

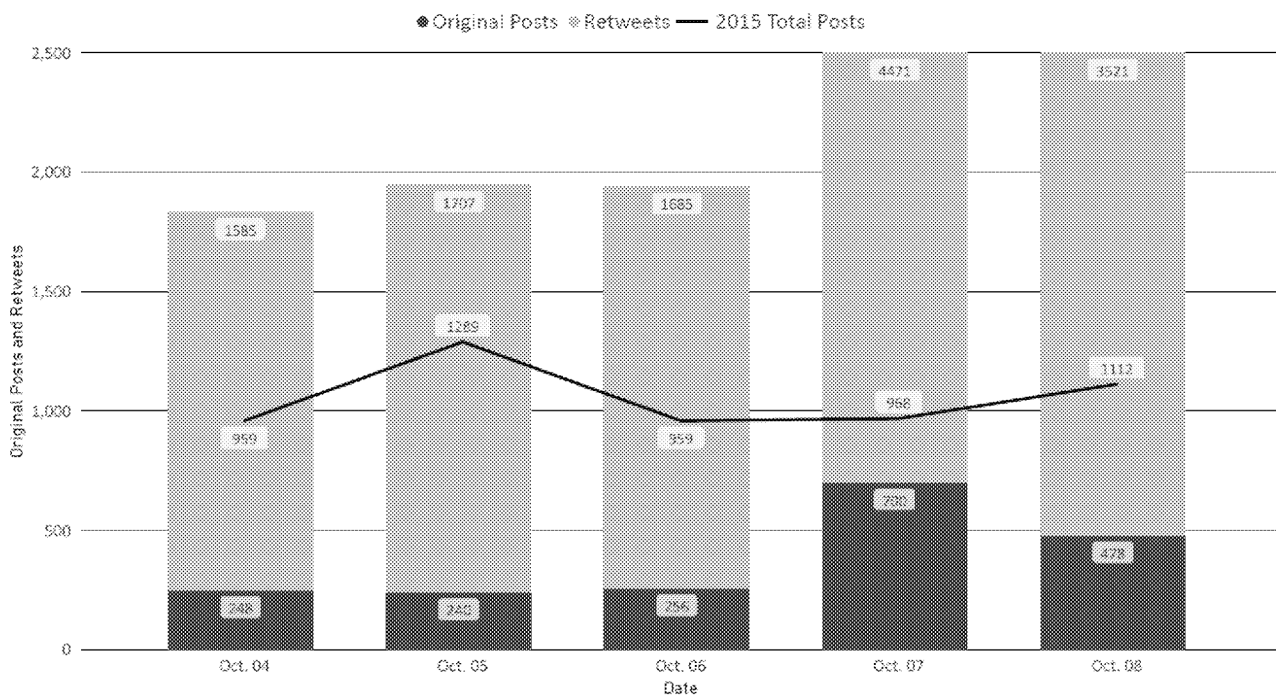
## Rapport de repérage des médias sociaux : midi 8 octobre à midi 9 octobre, 2019

### Social Media Monitoring Report: noon October 8 to noon October 9, 2019

#### Observations principales / Key observations

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  - One user adapted the text from the Facebook post and included a photo of their own VIC, claiming they were also a non-citizen who had received a VIC
  - Others posted the text and image from the Facebook post without stating that the VIC in question was, in fact, not theirs
- Multiple high-engagement tweets about non-citizens on the NROE, including one by Senator Denise Batters suggesting “error-riddled” VICs are much more common than EC admits
- Users reported long lines at campus voting sites at Western, Ryerson, Concordia and Trent universities

#### Volume of posts mentioning Elections Canada or variants, by day



**Volume** – Includes mentions of CEO, CEA, and variants, in English and French, on Twitter, Reddit, Tumblr, blogs, forums, YouTube comments

Sujets principaux / Key topics<sup>1</sup>

- ➔ Concerns about voter ID requirements, vouching and non-citizens on the NROE
- ➔ Concerns about vandalized and stolen lawn signs

