

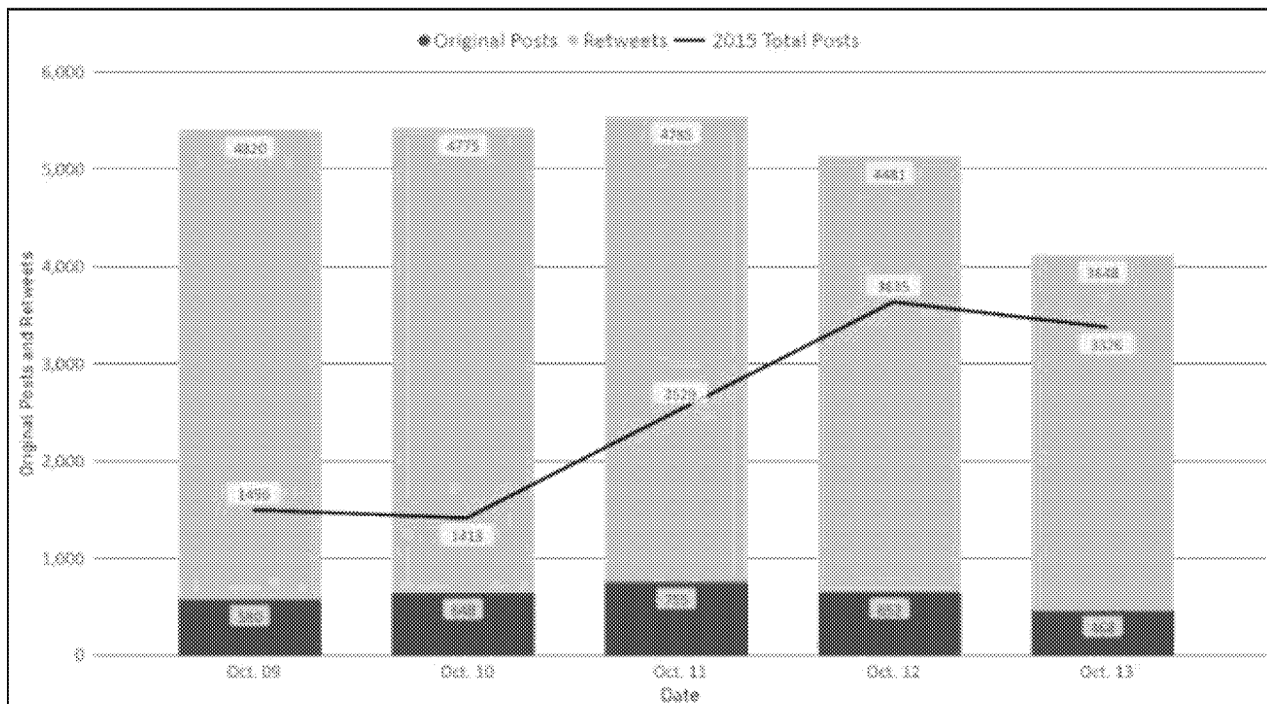
Rapport de repérage des médias sociaux : midi 13 octobre à midi 14 octobre, 2019

Social Media Monitoring Report: noon October 13 to noon October 14, 2019

Observations principales / Key observations

- Users continued to share elements of the viral story alleging selective ballot tampering. The user who first posted the story updated it on October 13, saying that police officers visited his home to conduct an investigation, and he was seeing a lawyer on Tuesday. Users commenting on the story expressed distrust in EC, in “muslim” or “immigrant” poll workers, and in the use of pencils to mark ballots.
- Reports of advance poll turnout being 25% higher than in GE42 prompted some users to praise the ease of advance voting, with many noting that they voted in under 5 minutes.
- Users reacted to news of Greta Thunberg travelling to Alberta, with many high-engagement tweets asking EC to investigate Thunberg for “election meddling.”

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 topics¹

- ➔ **Users react to advance polls**
 - Users continue to note “quick and easy” advance voting
 - Very few reports of long lines; some report issues with IDs being accepted
- ⬆ **Users share variants of an unfounded viral story of alleged selective ballot tampering**
- ⤴ **Users ask EC to investigate Greta Thunberg’s Alberta visit as “foreign interference”**
- ➔ **Concerns about vandalized or stolen lawn signs, or signs in close proximity to polling stations**

Éléments sous observation / On the radar

- **Facebook user suggested electors wearing face coverings will commit voter fraud:** On the Yellow Vests Canada Facebook page (103K members), a user shared a screengrab of the EC website explaining “Can I vote wearing a face covering?” and said “I dont care who you are, you should have to show your damn face to vote.” A number of users chimed in with suggestions to wear “ski masks” and “manurkas” (a male burka). The post received 19 engagements.
- **CBC reporter claimed they submitted a complaint to OCOL over not being served in French:** The reporter (898 followers) stated that they had filed their first-ever Official Languages complaint after not being served in French at their advance polling location in Winnipeg. The tweet received one engagement.
- **Two Twitter users reported receiving VICs with their deadnames:** One user (7.1K followers) who received a VIC with their deadname stated that there were “no excuses” for it to happen and that it was “dangerous to make mistakes like this.” The tweet received 51 engagements. Another user (1K followers) stated that their name has been legally changed “from birth certificate to DL to passport” and questioned what data EC uses, adding that receiving VICs containing deadnames “puts trans folks in an awkward spot.” In another tweet, the user asked why “voter registration need[s] a gender marker.” The user’s two tweets received 12 engagements in total.
- **Users tweeted about accessibility concerns at polling stations:** A Twitter user with 1.3K followers said she was “DISGUSTED” with EC after learning poll workers (possibly in Ottawa; SMMU was not able to determine the exact ED) were not equipped to assist a blind elector who needed specialized service. The user said their aunt was at the polling station for “over an hour” and workers had “NO clue” how to take her vote. The user said poll workers “eventually found a braille card” for their aunt. The tweet garnered 88 engagements. Actor François L’Écuyer (5K followers) said: « quel "taouin" à [EC] a eu la bonne idée de faire un bureau de vote à l’hôtel Sandman à Longueuil au 17ème étage avec un seul ascenseur qui s’y rend...pas fort!!! » L’Écuyer’s tweet garnered 91 engagements. A Twitter user (2.7K) in Murdochville (Gaspésie) said: « au moins 100 km pour aller voter par anticipation. Si ce n’est pas voulu, c’est au minimum stupide de la part d’Élection Canada. » The tweet received three engagements. Finally, a user (2.7K followers) in Kenora said her polling station was hard to find, and the building had “no lift.” The user complained to a poll worker about

¹ 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

the situation, who then replied that EC would have “brought” the ballot to them if asked. The user exclaimed “this is not accessibility!” The tweet received one engagement.

