

**European Economic Community (EEC)
as it was first set up in 1958:**

Because some countries were larger than others, each country got a different number of votes, roughly determined by its population.

Country	Number of Votes
France	4
Germany	4
Italy	4
Belgium	2
Netherlands	2
Luxembourg	1

Passage of a **motion** requires at least 12 of the 17 possible votes. (More than $3/4$, in other words)

Def: The number of votes necessary to pass a motion is called the quota.

The UN Security Council

There are 15 countries: 5 permanent members and 10 non-permanent members.

Passage of a motion requires at least 9 of the 15 possible votes **but** any of the Big 5 can veto a motion.

The US Federal System

There are 537 voters: 435 members of the house, 100 senators, the VP and the president.

Passage requires:

1. A majority in the house (218), a majority in the Senate (51), and the President **or**
2. A majority in the house (218), a tie in the senate (50), a tie-breaker by the VP, and the President **or**
3. 2/3 of the House (290) and 2/3 of the Senate (67)

The Canadian system to amend their constitution

There are (so far as I can tell) 10 provinces (as well as 3 territories?).

Passage of a motion requires:

1. At least 7 out of 10 provinces approve it **and**
2. those approving must have greater than or equal to 50 percent of Canada's population among them.