## Éléments sous observation / On the radar

- **On final day of on-campus voting, users report long lines at Ryerson, University of Western Ontario, Concordia, Trent and University of Toronto (Mississauga):** A number of student GOTV campaigns tweeted about long line-ups at universities in Ontario and Quebec. “Future Majority” tweeted photos of line-ups at Trent University (where students are said to have “lined up all morning”) and at the University of Toronto (Mississauga). At the University of Western Ontario, a user tweeted a photo of 34 people lining up for an on-campus poll, noting that students were waiting “40+ minutes.” At Ryerson University, a user took a photo of a line-up of 28 people that “bends around” and “goes all the way up the stairs.” A user at Concordia University took a photo of a line-up with at least 31 people. In addition, Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi tweeted to his 387.7K followers that “on-campus voting is now open at MRU, BVC and UCalgary.” SMMU will be on the look-out for high turnout in Western Canada through the end of October 9.
- **A Reddit user claimed that a poll worker challenged their use of a “BC Photo Services Card” as a form of ID at a campus poll:** In a thread discussing everyday use of a “BC Identity Card,” one user mentioned that they had used their “BC Photo Services Card” at a campus poll in Vancouver where two poll workers requested “a second piece of ID.” However, after “check[ing] their info,” the workers accepted the user’s ID and the user was able to cast a ballot. In another comment, the user noted that EC “is desperate for workers” which might explain why “the standards aren’t very high.”
- **A Reddit user claimed that “people are being removed from the [voter] registration” list:** The user urged others to check their “voter identification card,” adding that they had been “removed from the registry this year,” and that EC “fixed” the issue but only after they contacted the agency three times. The user speculated that others may be unaware they have been removed from the list, to which some responded that it was not that concerning considering it is “almost ridiculously easy” to meet EC’s ID requirements and register on the spot at the polls. The post received 26 engagements.
- **A user who claimed he received a “2nd voting card inside two weeks” asked “Whats up Elections Canada???”:** He evidently did not notice that one of the VICs was a “Replacement Card.” The tweet received seven engagements.
- **A Twitter user claimed there were LPC signs “5 feet” from a campus polling station:** The user said they saw “someone holding liberal signs” as they entered a campus polling station at

<sup>1</sup> Most prominent EC-related stories over the report’s time period; arrows indicate the intensity of the interest relative to last week: ↑ = increased interest ➔ = continued interest ↓ = decreased interest ↻ = revived topic NEW = new topic

“upper Place Riel” at the University of Saskatchewan, adding that the practice was “illegal.” The tweet received seven engagements.

- **A Twitter user suggested the CEO was not proactive enough in stopping foreign interference in the form of U.S. Republican Party “operatives”:** Following a string of tweets about a former Republican strategist working on the CPC campaign, a user with 1.5K followers suggested the CEO should do more to impede U.S. party influence during GE43, saying “the CEO is quite ok with foreign right-wing white nat. undercover American stooges acting as ‘3rd party’ agents for Cdn party candidate?” The tweet received one engagement.
- **Friends of Science continued to thank EC for its “warning” about climate change talk and promoted a new billboard:** The organization that presents “alternative causes” to man-made climate change continues to tweet its thanks to EC. In a recent tweet, the organization shared an undated image of a billboard that states, “Politicians can’t \$top climate change. FriendsOfScience.org.” The tweet received 33 engagements.



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## Sujets principaux – en profondeur / Key topics – in depth

## → Concerns about voter ID requirements, vouching and non-citizens on the NROE

## Articles les plus partagés; nombre de partages / Most-shared articles; number of shares

- [British man living in Beiseker raises concerns after Elections Canada put him on voter list](#), *Global News*, October 8, **7.7K shares**
- [Concerns raised over voter cards being sent out to non-citizens](#), *Discover Airdrie*, October 8, **2.7K shares**
- [Voter card mailed to non-Canadian citizen](#), *CBC News*, October 8, **528 shares**

## Fait saillants sur les médias sociaux / Social media highlights

Users continued sharing a Facebook post by a non-citizen in Beiseker, AB, who received a VIC (20K engagements), with some users adapting large parts of the post's text and incorporating it into their own posts on various social media platforms. One user name on both Twitter and Instagram shared a slightly altered version of the post's text, with a photo of their own VIC, claiming that they, too, were a non-citizen who had received a VIC. A handful of users copied and pasted the high-engagement Facebook post's text, including the original photo, and shared it on their Twitter feeds without stating that they, in fact, were not the person listed on the VIC. In a reply to such a tweet, one user noted that there were a "crap ton of accounts" that were "all posting under different names claiming this to be 'theirs'," and questioned the authenticity of the tweet. One Facebook user commenting on a *CBC News'* article on the topic made a similar observation.