- **Users continued to express concerns over unsealed ballot boxes and the integrity of GE43:** A handful of Francophone users continued discussing unsealed ballot boxes on Twitter. One user advocated for the abolition of advance polls and argued that « c’est si facile pour d[e]s mal-intentionnés de faire disparaître une boîte ou + ou de fouiller des certaines boites de certains bureau de vote. » Some users replied to confirm that the ballot box where they voted was sealed, and two users asked for journalists to investigate the matter.
- **User expressed concern about using a pencil on ballots and the possibility of pencil marks being erased:** The Twitter user (676 followers) questioned EC about “voting in PENCIL” because pencils “can easily be erased.” The user suggested ROs might alter ballots after they take ballot boxes home. The user added that this “needs to be fixed ASAP!!Please retweet!!” The tweet received 126 engagements. Users responding to the tweet said they “found that odd as well...so I scribed my ‘X’ super hard!” Another user said “Why not with a sharpie, as always...it’s permanent. This is worrisome!”
- **PPC candidate for Portage—Lisgar questioned EC’s impartiality in a tweet:** Aaron Archer (236 followers) tweeted that they were no longer “confident” that EC is “uncompromised,” noting that “this level of corruption” was in “every corner of government institutions.” Archer added that he prays that “the ballots (sic) are properly protected and scrutinized” by “average freedom protecting Canadian citizens.” The tweet received four engagements.
- **Users discussed whether photographing inside polling places is allowed:** Reacting to a photo of NDP leader Jagmeet Singh casting his ballot in #59003 Burnaby South, users asked why there was a photo of him voting, with one user stating that “no cameras are allowed in the voting booth or polling station.” Another user stated that the photo was an “oops” by the NDP, while a third user claimed GE43 to be the “first election” that EC “allow[s] phones” in polling stations; said user added that people could not be photographed “without permission” and that ballots should not be photographed. A fourth user corrected the claim by sharing a screengrab of EC’s webpage on media at the polls.
- **Voters continued to take photos of their marked and unmarked ballots:** In total, SMMU observed at least six individuals who took photos of their marked ballots during the October 13-14 noon to noon period. Users tweeted photos from the following ridings: London—Fanshawe (#35051), Davenport (#35018), Peace River—Westlock (#48028), Toronto—St. Paul’s (#35090), Cloverdale—Langley City (#59007), and Sydney—Victoria (#12010). SMMU also recorded 16 instances of voters posting photos of unmarked ballots in the following EDs: Papineau (#24055), Pitt Meadows—Maple Ridge (#59022), Hamilton East—Stoney Creek (35036), Ottawa Centre (#35075), Vancouver Centre (#59034), Battle River—Crowfoot (48002), Kamloops—Thompson—Cariboo (#59013), Vancouver East (#59035), Steveston—Richmond East (#59031), Vancouver Quadra (#59039), Ville-Marie—Le Sud-Ouest—Île-des-Soeurs (#24077), Haliburton—Kawartha Lakes—Brock (#35054), Outremont (#24054), Laurier—Sainte-Marie (#24039), and Abitibi—Témiscamingue (#24002).

- **User claiming to be a poll worker said they were tampering with ballots marked CPC:** Commenting on a Twitter user who said they voted, a Twitter user (1.1K followers) in Calgary said they are working at advance polls and are “fishing conservative votes out of the ballot box and ripping them up. nobodys even trying to stop me lol.” The tweet received three engagements.

Sujets principaux – en profondeur / Key topics – in depth

→ Voters sharing positive experiences at advance polls

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

- [Numbers show 25% increase in advance voting over 2015: EC](#), *Global News*, October 14, **1K shares**
- [EC data shows 25% increase in advance voting compared to 2015](#), *CBC News*, October 13, **459 shares**
- [Edmonton voters streaming to advanced polls](#), *Global News*, October 12, **268 shares**
- [Advanced polls 'going steadily' in Atlantic Canada](#), *CBC News*, October 13, **246 shares**
- [Residents in Waterloo Region taking advantage of advanced polls](#), *CTV News*, October 13, **65 shares**
- [Advance polls open until Monday](#), *The Chronicle Herald*, October 12, **48 shares**
- [Advance polls open over Thanksgiving weekend](#), *Vancouver Sun*, October 12, **34 shares**
- [Advance polls open over Thanksgiving long weekend](#), *CTV News Calgary*, October 13, **13 shares**
- [Advance polling stations open across Maritimes](#), *CTV News Atlantic*, October 13, **10 shares**
- [Monday is the last day for advance voting](#), *CBC News*, October 14, **7 shares**
- [Les électeurs plus nombreux dans les bureaux de vote par anticipation](#), *Radio Canada*, October 13, **3 shares**

Fait saillants sur les médias sociaux / Social media highlights

Reddit users engaged with reports of advance poll turnout being 25 % higher than in 2015, with many exclaiming that it took them less than five minutes to cast their ballot. Two users commenting on the thread also noted how great advance polls were for voters with young children, with one user calling advance polls “the cat’s meow.” On Twitter, a user in #35048 Lambton—Kent—Middlesex said the advance poll took “less than 5 mins!” while a user in 35110 University—Rosedale said it took “3 minutes TOTAL – door to door” and added “[m]icrowaving Pizza Pops takes longer.” A user in #59035 Vancouver East said there was “no lineup” when they voted. A LinkedIn user in North York noted that they had voted at advance polls and urged fellow Jewish voters “who cannot vote on Sukkot and Simchat Torah” to take advantage of early voting.



