Republican	No relation OR No public record
67th	Byrum	Barb	Ingham	Democratic	Daughter of Dianne Byrum (32)
68th	Bauer	Joan	Ingham	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
69th	Meadows	Mark	Ingham	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
70th	Huckleberry	Mike	Ionia, Montcalm	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
71st	Jones	Rick	Eaton	Republican	No relation OR No public record
72nd	Amash	Justin	Kent	Republican	No relation OR No public record
73rd	Pearce	Tom	Kent	Republican	No relation OR No public record

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74th	Agema	David	Kent, Ottawa	Republican	No relation OR No public record
75th	Dean	Robert	Kent	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
76th	Schmidt	Roy	Kent	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
77th	Green	Kevin	Kent	Republican	No relation OR No public record
78th	Tyler	Sharon	Berrien, Cass	Republican	No relation OR No public record
79th	Proos	John	Berrien	Republican	No relation OR No public record
80th	Schuitmaker	Tonya	Allegan, Van Buren	Republican	No relation OR No public record
81st	Pavlov	Philip	St. Clair	Republican	No relation OR No public record
82nd	Daley	Kevin	Lapeer	Republican	No relation OR No public record
83rd	Espinoza	John	Sanilac, St. Clair	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
84th	Brown	Terry	Huron, Tuscola	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
85th	Ball	Richard	Clinton, Shiawassee	Republican	No relation OR No public record
86th	Hildenbrand	Dave	Kent	Republican	No relation OR No public record
87th	Calley	Brian	Barry, Ionia	Republican	No relation OR No public record
88th	Genetski	Bob	Allegan	Republican	No relation OR No public record
89th	Meekhof	Arlan	Ottawa	Republican	No relation OR No public record
90th	Haveman	Joseph	Ottawa	Republican	No relation OR No public record
91st	Valentine	Mary	Muskegon, Ottawa	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
92nd	Bennett	Doug	Muskegon	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
93rd	Opsommer	Paul	Clinton, Gratiot	Republican	No relation OR No public record
94th	Horn	Kenneth	Saginaw	Republican	No relation OR No public record
95th	Coulouris	Andy	Saginaw	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
96th	Mayes	Jeff	Bay	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
97th	Moore	Tim	Arenac, Bay, Clare, Gladwin	Republican	No relation OR No public record
98th	Stamas	Jim	Midland, Saginaw	Republican	No relation OR No public record
99th	Caul	Bill	Isabella, Midland	Republican	Husband of Sandra Caul (33)
100th	Hansen	Geoff	Lake, Newaygo, Oceana	Republican	No relation OR No public record
101st	Scripps	Dan	Benzie, Leelanau, Manistee, Mason	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
102nd	Booher	Darwin	Mecosta, Osceola, Wexford	Republican	No relation OR No public record
103rd	Sheltrown	Joel	Iosco, Missaukee, Ogemaw, Roscommon	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
104th	Schmidt	Wayne	Grand Traverse, Kalkaska	Republican	No relation OR No public record
105th	Elsenheimer	Kevin	Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Otsego	Republican	No relation OR No public record
106th	Neumann	Andy	Alcona, Alpena, Crawford, Montmorency, Oscoda, Presque Isle	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
107th	McDowell	Gary	Cheboygan, Chippewa, Emmet, Mackinac	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
108th	Nerat	Judy	Delta, Dickinson, Menominee	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
109th	Lindberg	Steve	Alger, Luce, Marquette, Schoolcraft	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
110th	Lahti	Michael	Baraga, Gogebic, Houghton, Iron, Keweenaw, Marquette, Ontonagon	Democratic	No relation OR No public record