Senator Denise Batters also chimed in on the topic by sharing a *CBC News* article about the Beiseker man receiving a VIC, and suggesting that "mistakes" with EC's "error-riddled" VICs are not as "rare" as the agency has led on. In a series of tweets, freelance journalist Amy MacPherson, who in September alleged that 2001 photos of the LPC leader in "brownface" makeup were foreign interference, suggested that non-citizens on the NROE could be the result of "election fraud" stemming from Alberta's election, which may have "tainted" or "fundamentally corrupted" EC's voter database. MacPherson concluded that non-citizens receiving VICs could be an indication of "foreign interference."

Other users who engaged with the topic continued sharing articles and high-engagement posts about non-citizens on the NROE, with many users voicing their disappointment over EC not requiring proof of citizenship at the polls, accepting vouching, and not having "done its job" of addressing issues with the NROE prior to the election. One user stated that EC would "not find [its] way out of a water soaked paper bag," while another suggested that "all employees of EC should be charged with treason." Some users noted personal experiences or anecdotes about receiving misspelled VICs or VICs addressed to persons who do not reside at their address. Many users also speculated that non-citizens on the NROE are further proof of "EC working for Trudeau," and of GE43 being "rigged." One user suggested that the presence of non-citizens on the NROE was a tactic similar to that used in Quebec's 1995 referendum in which citizenship applications for qualified immigrants were fast-tracked in time for them to vote in the referendum.

This same concern was echoed in Facebook posts on the CBC story about new Canadians from Syria voting for the first time. The story noted that in Syria, elections are "a theatre act." A user replying to the story said "by the reports that non Canadians are receiving voter cards, it's a theatre act here too. We can only hope that any that receive cards vote to keep this country free" (51 engagements). Another opined: "With voter cards going to 100s of thousands of non citizens the election is a bit of a joke here are well."



<b>Publications reliées au sujet / Related posts</b>				
<b>Engagement</b>	<b>Followers, platform</b>	<b>Account</b>	<b>Post</b>	<b>Date</b>
21.1K	N/A, Facebook	Facebook user	<p><b>**Note 1: SMMU first reported on this post in the October 7-8 daily social media monitoring report. The user later stated that they called EC to remove his name from the NROE, but learned that “somebody already removed me today...someone is watching!” **</b></p> <p><b>**Note 2: SMMU has added yellow highlights to indicate tweets or posts that have used similar language as the 21K post by the non-citizen in Beiseker.**</b></p> <p><b>**Note 3: The below post is the original Oct. 7 Facebook post by the non-citizen in Beiseker**</b></p> <p>Look what I got, heres the problem,I can vote with this card and an Alberta Drivers licence, but I am NOT a Canadian citizen, and asking around some of my non citizen friends , I am not alone. I am not going to vote because I am not legally entitled to vote, but others will. Your election is about to be stolen from you by illegal voters and we all know who gave them this ability and who they will vote for. Take your country back my Canadian friends, before its too late.</p>	Oct. 7
861	14.5K, Twitter	<u>Denise Batters</u> , Senator	<p>Elections Canada mails out millions of these error-riddled voter cards. That’s why @LindaFrum &amp; I fought allowing them as ID. Elxns Cda tells CBC: “although mistakes with the mailing list are rare, they do happen.”</p> <p>Millions of mistakes = “rare”?</p> <p><b>**Sample replies**</b></p> <p><b>Twitter user 1</b> And they don't correct them even when pointed out. Previous residents got cards at my house. When I spoke to elections Canada they said they couldn't change it that the people on the cards have to contact them not me.</p>	Oct. 9