Publications reliées au sujet / Related posts				
Engagement	Followers, platform	Account	Post	Date
349	2M, Facebook	Global News	<p>Elections Canada says approximately two million people cast their ballots on Friday and Saturday. Early voting runs until Monday, Oct.14 at 9 p.m.</p> <p>**Sample replies**</p> <p>Facebook user 1 I have a question. Why were we given pencils? Seems fishy to me.</p> <p>Facebook user 2 The flexibility was nice, to be able to go when it was most convenient.</p>	Oct. 14
687	555K, Reddit, r/Canada	Reddit user	<p>*Thread sharing CBC News Elections Canada data shows 25% increase in advance voting compared to 2015</p> <p>**Sample replies**</p> <p>Reddit user 1 Because advance polling is the cat's meow. Especially if you have young children.</p> <p>Reddit user 2 In and out in under 5 minutes today. Sure beats the hour I waited 4 years ago</p> <p>Reddit user 3 I voted yesterday. The line was literally myself, and my wife.</p> <p>Reddit user 4 I voted yesterday. Was in & out in 5 minutes with a toddler. Can't beat that!</p> <p>Reddit user 5 I went to my advanced poll Saturday morning in downtown Toronto and it was an absolute ghost town. I was the only voter in the room and the workers seemed kind of surprised to see me when I walked in. Whole process took maybe 3 minutes. I guess it depends on location and what time you go.</p>	Oct. 14
44	Facebook	Facebook user	<p>We voted! There was no lineup at all at the Broadway Election Canada office today. It is open until 9 PM. Ways to vote *Sharing link to Elections Canada Ways to Vote [#59035 - Vancouver East]</p>	Oct. 13
16	1.5K, Twitter	Twitter user	<p>Just voted in Uni-Rosedale. Took 3 minutes TOTAL - door to door. Microwaving Pizza Pops takes longer. Just F-ing Vote. #noexcuses #electionsmatter #votingmatters #elxn43 #cdnpoli [#35110 University – Rosedale]</p>	Oct. 13
10	1.5K, Twitter	Twitter user	<p>Just voted at my advance poll in Pain Court. It took less than 5 mins! Advance polls are open today and tomorrow, so get out there and vote! #cdnelxn2019 #cdnpoli [#35048 Lambton – Kent – Middlesex]</p>	Oct. 13
9	3.7K, Twitter	Twitter user	<p>Need a reason to vote early? Here's what I did tonight: 8:31pm - got in the shower 8:44pm - left home 8:53pm - had already voted, made this video outside the polling station Vote today from 9am-9pm >>></p>	Oct. 13



8	LinkedIn	LinkedIn user	Advance voting polls open today for anyone who cannot vote on Sukkot and Simchat Torah. Share in our democratic freedom and exercise your right to vote.	Oct. 13
3	500, Twitter	Twitter user	Not trying to brag, but I voted today in the advance polls, and I would highly recommend it. I waited literally zero seconds. The longest delay I had was when my dog wrapped its leash around the leg of the voting booth and I had to squat down to free her. Do it!	Oct. 14

→ Users react to advance polls

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

- [Manitoba Polling Stations Are Closed Because Of All The Snow](#), *NarCity*, October 12, **124 shares**
- [Road construction puts a stop to advance poll](#), *Bay Today*, October 12, **92 shares**

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Please note: all actionable issues listed here were flagged to the appropriate personnel in real time.

SMMU only discovered one user report of long lines on Day 8. On Day 9, long lines were reported in:

- #35063 Mississauga—Streetsville (St. Simon Stock School)
- #35103 Sudbury (Holy Redeemer Parish)
- #35018 Davenport (Wallace Emerson Community Centre)
- #unknown Toronto

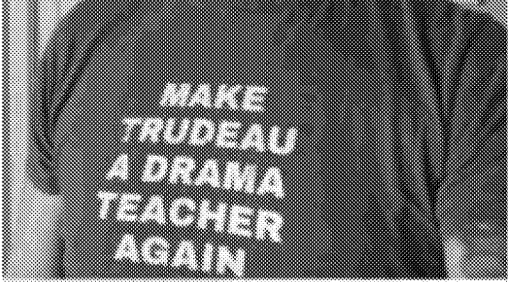
One user noted that they had a difficult time using their Restricted Possession Acquisition License (RPAL) as an ID at #35051 London—Fanshawe, Bob Hayward YMCA, later adding that they had lodged a complaint with EC and that the agency had been very “helpful” and “professional” with contacting the polling location and rectifying the issue. Two more users discussed using PALs as ID at the polls, with one user announcing that they intended to do so and another encouraging their followers to use their PAL as an ID and show up wearing a “pro-gun” shirt.

One Facebook user complained that the poll workers had requested he cover up his “Make Trudeau a Drama Teacher Again” t-shirt when inside the polling location; according to the user, the poll worker’s request made it clear that those “running the polls are on Trudeau’s payroll.” Users who engaged with the post noted that the *Canada Elections Act* clearly states what is – and is not – allowed inside a polling station, to which the original poster replied that he was disappointed the poll workers were not able to point to the correct section in the legislation.

Still on Facebook, one user detailed how they had gone to vote only to discover that someone else had voted using their name. The user added that they were able to vote after taking a pledge and being told the consequences of voting twice, including being made aware of facing a potential fine of up to \$50,000 if they were lying. A user who engaged with the post claimed that it had also happened to them. In #47008 Regina—Qu’appelle, one user claimed that there were reports of “multiple people voting multiple times” at advance polling locations and that “First Nations voters” were receiving “CO-OP gift cards” from an Assembly of First Nations official if they voted.



Publications reliées au sujet / Related posts				
Engagement	Followers, platform	Account	Post	Date
160	500, Twitter	Twitter user	<p>So I caught flak from my advance polls at the Hayward YMCA for using my RPAL as a form of government ID. They want something with an address. I informed them that was listed as an acceptable form of ID during the election. They refused. This is unacceptable</p> <p>**Sample replies**</p> <p>Twitter user 1 I used my rpal yesterday for id and a hydro bill for address and it was accepted with no issues</p> <p>Twitter user 2 Didn't happen for me in Simcoe north. The gentleman took it and asked me which range I'm a member at. He confirmed the address through voter ID</p> <p>Twitter user 3 Same thing just happened to me like 2 minutes ago. She saw my Sig hat and gave me a smug look. Must not have recognized my Magpul shirt.....</p> <p>Original poster Follow up to this I called Elections Canada to lodge a complaint I was told I was correct I was given the number for my local elections Canada electoral district office I called them and lodged my complaint and got a return call from the Returning officer</p> <p>Original poster She informed me she called that polling station and corrected them the forms of ID that are acceptable. She apologized for my poor voter experience and thank me for voting Except for the people at the polling station @ElectionsCan_E was very helpful and professional</p>	Oct. 13