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District	Last Name	First Name	Residence	Party	Family History of Political Service
1st	Alessi	Marc	Shoreham	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
2nd	Thiele	Fred	Sag Harbor	Republican	No relation OR No public record
3rd	Eddington	Patricia	Medford	Working Families	No relation OR No public record
4th	Englebright	Steven	Setauket	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
5th	Fields	Ginny	Oakdale	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
6th	Ramos	Philip	Central Islip	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
7th	Fitzpatrick	Michael J.	Smithtown	Republican	No relation OR No public record
8th	Boyle	Philip	Bay Shore	Republican	No relation OR No public record
9th	Raia	Andrew	East Northport	Republican	No relation OR No public record
10th	Conte	James	Huntington Station	Republican	No relation OR No public record
11th	Sweeney	Robert	Lindenhurst	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
12th	Saladino	Joseph	Massapequa	Republican	No relation OR No public record
13th	Lavine	Charles	Glen Cove	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
14th	Barra	Robert	Lynbrook	Republican	No relation OR No public record
15th	Walker	Robert	Hicksville	Republican	No relation OR No public record
16th	Schimmel	Michelle	Great Neck	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
17th	McKevitt	Thomas	East Meadow	Republican	No relation OR No public record
18th	Hooper	Earlene Hill	Hempstead	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
19th	McDonough	David	Merrick	Republican	No relation OR No public record
20th	Weisenberg	Harvey	Long Beach	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
21st	Alfano	Thomas	North Valley Stream	Republican	No relation OR No public record
22nd	Meng	Grace	Flushing	Democratic	Daughter of Jimmy Meng (34)
23rd	Pheffer	Audrey	Far Rockaway	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
24th	Weprin	Mark	Fresh Meadows	Democratic	Son of Saul Weprin (35)
25th	Lancman	Rory I.	Hillcrest	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
26th	Carrozza	Ann-Margaret	Bayside	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
27th	Mayersohn	Nettie	Kew Gardens Hills	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
28th	Hevesi	Andrew	Forest Hills	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
29th	Scarborough	William	Jamaica	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
30th	Markey	Margaret	Maspeth	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
31st	Titus	Michele	Far Rockaway	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
32nd	Cook	Vivian	Jamaica	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
33rd	Clark	Barbara	Queens Village	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
34th	DenDekker	Michael	East Elmhurst	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
35th	Aubry	Jeffrion	Corona	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
36th	Gianaris	Michael N.	Astoria	Democratic	No relation OR No public record

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37th	Nolan	Catherine	Ridgewood	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
38th	Semerio	Anthony	Richmond Hill	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
39th	Peralta	Jose	Jackson Heights	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
40th	Barron	Inez	Brooklyn	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
41st	Weinstein	Helene	Brooklyn	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
42nd	Jacobs	Rhoda	Brooklyn	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
43rd	Camara	Karim	Brooklyn	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
44th	Brennan	James F.	Brooklyn	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
45th	Cymbrowitz	Steven	Brooklyn	Democratic	Husband of Lena Cymbrowitz (36)
46th	Brook-Krasny	Alec	Brooklyn	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
47th	Colton	William	Brooklyn	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
48th	Hikind	Dov	Brooklyn	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
49th	Abbate	Peter	Brooklyn	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
50th	Lentol	Joseph	Brooklyn	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
51st	Ortiz	Felix	Brooklyn	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
52nd	Millman	Joan	Brooklyn Heights	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
53rd	Lopez	Vito	Brooklyn	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
54th	Towns	Darryl	Brooklyn	Democratic	Son of Edolphus Towns (37)
55th	Boyland, Jr.	William	Brooklyn	Democratic	Son of William Boyland Sr. (38)
56th	Robinson	Annette	Brooklyn	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
57th	Jeffries	Hakeem	Brooklyn	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
58th	Perry	N. Nick	Brooklyn	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
59th	Maisel	Alan	Brooklyn	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
60th	Hyer-Spencer	Janele	Staten Island	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
61st	Titone	Matthew	Staten Island	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
62nd	Tobacco	Lou	Staten Island	Republican	No relation OR No public record
63rd	Cusick	Michael	Staten Island	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
64th	Silver	Sheldon	New York	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
65th	Kellner	Micah	New York	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
66th	Glick	Deborah	New York	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
67th	Rosenthal	Linda	New York	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
68th	Powell IV	Adam Clayton	New York	Democratic	Son of Adam Clayton Powell Jr. (39)
69th	O'Donnell	Daniel	New York	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
70th	Wright	Keith L. T.	New York	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
71st	Farrell	Herman D.	New York	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
72nd	Espallat	Adriano	New York	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
73rd	Bing	Jonathan	New York	Democratic	No relation OR No public record