526	5.8K, Twitter	<u>Amy MacPherson</u> , freelance journalist	<p><b>**Series of tweets by same user, repetitive hashtags removed**</b></p> <p>#CDNpoli #ForeignInterference @ElectionsCan_E @rcmpgrcpolice #Elxn43 It appears RCMP will need to investigate if the allegations of voter fraud in #ABleg have now tainted the federal election More than 1 person from Alberta has come forward with an illegitimate voter ID ... Moreover, Mr. Gabriel's example illuminates that voter ID cards are being distributed to non-Canadians via post office box numbers &amp; not physical addresses, so any foreign entity could easily interfere in #Elxn43</p> <p>... Another person responded with proof that her family also receives illegitimate voter ID cards Ms. Ludlow claims the error was reported but Elections Canada failed to correct it</p> <p>... This situation presents a very real problem that the Elections Canada database may be fundamentally corrupted &amp; incapable of overseeing a legitimate election until a forensic analysis is undertaken #CDNlaw</p> <p>... Whether the corruption of Elections Canada data was caused by the voter fraud case in Alberta, or it stands alone as a problem for the federal commissioner, it must be resolved to protect Canada from #ForeignInterference</p>	Oct. 8
322	4.2K, Twitter	Twitter user	<p>Surprised... said no one. <b>*Sharing</b> CBC article <u><a href="#">Voter card mailed to non-Canadian citizen</a></u></p> <p><b>**Sample replies**</b></p> <p><b>Twitter user 1</b> Scrutineers can always challenge the validity of a voter's status. There is a process for that. Voters must declare they are Cdn Citizens, subject to fine and/or jail.</p> <p><b>Twitter user 2</b> You declare that when you go to the polling station to receive your ballot.</p>	Oct. 8