112	N/A, Facebook	Facebook user	<p>I just went to the advance polls to exercise my right as a Canadian to contribute to firing Trudeau's corrupt ass and was told I was not allowed to vote unless I covered up my shirt. I asked them to show me documentation that that was in the Canadian elections act and they couldn't. But I wasn't going to be allowed to vote unless I zipped up my jacket. Even the people running the polls are on Trudeau's payroll.</p>  <p>**Sample reply** Facebook user 1 While I wholeheartedly agree with your shirt, I am actually running a polling station, and we are told that by law we would have to ask you to cover your shirt, per the Canada Election Act Facebook user 2 Like this is a surprise? Haven't any of you voted in an election before? It's like campaigning at the polling station.</p>	Oct. 13
70	N/A, Facebook	Facebook user	<p>Aujourd'hui je me suis rendu à mon bureau de vote par anticipation</p> <p>J'ai mon carton d'identification et ma preuve de circonstance en main, soit mon permis de conduire. Après la première vérification pour s'assurer que j'ai tout en main on me confirme mon # de bureau</p> <p>je remet ma carte de votation et mon permis de conduire pour obtenir mon bulletin de vote..... MONSIEUR CAMERON VOUS AVEZ DÉJÀ VOTER !!!!!!! Quoi ???? Effectivement, sur la liste de votation mon nom avait été surligné</p> <p>La scrutatrice et sa collègue ont été d'une gentillesse incroyable j'ai signé un document après une lecture attentive où l'on mentionne peine d'emprisonnement et amende possible de \$50,000.00 Donc, QUELQU'UN A USURPÉ MON IDENTIFICATION ET FRAUDE DONC EN MON NOM, ÉLECTION CANADA c@.....JE SUIS EN COLÈRE ET DEMAIN JE PORTE UNE PLAINTÉ OFFICIEL À ÉLECTION CANADA PUISQUE LEUR BUREAU SONT OUVERT DU LUNDI AU VENDREDI SEULEMENT..... Alors, prudence à tous et soyez vigilant !!!!!</p> <p>***Sample replies*** Facebook user 1 Salut Pierre! C'est sacrant en sac.... Mais, il est possible que la préposée qui trace un trait sur le nom de l'électeur ait par inadvertance rayé ton nom au lieu de celui qui apparaissait en dessous ou en dessus du tien... Cela c'est déjà produit lorsque je travaillais dans un bureau de votation.. Facebook user 2 Ça m'est déjà arrivé aussi</p>	Oct. 13

34	Fewer than 500, Facebook	<u>Fire Ralph Goodale</u>	<p>According to #elxn43 scrutineers there is voter fraud taking place at advance polls in the constituency of Regina-Qu'appelle particularly the #FortQuappelle area. In addition to multiple people reportedly voting at multiple advanced polling locations, #FirstNations people are allegedly being given CO-OP gift cards by an #AssemblyOfFirstNations official if they vote.</p> <p>***addendum*** As a side note for those who make false assumptions , I am aware that Regina-Qu'appelle is not Ralph Goodale's constituency and is in fact Andrew Scheer's, this post has nothing to do with Goodale or Scheer. This page is not limited to posting information about Ralph Goodale and/or his Regina-Wascana riding. I would post about voter fraud in Newfoundland if I knew it was taking place, but as it stands I currently am only aware of what is going on in Regina-Qu'appelle. This page is critical of any and all politicians who flirt with socialism, no matter where they reside, I just happen to have a very special disdain for Goodale. #VoterFraud #CantBlameRussia #FireJustinTrudeau #FireRalphGoodale #SocialismRunAmok</p>	Oct. 13
28	1.7K, Twitter	Twitter user	just spent three hours trying to exercise my democratic right to vote for The Hot One™. Elections Canada, what is you doing...	Oct. 13
11	N/A, Facebook	Facebook user	A friend of mine went to vote. They were told they already voted on Friday. BUT they did not and were at work and mom class. Someone voted under their names with fake ID.... or the station people messed up. They did get to vote. BUt what happens to the previews vote by the fakers.	Oct. 14
10	500, Twitter	Twitter user	At 11am yesterday, there were huge line ups for advanced polls 605,606 Voters were told polling officials were on break. Girl at door told us to wait or come back Many of us in line registered complaint with @ElectionsCan_E who are now investigating	Oct. 12
N/A	15.1K, Reddit, r/saskatoon	Reddit user	A couple of things to keep in mind about early voting: ... 2. If you vote at the Elections Canada office (as opposed to the early voting polls) your vote is counted as an absentee ballot and isn't counted along with the other ballots on election night.	Oct. 13
8	1.7K, Twitter	Twitter user	Use your PAL/RPAL as ID and wear a PRO-GUN SHIRT WHEN YOU VOTE!	Oct. 11



2	2K, Twitter	Twitter user	Long line ups at this #Davenport polling station today. Happy to wait to exercise this important right - get out and vote! #elxn43	Oct. 14
0	Fewer than 500, Twitter	Twitter user	I plan on using my RPAL as my id . With voter card of course to vote you and your cult out .	Oct. 13
0	1, Twitter	Twitter user	@ElectionsCan_E very slow line at advance polls at st Simon Stock school on Mississauga	Oct. 14
0	Fewer than 500, Twitter	Twitter user	20 people in line at Advance Poll in Minnow Lake Voters are leaving the line. Only one voter blind. Very slow going.	Oct. 14

→ Users share variants of an unfounded viral story of alleged selective ballot tampering

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

- N/A



Fait saillants sur les médias sociaux / Social media highlights

Social media users continued to share variants of an unsubstantiated and implausible account which first appeared on October 11 on the Reddit board r/metaCanada. In the post, a voter who claimed that at their Toronto-area polling place, poll workers “who barely spoke English” were looking at marked ballots and “spoiling” those not marked for the “ruling party.” On October 13, the original poster added an “update” to their “voting fiasco” account on r/metaCanada. According to the user, they contacted EC HQ about the incident, adding that EC “opened an investigation.” The user also claimed that two police officers came to their home and requested they take down the original r/metaCanada thread, and that they “can not discuss it while it was ‘under investigation’ under the threat of being charged with obstruction of justice.” The user also elaborated on the poll workers they encountered at the advance poll station, stating that “it was two ‘middle eastern’ who barely spoke English handling the votes and the place was tense because 50% of the workers were hijab wearing Muslims while the area is 70% Jewish.” The user concluded by announcing that they were going to contact their lawyer on Tuesday since they “thought [the police] were investigating the ballot shit instead it seemed like they were investigating [them].”

In this reporting period, most shares of this story were on Facebook, where variations of the post’s text were posted by individual users on their timelines and multiple times a day in groups such as Yellow Vests Canada, Andrew Scheer for Prime Minister, and Yellow Vests Alberta. Users engaging with the posts continued to exhibit confusion over proper polling place procedures. One user commented that they were “instructed by a muslim hijab fearing fool” to hand over their ballot in order for the poll worker to rip off the counterfoil, adding that they had told the poll worker “no one was touching the ballot once I cast my vote until it’s inside the box.” One user asked why EC had “hired non-Canadians” to work the polls. Other users expressed similar concerns, with some stating that it “felt wrong” for poll workers to “touch” the ballot or to remove the counterfoil while others deemed it suspicious that EC uses pencils and announced that they would be bringing a pen when voting. One user also shared a screengrab of section 9 of the *Canada Elections Act* and encouraged others to “call the RCMP, a news station, and elections Canada” if poll workers were not following procedures, adding that no one should leave the polling location until “it’s been properly dealt with.”

