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Nana aba Duncan: Hi. I know that politics seems like a dirty word, especially these days. But politics is just how we organize our society. And if we want an equitable and just society, shouldn't everyone feel comfortable taking part in politics?

I'm Nana aba Duncan. I'm a journalism professor and I'm going to give you the inside scoop on what it means to be a Black politician in Canada. What are the specific and unique experiences of Black people when they go into any level of politics?

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Kaycee Madu: *No one -- no one -- thought I was going to win. No one saw it coming.*

Nana aba Duncan: We went around asking questions with curiosity and an open mind.

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Nana aba Duncan: *Do you think Black people should support Black people because they're Black?*

Angela Simmonds: *[Long pause] Yes.*

We should get the support just by virtue of our experience and knowing the difficulty for us to be here.

Nana aba Duncan: We're getting personal but we're also getting data.

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Velma Morgan: *When you see, Black. elected officials being pushed out resigning or not running again is because they've come to their wits end.*

They've done their best to try to work within the system. But it takes a mental toll on them, and then they have to leave.

Introducing, Black on the Ballot, a new podcast from Carleton University and Operation Black Vote Canada, produced by Media Girlfriends.

This show is all about the experiences of Black people in politics.

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