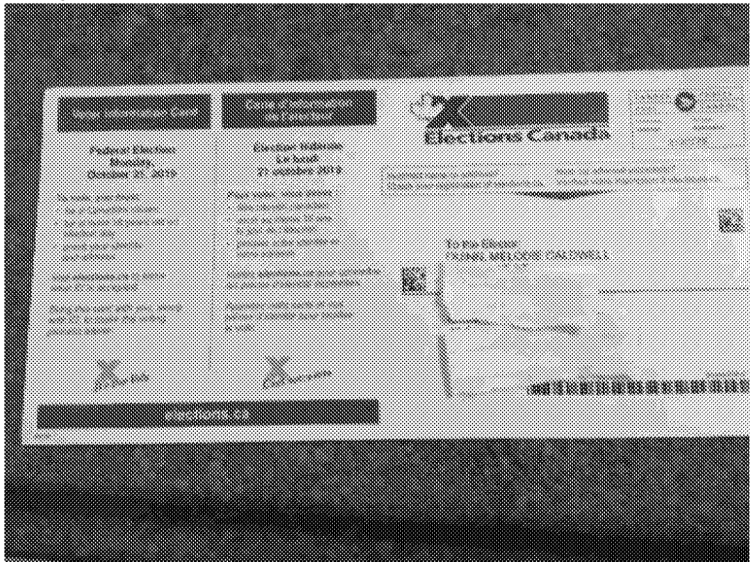


241	163K, Facebook	<u>CBC Calgary</u>	<p>Those who vote illegally could be subject to fines and/or imprisonment.</p> <p><b>**Sample replies**</b></p> <p><b>Facebook user 1</b> I'm American and been living here over 25 years. Every so often my name pops up on the voter registration. I do talk to the elections Canada rep when they come to my door and they remove my name, but every once in a while it comes back. Of course I would never go vote as I do not want to do anything illegal that may ruin my chances of getting citizenship one day.</p> <p><b>Facebook user 2</b> As far as I've heard, over 250,000 of these cards have been mailed, not only to non-citizens, but to the deceased as well</p> <p><b>Facebook user 3</b> I have one with my address on it but the man named never lived here it will be turned in on Election Day.</p> <p><b>Facebook user 4</b> Elections Canada could not find their way out of a water soaked paper bag...</p> <p><b>Facebook user 5</b> Throw out the fines and give jail time at a minimum of two years</p> <p><b>Facebook user 6</b> And who is sending out these cards!!??? The stupid freakin Feds in Ottawa!!!</p> <p><b>Facebook user 7</b> And since the only thing you need to vote (since Trudeau changed the law) is your voter card... how will they ever track who should not have voted?</p> <p><b>Facebook user 8</b> I've seen the same card shared many times since last night, doesn't mean the shares are all separate cards.</p>	Oct. 8
203	8.9K, Facebook	<u>AIR 106.1 FM</u>	<p>A man from Beiseker is raising concerns after receiving a voter information card, despite not being a Canadian citizen.</p> <p><b>**Sample replies**</b></p> <p><b>Facebook user 1</b> There needs to be checks and balances in place. We may get a prime minister who is voted in by a lot of non Canadian citizens. This must stop! Can't a canadian citizen show proof of birth or proof that they indeed are a canadian citizen?</p> <p><b>Facebook user 2</b> They need to cancel all voting cards and re issue new ones.</p> <p><b>Facebook user 3</b> I know of 3 students from South America who are just studying here and received a voting card... They are not Canadians</p> <p><b>Facebook user 4</b> Yes, my son who is a German citizen with a permanent resident card here in canada received also a voting card!</p> <p><b>Facebook user 5</b> ironic, i'm registered to vote but i havent got my card in the mail. for all i know someone swiped them and could use them to vote in my place</p>	Oct. 8



232	2.1K, Twitter	Twitter user	<p>My question is why is Elections Canada working for Trudeau? Why is Elections Canada not working for Canadians? Why do they allow foreign control of our elections? <b>*Retweeting</b> tweet about non-citizen on NROE</p> <p><b>**Sample replies**</b></p> <p><b>Twitter user 1</b> Because Trudeau plans to defraud the vote using unvetted overseas ballots.</p> <p><b>Twitter user 2</b> One of my girlfriend's just got her PR status. Her driver's license is a different colour than regular DL. Should those manning voting stations not know the difference?</p>	Oct. 8
140	12.6K, Twitter	Twitter user	<p>Read and Rt</p> <p>Elections Canada advises that it will cross-reference its voter list with the immigration department "after the election" and that any cases of non-citizen votes will be referred to the Commissioner. Not good enough. They should have done a cross-reference before mailing out the voter cards. We need a system in place that prevents non-citizens from voting in the first place. Elections Canada is downplaying it but given that Trudeau has brought in an estimated 1.38 million newcomers, who knows how many non-residents might receive voter cards. I just sent a message to Elections Canada via their Facebook page and also posted a comment to their page.</p>	Oct. 9
37	500, Twitter	Twitter user	<p>Le Canada nous refera-t-il le coup du Référendum de 1995? "Élections Canada a détecté 103 000 individus inscrits sur la liste électorale et qui ne sont pas citoyens canadiens". À qui la faute? <b>*Sharing</b> Le Devoir article <u><a href="#">Plus de 100 000 non-citoyens débusqués sur al liste électorale</a></u></p>	Oct. 8
15	3K, Twitter	Twitter user	<p>"For the first time, Elections Canada will be cross-referencing its voter list after the election with information with Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada — and any cases of non-citizen votes will be referred to the Commissioner of Canada Elections."</p> <p>Why not before?</p>	Oct. 9



8	1.5K, Twitter, Fewer than 500, Instagram	Twitter/ Instagram user	<p><b>**Same post shared by user on Twitter and Instagram**</b>  <b>**Note: yellow highlights indicate similar language to the Facebook post by the non-citizen in Beiseker**</b></p> <p><b>Tweet 1</b> I can vote with this card and an Ontario Drivers licence, but I am NOT a Canadian citizen, and asking around some of my non citizen friends , I am not alone. I am not going to vote because I am not legally entitled to vote In Canada, but others will. #VoterFraud #canpoli</p>  <p><b>Tweet 2</b> Your election is about to be stolen from you by illegal voters and we all know who gave them this ability (Mark Gerretsen in my case: a liberal) and who they will vote for (Liberals). Take your country back my Canadian friends, before its too late..it's almost too late.</p>	Oct. 9
5	Fewer than 500, Twitter	Twitter user	I was told if you registered and “claimed” you are a citizen, you can vote. This is from someone working at elections Canada whom I know. It’s essentially a honour system.	Oct. 8
3	Fewer than 500, Twitter	Twitter user	Elections Canada is issuing cards to non citizens! I got one myself and I don't have such a name in my household! This needs to be investigate.	Oct. 8