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74th	Kavanagh	Brian	New York	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
75th	Gottfried	Richard	New York	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
76th	Rivera	Peter	Parkchester	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
77th	VACANT				
78th	Rivera	Jose	Fordham	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
79th	Benjamin	Michael	Morrisania	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
80th	Rivera	Naomi	Morris Park	Democratic	Daughter of Jose Rivera (40)
81st	Dinowitz	Jeffrey	Kingsbridge	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
82nd	Benedetto	Michael	Co-op City	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
83rd	Heastie	Carl	Baychester	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
84th	Arroyo	Carmen	Mott Haven	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
85th	VACANT				
86th	Castro	Nelson	University Heights	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
87th	Pretlow	J. Gary	Mount Vernon	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
88th	Paulin	Amy	Scarsdale	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
89th	Bradley	Adam	White Plains	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
90th	Galef	Sandra	Ossining	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
91st	Latimer	George	Rye	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
92nd	Brodsky	Richard	Greenburgh	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
93rd	Spano	Mike	Yonkers	Democratic	Brother of Nicholas Spano (41)
94th	Zebrowski, Jr.	Kenneth	New City	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
95th	Jaffee	Ellen C.	Suffern	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
96th	Calhoun	Nancy	Blooming Grove	Republican	No relation OR No public record
97th	Rabbitt	Ann	Greenwood Lake	Republican	No relation OR No public record
98th	Gunther	Aileen	Forestburgh	Democratic	Wife of Jacob E. Gunther III (42)
99th	Ball	Greg	Carmel	Republican	No relation OR No public record
100th	Skartados	Frank	Milton	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
101st	Cahill	Kevin	Kingston	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
102nd	Miller	Joel	Poughkeepsie	Republican	No relation OR No public record
103rd	Molinaro	Marcus	Red Hook	Republican	No relation OR No public record
104th	McEneny	John	Albany	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
105th	Amedore	George	Rotterdam	Republican	No relation OR No public record
106th	Canestrari	Ronald	Cohoes	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
107th	Crouch	Clifford	Guilford	Republican	No relation OR No public record
108th	Gordon	Timothy P.	Delmar	Independence	No relation OR No public record
109th	Reilly	Robert	Colonie	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
110th	Tedisco	James	Schenectady	Republican	No relation OR No public record