In addition to expressing confusion over regular polling place procedures, users shared slightly altered versions of the r/metaCanada post’s text on Twitter and Facebook. Some versions featured the title “Caution when voting in Canada !!!! 2019” and urged the reader to “please bring a pen” to make their mark “uncorruptable.” A second version featured the same title, with the sentence “this is how they are taking away your PPC votes” and made a reference to the “original poster” remaining anonymous due to fear of “government and ANTIFA retaliation.” All posts included a sentence encouraging others to “copy and paste” or share to make the post “go viral.” One Facebook user referenced the r/metaCanada text and told their followers to “NOT hand your ballot to any official” in order to prevent “them [stealing] your vote,” adding that “if they ask to see it, ask them where the ballot box is, and put your ballot in.” The post concluded by stating that electors should “share with others” if they witness a poll worker tampering with ballots, and if possible “take a picture of the official so we may investigate and punish fraudsters.”

Please note: In the items below, “ Sharing text from r/metaCanada post” refers to the user sharing text from the Oct. 11 r/metaCanada post in any form, including but not limited to screengrabs, copy-and-paste form, and tweet form.*

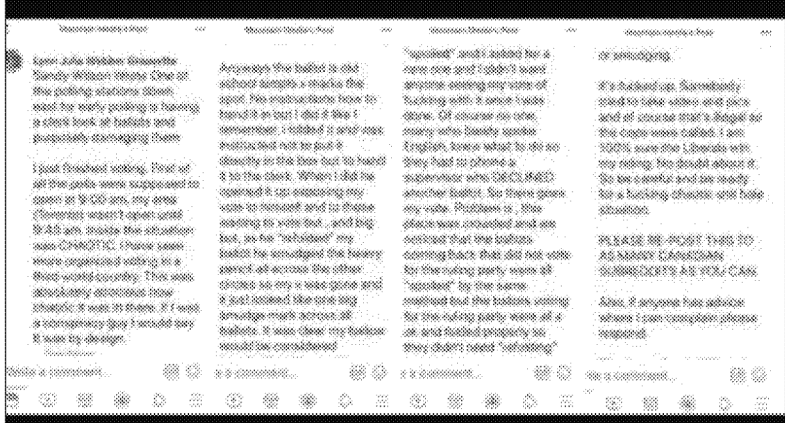


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353	1.7K, Twitter	Twitter user	Why are non-Canadians working our polling booths? *Sharing text from r/metaCanada post	Oct. 12
182	30K, Reddit, r/metaCanada	Reddit user	<p>**Posted by the same Reddit user who authored the October 11 post on r/metaCanada**</p> <p>I had to take down my original post but without going into too much detail someone at early polls opened my ballot and purposely spoiled it. I complained to Elections Canada and they "opened" an investigation. I was contacted by a certain federal police agency who "investigated". Two big massive fat fuck cops come to interview me at my home (their choice, not mine). They say I have to take off all mention I made on "social media" (I didn't, I posted solely on reddit where 3/4 subs took it down anyways) and can not discuss it while it was "under investigation" under the threat of being charged with obstruction of justice. When I informed them that I wasn't lying so why the threat, they said any impediment of an officer can get me arrested. What the fuck ever. What a fucking country we live in. Some bullshit going on here</p> <p>**Sample replies**</p> <p>Reddit user 1 After reading your original post, I went in for early voting this afternoon and watched them carefully. No tomfoolery, but they didn't like my PPC hoodie! Apparently you're not supposed to wear political clothing while voting? (24 engagements)</p> <p>Original poster Do the people working there even know the fucking rules? At the place this happened it was two "middle eastern" who barely spoke English handling the votes and the place was tense because 50% of the workers were hijab wearing Muslims while the area is 70% Jewish, old grumpy Jews at that. (22 engagements)</p> <p>Reddit user 2 Bad move on your part in agreeing to talk to the fuckers...</p> <p>Original poster Yeah, I am going to talk to my lawyer on Tuesday because I thought they were investigating the ballot shit instead it seemed like they were investigating me. My wife was shaking once they left. It was a very tense and threatening visit which surprised us as I honestly thought they came by to treat me like a victim, I was treated like a criminal and they were adamant about making sure I didn't have video or pictures of the event.</p> <p>Reddit user 3 Who exactly did you complain to? Your district Elections Canada office? Or Elections Canada HQ in Gatineau?</p> <p>Original poster Elections Canada HQ in Gatineau, These guys. They did take it seriously but they took ME complaining serious. Not the idiot who spoiled my ballot. As I said, HQ was ok, the cops were really shit in treating me like the victim. It's all a scam.</p>	Oct. 13

206	104K, Facebook	Yellow Vests Canada	<p>**Post included in Oct. 12 report, since received 80+ engagements**</p> <p>Something fishy is going on with Elections Canada. Go figure. *Sharing text from r/metaCanada post</p> <p>**Sample replies**</p> <p>Facebook user 1 This BS is happening everywhere. I was instructed by a muslim hijab wearing fool that I was to hand her my ballot after I "voted" so she could remove the section with the serial number, I told her no one was touching the ballot once I cast my vote until it's inside the box. I then stood there and watched her as my son voted...with me standing there she instructed him to remove the serial number section give it to her and place his ballot in the box. I told her that how it should be for everyone and no one should be touching ballots until the count is done.</p> <p>Facebook user 2 and what happened to real Canadians in charge, operating the polling stations ???? (25 engagements)</p> <p>Facebook user 3 It seemed like a netflix show to be honest...old white guy, near blind dude, muslim hiding under a tent worth of fabric, old school marm type, all conveniently located at a school slab dab in the center of city housing projects...2 miles from where we would normally cast our vote. Zero security.</p> <p>Facebook user 4 I voted this morning. Asked for a pen and they told me there were pencils. Told them I would prefer a pen and he gave me his.</p> <p>Facebook user 5 Bring your own pencil and press hard while marking your X.</p> <p>Facebook user 6 so elections Canada hires people in the area to man the ballot boxes ,so who watches the people watching the boxes,always wondered who did the counting and who kept the fire box hot?hmmm?</p> <p>Facebook user 7 The RCMP should be tasked to watch the election process in all ridings, and if this corruption takes place they should arrest the perpetrators and have them replaced.</p> <p>Facebook user 8 I didn't like the pencils that they are providing After I marked the ballot I had to go over it again because the x wasn't very visible Bring your own permanent marker if you haven't voted yet Something seems fishy</p>	Oct. 13
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56	N/A, Facebook	Facebook user	<p>So there was a post on FB earlier today from m a man in Toronto at the advance polling. Utter mayhem was happening , when he finally marked his x on ballot, a Elections Canada official took his vote, opened it, looked at it and then proceeded to smudge it , then put it in the box a spoiled ballot! He said the election workers were of foreign origins and apparently didn't understand anything. He finally got a "so called supervisor" who said, too bad about someone spoiling the ballot and not following g procedure So this post has been removed from FB so they are watching How many ballots will be spoiled and why are so many people working for Elections Canada that can't speak English and are not following the procedure? Food for thought.... only you can place your ballot in the box, do not give it to anyone</p> <p>**Sample comments**</p> <p>Facebook user 1 If you can't speak English or French or you're not from here, Elections Canada should not hire you in the first place smfh</p> <p>Facebook user 2 We had to give ours back to them to RIP off the stub. It's probably a way to avoid any chance of switching a ballot on my behalf. The stub would be able to line up where it was torn from the book. But they should not be opening it</p> <p>Facebook user 3 Was there security there . Elections are so corrupt , I read an article that there was actually dead people voting for Liberals . WTF!!!</p> <p>Facebook user 4 Muse be working for the liberals</p>	Oct. 12
38	N/A, Facebook	Facebook user	<p>I want you all to know that NO ONE, not even elections officials, are allowed to look at your ballot. There is a scandal going on where Elections Canada officials in the preliminary voting have been looking at ballots, refolding them and possibly smudging them. Do NOT hand your ballot to any official. Do NOT allow them to steal your vote. If they ask to see it, ask them where the ballot box is, and put your ballot in. If you see an elections official tampering with your ballot, or another's ballot, note the incident and share with others. If possible, take a picture of the official so we may investigate and punish fraudsters. Various parties and governments in the West have committed voter fraud in the past few years, with no repercussions. Instances include Swedish officials dumping conservative votes in the street, the creation of votes for the Austrian Green (Communist) party, and dead people voting for the American Democratic Party. We must not allow this trend to happen here, or to go unpunished.</p> <p>**Sample replies**</p> <p>Facebook user 1 That's insane. I thought I was nuts for watching the officials as closely as I do ordinarily. I've already cast my ballot, but subsequent voting will be done without anyone touching my ballot after I mark it....jeez...crazy world..</p> <p>Facebook user 2 Crazy eh. Apparently people can vote abroad and even non-citizens are receiving ballots in the mail? Just a sad time for politics.</p>	Oct. 12