2	Fewer than 100, Twitter	Twitter user	<p><b>**Same post shared by user on Twitter and Instagram**</b></p> <p><b>**Note: yellow highlights indicate similar language to the Facebook post by the non-citizen in Beiseker**</b></p> <p>Look what I got, heres the problem, I can vote with this card and an Alberta Drivers licence, but I am NOT a Canadian citizen, and asking around some of my non citizen friends , I am not alone. I am not going to vote because I am not legally entitled to vote, but others will.</p> <p><b>*Sharing</b> image of VIC addressed to alleged non-citizen with initials PG</p> <p><b>**Sample reply**</b></p> <p><b>Twitter user 1</b> It's been posted everywhere, under a crap ton of accounts. Dont fret to much lol</p> <p><b>Twitter user 1</b> Under a crap ton of accounts, all posting under different names claiming this to be "theirs", from this election/the last Alberta election AND the last Federal election. Yes. Totally makes sense</p>	Oct. 8
1	Fewer than 500, Twitter	Twitter user	<p>It says they will cross reference and check the list AFTER the election. Nice, too late then. But, because ineligible voting is a criminal offence, will those non-citizens be deported if they do vote fraudulently and are caught?? I would hope so!!</p>	Oct. 9
0	Fewer than 500, Twitter	Twitter user	<p>I would like Elections Canada to explain to the Canadian public just how they compile their voter list. It is imperative that voters be required to show proof of Canadian citizenship before voting. #VoterFraud #elxn43</p>	Oct. 9
0	N/A, Facebook	Facebook user	<p>Nothing to worry about. Elections Canada says anyone who is on the voter's list and shouldn't be, should "self report". They should call Elections Canada or visit their office to have their name removed. LOLOLOL LMAO LOL</p>	Oct. 8

➔ Concerns about vandalized and stolen lawn signs

**Articles les plus partagés; nombre de partages / Most-shared articles; number of shares**

- [Election signs for local People’s Party candidate vandalized, Kitchener Today, October 8, 383 shares](#)
- [‘This is hooliganism’: Regina election signs victims of vandalism, Leader Post, October 8, 272 shares](#)
- [OPP investigating election sign vandalism in Leamington and Kingsville, CTV News, October 8, 132 shares](#)
- [OPP seek election sign vandal in Essex County, Windsor Star, October 8, 90 shares](#)
- [PPC signs vandalized again in Kelowna, Kelowna News, October 8, 46 shares](#)

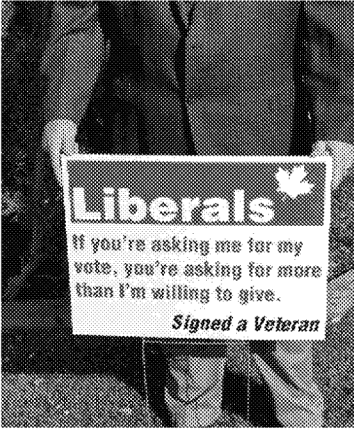
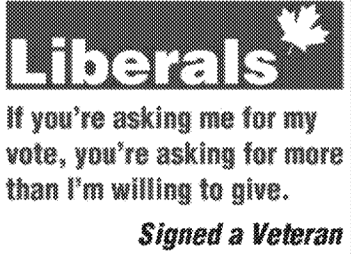
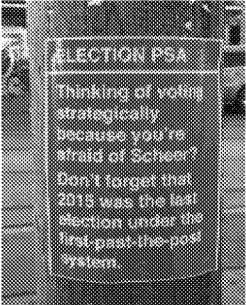
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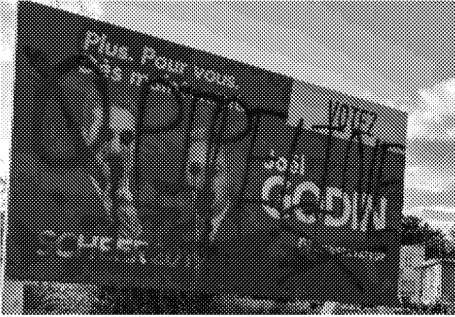


