



What do we know about the municipal candidate experience in Canada?

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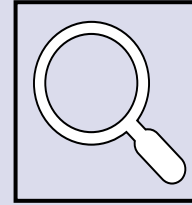
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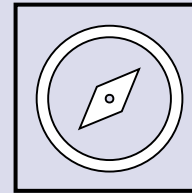
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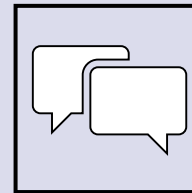
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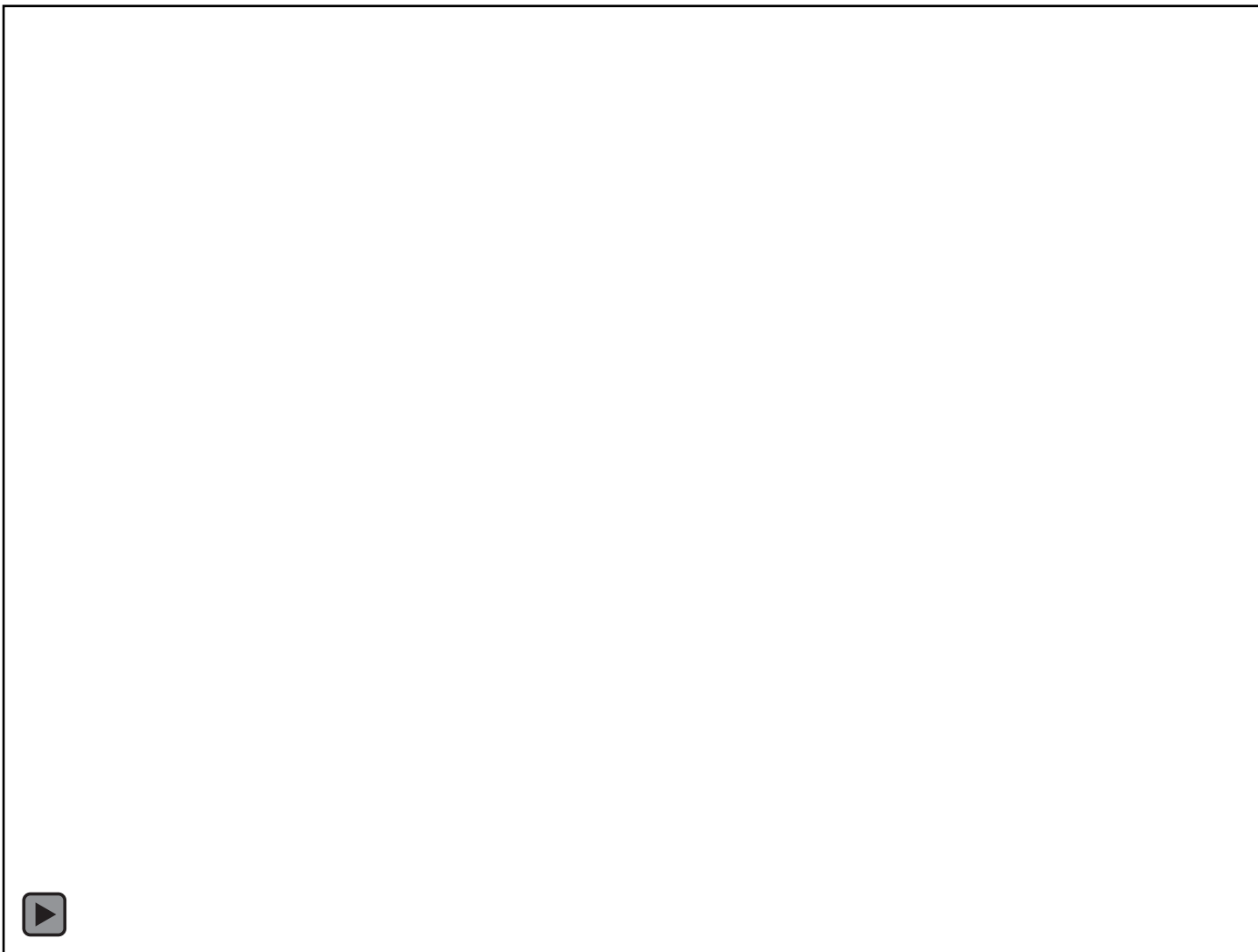


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Some highlights

01

Municipal level is
an important entry
point into politics

02

Black candidates
want to provide
representation
and address
policy problems

03

The experience of
discrimination
common but so is
the desire to run
again



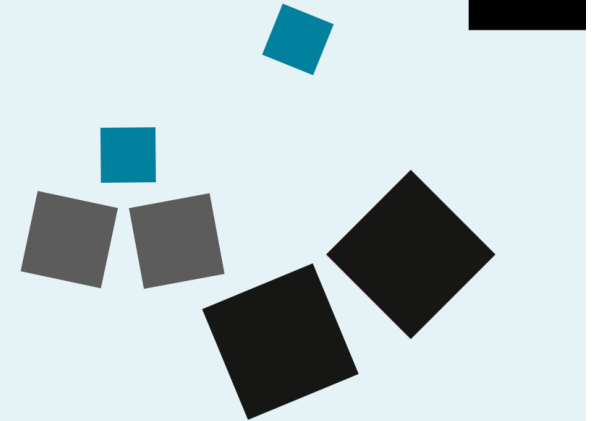
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Initial findings

01

Majority of municipal legislators have experienced harassment

02

Few gender differences in desire to run again (except among younger women)

03

Incumbents who decide to run again have a huge advantage over competitors