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111th	Magee	William	Nelson	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
112th	Jordan	Tony	Jackson	Republican	No relation OR No public record
113th	Sayward	Teresa	Willsboro	Republican	No relation OR No public record
114th	Duprey	Janet	Plattsburgh	Republican	No relation OR No public record
115th	Townsend	David	Kirkland	Republican	No relation OR No public record
116th	Destito	RoAnn	Rome	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
117th	Butler	Marc	Newport	Republican	No relation OR No public record
118th	Russell	Addie Jenne	Theresa	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
119th	Christensen	Joan	Syracuse	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
120th	Magnarelli	William	Syracuse	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
121st	Stirpe, Jr.	Albert A.	North Syracuse	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
122nd	Scozzafava	Dierdre	Gouverneur	Republican	No relation OR No public record
123rd	Finch	Gary	Springport	Republican	No relation OR No public record
124th	Barclay	William A.	Pulaski	Republican	No relation OR No public record
125th	Lifton	Barbara	Ithaca	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
126th	Lupardo	Donna	Endwell	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
127th	Lopez	Peter	Schoharie	Republican	No relation OR No public record
128th	Oaks	Robert	Macedon	Republican	No relation OR No public record
129th	Kolb	Brian	Canandaigua	Republican	No relation OR No public record
130th	Errigo	Joseph	Conesus	Republican	No relation OR No public record
131st	John	Susan	Rochester	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
132nd	Morelle	Joseph	Irondequoit	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
133rd	Gantt	David	Rochester	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
134th	Reilich	Bill	Greece	Republican	No relation OR No public record
135th	Koon	David	Perinton	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
136th	Bacalles	James	Corning	Republican	No relation OR No public record
137th	O'Mara	Tom	Horseheads	Republican	No relation OR No public record
138th	DelMonte	Francine	Lewiston	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
139th	Hawley	Stephen	Batavia	Republican	No relation OR No public record
140th	Schimminger	Robin	Kenmore	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
141st	Peoples	Crystal	Buffalo	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
142nd	Corwin	Jane	Clarence	Republican	No relation OR No public record
143rd	Gabryszak	Dennis H.	Cheektowaga	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
144th	Hoyt	Sam	Buffalo	Democratic	Son of William Hoyt (43)
145th	Schroeder	Mark J. F.	Buffalo	Democratic	No relation OR No public record
146th	Quinn III	Jack	Hamburg	Republican	Son of Jack Quinn II (44)
147th	Burling	Daniel	Warsaw	Republican	No relation OR No public record

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148th	Hayes	James	Amherst	Republican	No relation OR No public record
149th	Giglio	Joseph	Gowanda	Republican	No relation OR No public record
150th	Parment	William	Ashville	Democratic	No relation OR No public record

11 members of New York's State Assembly are publically known to have relatives (either through marriage/common law relationships or blood relationships) precede their own foray into state politics. This translates into roughly 7%

APPENDIX B

Brief details about the political relatives noted in Appendix A

1. **Hon. Elinor Caplan:** Ontario MPP for Oriole (1985-1997), MP for Thornhill (1997-2004). Served in the Cabinets of David Peterson and Jean Chretien.
2. **Hon. William (Bill) C. Scott:** MP for Victoria & Victoria-Haliburton (1965-1993). Served as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Veterans Affairs. Appointed to Canada's Privy Council.
3. **Hon. Thomas Laird Kennedy:** Ontario MPP for Peel (1919-1934 & 1937-1959). Served in the Cabinets of Howard Ferguson, George S. Henry, George Drew and Leslie Frost. Interim Premier of Ontario for seven months in 1948-1949.
4. **William (Bill) Powell:** Hamilton (Ontario) City Councillor (dates unknown) and Mayor of Hamilton (1980-1982).
5. **Elie Walter Martel:** Ontario MPP for Sudbury East (1967-1987).
6. **Hon. John Christopher Milloy:** Ontario MPP for Kitchener Centre (2003-Present). Cabinet Minister under Dalton McGuinty.
7. **Bruce Robert McCaffrey:** Ontario MPP for Armourdale (1977-1987). Cabinet Minister under Bill Davis. **Hon. David Peterson:** Ontario MPP for London Centre (1975-1990) and Premier of Ontario (1985-1990).
8. **Greg Sorbara:** Ontario MPP for York North, York Centre (1985-1995) and Vaughan-King-Aurora, Vaughan (2001-Present). Served in the Cabinets of David Peterson and Dalton McGuinty
9. **Danny MacLeod:** New Glasgow (Nova Scotia) Municipal Councillor (1960s-1997). Distant relatives of Lisa MacLeod include **Donald MacLeod**, Cabinet Minister under Robert Stanfield, and **Donald Cameron**, Premier of Nova Scotia (1991-1993).
10. **Richard Stanley Smith:** Ontario MPP for Nipissing (1965-1977)
11. **Dalton James McGuinty (Sr.):** Ontario MPP for Ottawa South (1987-1990)
12. **Hon. Frank Miller:** Ontario MPP for Muskoka (1971-1987) and Premier of Ontario (1985). Cabinet Minister under Bill Davis.
13. **Paul Yakabuski:** Ontario MPP for Renfrew (1963-1987).
14. **Hon. James Michael Flaherty:** Ontario MPP for Durham Centre, Whitby-Ajax (1995-2005) and MP for Whitby-Oshawa (2006-Present). Served in the Cabinets of Mike Harris, Ernie Eves, and Stephen Harper.
15. **Jim Bennett:** Leader of the Liberal Party of Newfoundland and Labrador (2006).
16. **Édouard Lacroix:** MP for Beauce (1925-1944) and MNA for Beauce (1944-1945)
17. **Marc-André Bédard:** MNA for Chicoutimi (1973-1985). Cabinet Minister and Deputy Premier under René Lévesque.
18. **Jacques Parizeau:** MNA for L'Assomption (1976-1985 & 1994-1996) and Premier of Quebec (1994-1996). Cabinet Minister under René Lévesque.
19. **Vincent Rotiroti:** Anjou (Quebec) Municipal Councillor (dates unknown).
20. **Claude Boucher:** MNA for Johnson (1994-2007).
21. **Madeleine Bélanger:** MNA for Mégantic-Compton (1983-2003).
22. **Marcel Léger:** MNA for LaFontaine (1970-1985). Cabinet Minister under René Lévesque.