User interest in damaged election signs continues, with a flurry of news articles about vandalized signs in Kitchener, Regina, Fredericton and Kelowna. Although most users are not calling on EC to intervene to stop further defacement of election signs, many said the practice was “wrong” or noted that “everyone has a right to their opinion.” Someone spray painted the word “FASCIST?” on a PPC candidate’s sign in Kelowna–Lake County, similar to a Central Okanagan–Similkameen–Nicola PPC candidate whose sign was tagged “FASCIST?” last weekend. In Quebec, CPC candidate Joël Godin’s (Portneuf–Jacques–Cartier) sign was defaced with the words “Ø pipeline.” Multiple signs belonging to different parties were vandalized in Fredericton.

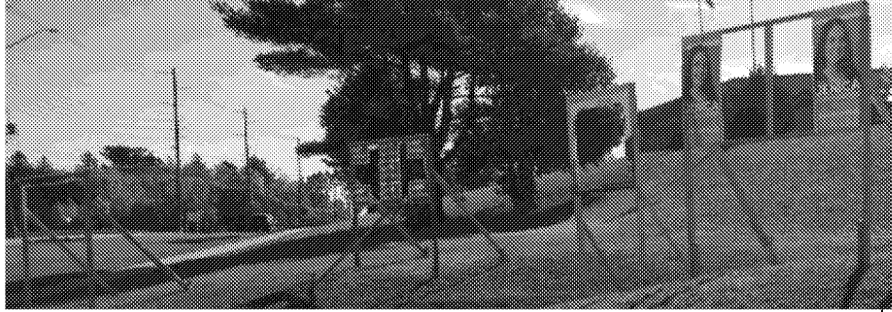
Users continued engaging with anti-LPC lawn signs, seemingly distributed through the Veterans for the Conservative Party of Canada’s Facebook page, with multiple high-engagement tweets featuring photos of veterans next to the signs. In Toronto–Danforth, *CBC News* reporter Kaleigh Rogers posted a photo of a poster stating that “2015 was the last election under the first-past-the-post system,” likely criticizing LPC for its 2015 campaign promise.