<p>33</p>	<p>104K, Facebook</p>	<p>Yellow Vests Canada</p>	<p>Ontario Voters Beware. Ballots are being erased before going into the box. All ballots should be placed into a sealed envelope and into the ballot boxes by the voter, not the person working there.</p> <p>**Sample replies**</p> <p>Facebook user 1 Person working at the ballot box is not allowed to touch your ballot once it is marked</p> <p>Facebook user 2 This happened to a freind of mine today. I told him to call Doug Ford or someone higher up.</p> <p>Facebook user 3 Yes, but the x's are being smudged so no one can tell where the dam x is suppose to be. Sounds like there's a lot of Liberals working in the Election station's back there. I have heard it from a few people now.</p> <p>Facebook user 4 Do they supply envelops to seal the ballot</p> <p>Facebook user 5 A formal complaint to rcmp should be filed by each person that illegal voting policies were done. If a person doesn't do it the govt gets away with more wrongs</p> <p>Facebook user 6 I voted today , there is no envelope.</p>	<p>Oct. 13</p>
<p>29</p>	<p>6.4K, Facebook</p>	<p>Andrew Scheer for Prime Minister 2019</p>	<p>If these procedures are not being followed, call the rcmp, a news station and elections Canada. Don't leave the polling station till its been properly delt with. All this information is available freely on there website. If your making it up just to get people going, grow up. FYI pencils have always been the rule. Want things to be changed, talk to your MLA.</p> <p>*Sharing screengrabs from <i>Canada Elections Act (S.C. 2000, c. 9) website</i></p> <p>**Sample replies**</p> <p>Facebook user 1 *Sharing text from r/metaCanada post</p>  <p>Facebook user 2 Our polling station caught 5 people today trying to vote twice.</p> <p>Facebook user 3 where they white</p> <p>Facebook user 4 Can they tells us,the 5 people that was caught ,what Party were they voting for.</p>	<p>Oct. 13</p>

17	N/A, Facebook	Facebook user	<p>Caution when voting in Canada !!!! 2019 Please bring a pen, make your mark uncorruptable. Smears invaded a ballot. It has been reported as a technique being used currently on Toronto's early voting</p> <p>**Sample replies**</p> <p>Facebook user 1 did you copy and paste that thing I keep sharing?</p> <p>*Sharing text from r/metaCanada post</p>	Oct. 13
10	1.5K, Facebook	<u>Yellow Vests Alberta</u>	<p>https://www.facebook.com/groups/yellowvestsalberta/permalink/788320988268573/</p> <p>Please make this post go viral ! *Sharing text from r/metaCanada post</p> <p>**Sample replies**</p> <p>Facebook user 1 Shared. Saw this post on Twitter as well. Figures. Man the polls with barely English speaking people so that they can feign irregularities more easily. 😊. Starting to feel Third World in Canada.</p>	Oct. 12
9	25K, Facebook	<u>Mountain Media</u>	<p>* Sharing text from r/metaCanada post</p> <p>**Sample replies**</p> <p>Facebook user 1 Your vote is by secret ballot. If the cops were indeed called in they should have had a duty to call this in as interference. You have to get a hold of your candidate and inform him or her asap. This is Canada not a third world dictatorship. That clerk has no business opening your ballot. Do not waste time on this, call your representative.</p> <p>Original poster I agree</p> <p>Facebook user 2 I can hardly sit still with this on my mind. What do you plan to do about it? I have messaged my candidate. I tried to alert this Chris Lewis. Monday morning I will be alerting whoever will listen. This cannot happen.</p> <p>Facebook user 3 report it the police, go to the city TV and publicise it nation wide. Next file a report with The mayor of Toronto "JohnTorry"</p>	Oct. 12
3	Fewer than 500, Twitter	Twitter user	<p>This is illegal vote tampering. What to do if this happens to you. IMMEDIATELY TAKE OUT YOUR PHONE AND START RECORDING THE WHOLE INTERACTION. forward it to your candidate, elections canada, and a legitimate press outlet. @MaximeBernier @ElectionsCan_E @rcmpgrcpolice ** Sharing text from r/metaCanada post</p>	Oct. 13

↪ Users ask EC to investigate Greta Thunberg’s Alberta visit as “foreign interference”

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

- [Climate activist Greta Thunberg says she is coming to Alberta](#) , *CBC News*, October 13, **24K shares**
- [Climate activist Greta Thunberg heading to Alberta](#), *Global News*, October 13, **22.9K shares**
- [Climate activist Greta Thunberg making her way to Alberta](#), *CTV News*, October 13, **21.4K shares**
- [Greta Thunberg announces plan to visit Alberta](#), *Calgary Herald*, October 13, **13.6K shares**
- [Greta Thunberg Is Being Told On Twitter She's "Not Welcome" In Alberta](#), *Narcity News*, October 13, **10K shares**
- [Greta Thunberg tweets that she plans to visit Alberta after 'a few days of well needed rest'](#), *National Post*, October 13, **2.5K shares**

Fait saillants sur les médias sociaux / Social media highlights

Users reacted to news that Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg is travelling to Alberta, with some users calling on EC to “investigate” Thunberg and the UN for “foreign interference” and “election meddling.” *Rebel Media* journalist Ezra Levant and *Calgary Herald* columnist Licia Corbella suggested in high-engagement tweets that Thunberg was “interfering” in GE43, leading some users to call on EC to look into Thunberg’s “funding.” Other high-engagement tweets included discussion of whether EC was planning to charge Thunberg for violating third party advertising rules.