23. **Linda Laughlin McIntosh**: MLA for Assiniboia (1990-1999). Cabinet Minister under Gary Filmon.
24. **Don Mitchelson**: Winnipeg (Manitoba) Municipal Councillor (dates unknown).
25. **Ben Massey**: Selkirk (Manitoba) Municipal Councillor (dates unknown), and Mayor of Selkirk (1958-1965)
26. **Leonard Harapiak**: MLA for Swan River (1986-1988) and Cabinet Minister under Howard Pawley.
Harry Harapiak: MLA for The Pas (1981-1990) and Cabinet Minister under Howard Pawley.
27. **Coleman Alexander Young**: Michigan State Senator (1964-1974), and (first Black) Mayor of Detroit (1974-1993)
28. **Burton Leland**: Michigan State Representative (1997-1998), Michigan State Senator (1999-2006)
29. **Sal Rocca**: Michigan State Representative (1974-1980 & 1982-1994 & 2000-2004) and **Sue Rocca**: Michigan State Representative (1994-2000).
30. **Joseph Knollenberg**: US Congressman (from Michigan) (1993-2009).
31. **Alma Wheeler Smith**: Michigan State Senator (1994-2002) and Michigan State Representative (2004-Present)
32. **Dianne Byrum**: Michigan State Representative (1991-1994 & 2003-2006) and Michigan State Senator (1995-2002). First female Democratic House Leader (Michigan House of Representatives).
33. **Sandra Caul**: Michigan State Representative (1999-2004).
34. **Jimmy Meng**: New York State Assemblyman (2004-2006). First-ever Asian-American to be elected to New York State Assembly.
35. **Saul Weprin**: New York State Assemblyman (1971-1994) and Speaker of the New York State Assembly (1991-1994).
36. **Lena Cymbrowitz**: New York State Assemblywoman (1998-2000).
37. **Edolphus Towns**: US Congressman (from New York) (1993-Present).
38. **William Boyland (Sr.)**: New York State Assemblyman (1982-2003).
39. **Adam Clayton Powell (Jr.)**: US Congressman (from New York) (1945-1972). First-ever Black Congressman from New York.
40. **Jose Rivera**: New York (New York) City Councillor (1987-2000) and New York State Assemblyman (1983-1987 & 2001-Present).
41. **Nicholas Spano**: New York State Assemblyman (1979-1986) and New York State Senator (1987-2006).
42. **Jacob Edward Gunther III**: New York State Assemblyman (1992-2003).
43. **William Ballard Hoyt II**: New York State Assemblyman (1975-1992).
44. **John Francis "Jack" Quinn II**: US Congressman (from New York) (1993-2005).

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