**Publications reliées au sujet / Related posts**

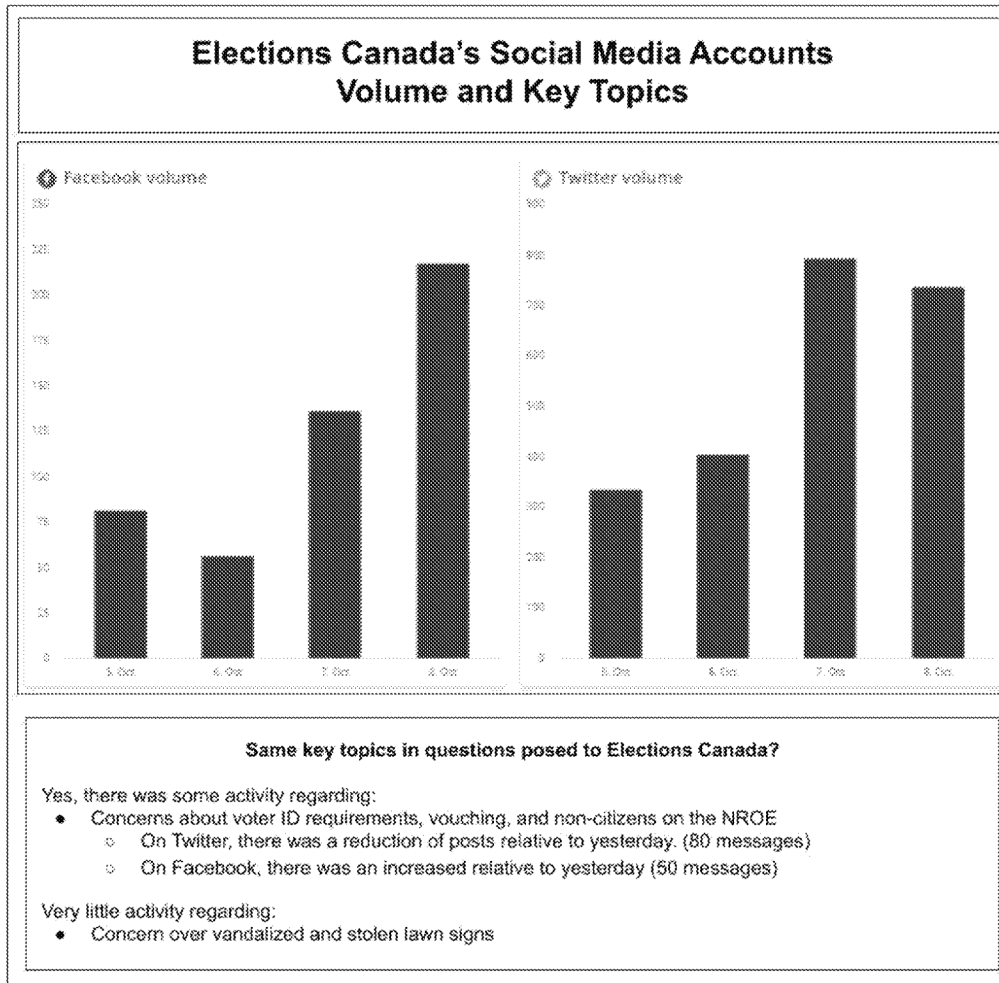
Engagement	Followers, platform	Account	Post	Date
2,143	5.6K, Twitter	<a href="#">John Brassard</a> , Barrie-Innisfil CPC candidate	Starting to see some powerful images on social media. Looks like Veterans in Alberta started this. Don't know who but it is clearly directed @JustinTrudeau for what he said in Edmonton about Veterans asking for more than he can give them. #Barrie #Innisfil #cdnpoli #onpoli . 	Oct. 8

1,440	34K, Facebook	<u>Veterans For The Conservative Party of Canada</u>	<p>If all my friends and anyone who cares, could you share in as many ways as you can. Myself and all Veterans would be most grateful. Conservative Party of Canada - Parti conservateur du Canada Liberal Party of Canada   Parti libéral du Canada #WillingToGive #TrudeauMustGo #elxn43</p>  <p>#cdnpoli</p>	Oct. 8
724	34K, Facebook	<u>Veterans For The Conservative Party of Canada</u>	<p>From Mike Muranetz: Anybody within the Edmonton area want a free sign with stand for their front lawn, please call or text me 780-242-5229. I have about a dozen left over</p> 	Oct. 5
44	14.3K, Twitter	<u>Kaleigh Rogers, CBC News reporter</u>	<p>These signs have been popping up around my neighbourhood, in a riding that might flip from Liberal back to NDP (Toronto-Danforth). No idea who is behind them. #elxn43 #cdnpoli</p> 	Oct. 9

47	49.7K, Reddit, r/Quebec	Reddit user	Ça a le mérite d'être clair 	Oct. 8
41	Fewer than 500	Twitter user	The #TolerantLeft strike again. Walking my dog in my neighbourhood and my neighbour's #PPC sign got destroyed. #FreedomOfSpeech is under siege in London, Ontario. @ppclondonwest @MaximeBernier @palevell #elxn43 #canpoli #CanadaDebates2019 	Oct. 8
21	N/A, Facebook	Facebook user	To the little dickbeater who stole my Bruce Stanton sign. Come on back I have a surprise for you. You got that one for free next one gonna cost you. 	Oct. 8

6	12.4K, Twitter	Jacques Poitras, <i>CBC New Brunswick</i> reporter	<p>Regent and Priestman in Fredericton: non-partisan vandalism—signs for Liberal, Conservative, Green and PPC candidates all damaged.</p> 	Oct. 9
6	Fewer than 500, Twitter	<u>Naomi Hunter</u> , Regina- Lewvan GPC candidate	<p>We did experience some time-wasting vandalism on the weekend. I would decry this behaviour happening to anyone. #skpoli #GreenpartyofCanada</p>	Oct. 8

## Policy and Public Affairs Corporate Social Media Accounts: October 9



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