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Engagement	Followers, platform	Account	Post	Date
4,198	194K, Twitter	Ezra Levant , <i>Rebel Media</i>	Greta Thunberg is not coming to Canada for a vacation. She is the front-man for a multi-million-dollar foreign lobby group that seeks to interfere in Canada's election.	Oct. 14
1,695	7K, Twitter	Licia Corbella , <i>Calgary Herald</i> Columnist	<p>Who is funding her travel? Why is she involving herself in a Canadian election? Is this part of the “Tar Sands Campaign?”</p> <p>**Sample replies**</p> <p>Twitter user 1 Elections Canada should look into this as it smacks of outside influences on our election. #cndpoli #exln43</p> <p>Twitter user 2 This is Election Interference on a global scale by the Green Party (Yes, Elizabeth May's Green Party is Global) and must be rejected and stopped by Elections Canada. @ElectionsCan_E</p> <p>Twitter user 3 Any time after Oct 21 is fine, but this is interference in a national election.</p> <p>Twitter user 4 This is election interference. @ElectionsCan_E is allowing foreign manipulation during the election. @rcmpgrcpolice needs to step in and do the right thing.</p>	Oct. 14

281	3.3K, Facebook	<u>I love the oilsands</u>	<p>Squirrel says "This person must not be allowed to cross the border into Canada. This is a blatant attempt at foreign interference in the election by Soro's puppet. She goes to Alberta and does her whiny act to rail against our way of life to help that horrid Trudeau win votes in the east and B.C. It is so extremely obvious that a complete moron could see this. If she makes any public statements elections Canada must declare this foreign interference in the election."</p> <p>**Sample replies**</p> <p>Facebook user 1 Keep her out. Just a liberal ploy for the election.</p> <p>Facebook user 2 GO HOME , and STOP BUTTING INTO OUR CANADIAN ELECTION .</p> <p>Facebook user 3 Exactly this is interfering with our election</p>	Oct. 13
596	500, Twitter	<u>Rudolf Neumayer,</u> Fundy Royal, PPC candidate	<p>Elections Canada (EC) stated that third parties should not be making statements on climate change during the election. Will EC charge her? This is blatant involvement from a foreigner and the organizers and Greta should be told to stay out of country.</p> <p>**Sample replies**</p> <p>Twitter user 1 Greta is worth \$62 million,, could you say that foreign money is effecting our elections,,, and Trudeau , Scheer,May and Singh</p> <p>Twitter user 2 @ElectionsCan_E do something about @GretaThunberg and her planned meddling in our election!</p> <p>Twitter user 3 Please correct me if I'm wrong, but given Gretta Thunberg's backer are the UN, is this action not illegal foreign meddling in our election?</p> <p>Twitter user 4 Yea she should be arrested for election interference.. hmmm</p>	Oct. 13
71	Fewer than 500, Twitter	Twitter user	<p>Will @ElectionsCan_E be investigating Greta for foreign interference in the federal election and any organizations that financially support her activism? Timing of her visit is incredibly convenient, no?</p>	Oct. 13
19	26.2K, Twitter	Friends of Science	<p>We are concerned that SOME party is using Greta's popularity and recent video as a self-promotion vehicle. I What does @ElectionsCan_E think about that? #cdnpoli #Elexn43 *Sharing YouTube video <u><i>Don't worry, be happy, Greta!</i></u></p>	Oct. 13
15	2K, Twitter	Twitter user	<p>Yep, true and she and her family are on the Soros payroll. I am sure that Trudeau or Butts invited her to arrive at the most strategic time possible. Elections Canada should prevent her from coming until after the election is over. This is clearly foreign election interference.</p>	Oct. 14

→ Concerns about vandalized or stolen lawn signs, or signs in close proximity to polling stations
Articles les plus partagés; nombre de partages / Most-shared articles; number of shares

- [OPP investigating damage to election signs, CTV News, October 14, 198 shares](#)
- [Michael Cooper election sign torched on resident's lawn, St. Albert Today, October 14, 63 shares](#)
- [Election signs trasher nabbed in Fernie, East Kootenay News Online Weekly, October 13, 22 shares](#)
- [Ms. Nancy Mercier's electoral sign vandalized further and her other signs removed from town: Why aren't Sackville citizens denouncing these criminal acts?, Bambi's Afkar, October 14, 10 shares](#)
- [Election signs damaged in Listowel, OPP say, CBC News, October 13, 9 shares](#)



Fait saillants sur les médias sociaux / Social media highlights



Social media users continue to post about vandalized or stolen lawn signs. In Brampton South, LPC candidate Sonia Sidhu posted security camera footage of someone stealing signs in her riding, as well as photos of her defaced lawn signs. Sidhu claimed she had “HUNDREDS of signs damaged, hidden, or go missing.” In the Rosemont—La Petite-Patrie riding, a person drew hearts and wrote « votez pour la planète » on NDP candidate Alexandre Boulerice’s elections signs. In Markham, PPC candidate Sarah Chung and one of her supporters posted half a dozen photos of defaced PPC signs in her riding. Chung noted that only her signs were targeted for defacement, and urged York Regional Police to look into the matter. Commenting on a *CBC News* story, r/MetaCanada users poked fun at PPC candidate Steven Fletcher’s lawn signs, which appear to be old signs Fletcher used when serving as a CPC candidate in 2015.




Twitter users also tweeted about some non-political party lawn signs, including one user aghast at “Libranos” signs promoting Ezra Levant’s new book, and a user tweeting a photo of a lawn sign that reads “You speak for Kashmir, we will vote for you.”

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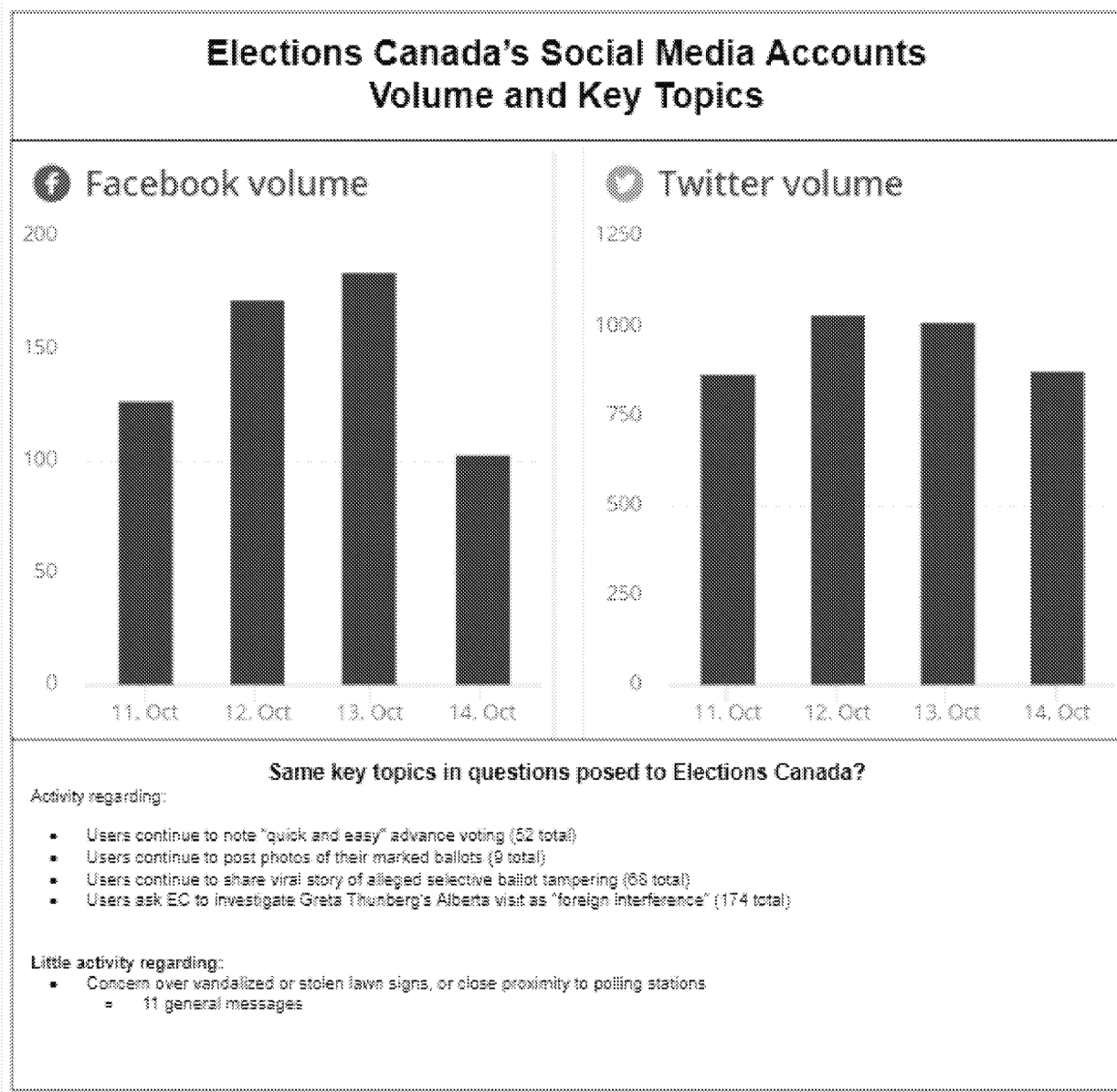
Engagement	Followers, platform	Account	Post	Date
81	12.4K, Twitter	Sonia Sidhu , LPC candidate, Brampton South	THREAD: I committed to running a positive campaign. I’ve lived up to that promise. My opponents have not. I am not angry, I’m just disappointed. (1/3; watch the video, photos below) 	Oct. 14

<p>81</p>	<p>12.4K, Twitter</p>	<p><u>Sonia Sidhu</u>, LPC candidate, Brampton South</p>	<p>**Continued from above thread**</p> <p>2/3. There were countless instances of vandalism and theft of my signs that has happened over the past weeks. I have had HUNDREDS of signs damaged, hidden, or go missing. Just this week a child saw a vandalized sign, told his parents, and they called us.</p>  <p>3/3 I didn't know if I should post a picture on social media, but enough is enough. I'm fighting for #BramptonSouth. I'm going to keep fighting. To my opponents: sign's don't vote, people do. #GoKnockDoors</p> <p>**Sample replies**</p> <p>Twitter user 1 How is this happening AGAIN!?!? This happened eight years ago, and it happened four years ago. Both times were people paid for or part of the local Conservative campaign. Where are the @ElectionsCan_E watchdogs? (8 engagements)</p> <p>Twitter user 2 Someone needs to be charged for this. Maybe then it will stop. Or zero signage elections. I like that even better. (3 engagements)</p>	<p>Oct. 14</p>
<p>40</p>	<p>67K, Reddit, r/OnGuardForThee</p>	<p>Reddit user</p>	<p>Wtf I love campaign sign vandalism now</p>  <p>**Sample replies**</p> <p>Reddit user 1 Wow Quebec is weird</p>	<p>Oct. 13</p>

<p>32</p>	<p>Fewer than 500, Twitter</p>	<p>Twitter user</p>	<p>Seems only one party's signs are being singled out for special treatment. (Just a few examples I didn't take pics of every single one!) @SChungforCanada @peoplespca #PPC2019 #PeoplesPartyofCanada</p> 	<p>Oct. 13</p>
<p>27</p>	<p>1K, Twitter</p>	<p><u>Sarah Chung</u>, Markham Unionville, PPC candidate</p>	<p>My lawn signs are mostly down, removed or damaged. We put them up consistently but some were down within 24 hours & one was down within an hour. I am the only one down in most places. Am I that special? @YRP Refer to the criminal code. #PPC2019AllTheWay @ElectionsCan_E</p> 	<p>Oct. 13</p>

13	30K, r/MetaCanada	Reddit user	<p>People's Party of Canada candidate recycles old Conservative sign</p>  <p>**Sample replies** Reddit user 1 getting that environmental vote Reddit user 2 True fiscal conservatism.</p>	Oct. 13
2	Fewer than 500, Twitter	Twitter user	<p>I had no idea what this was when I saw this lawn sign in my neighbourhood. Wtf?? Talk about spreading lies and hatred.</p> <p>IMAGES View all</p> 	Oct. 13
0	8.1K, Twitter	Twitter user	<p>Pakistanis in Canada put up Kashmir lawn signs for Canadian Federal Election Campaign 2019. #LetsNotForgetKashmir</p> 	Oct. 13

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