

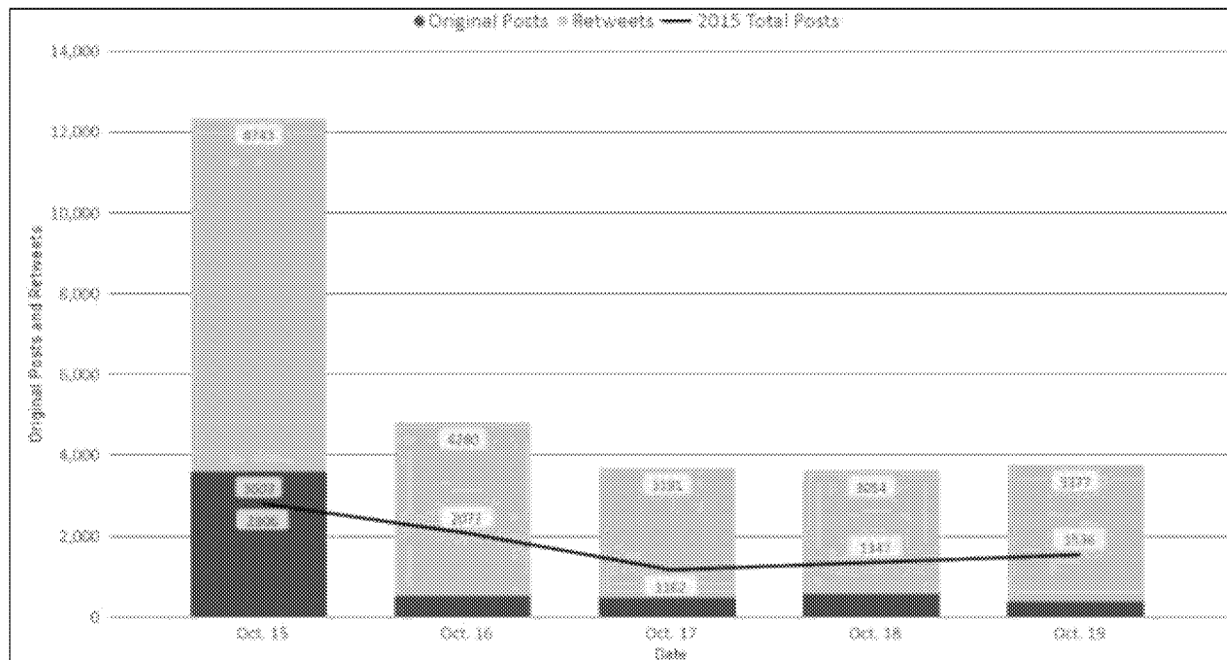
## Rapport de repérage des médias sociaux : midi 18 octobre à midi 20 octobre, 2019

### Social Media Monitoring Report: noon October 18 to noon October 20

#### Observations principales / Key observations

- *True North News* published its fourth article in five days about non-citizens on the NROE; commenters lamented that voters are not required to prove citizenship and labeled the voting process a “shitshow”
- Users commented on historic numbers of votes cast by Canadians abroad, with some speculating that some voters “had probably never even set foot in Canada”
- Users reacted to allegations that the CPC hired consultant Warren Kinsella to “seek and destroy” the PPC; some wondered whether EC would “investigate” the matter, while others claimed that Kinsella deleted his Twitter and Facebook accounts in order to “hide evidence” from EC
- Some users continued calling on EC to investigate both former U.S. President Barack Obama and Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg for “foreign interference”

#### 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>

- **NEW** Users react to allegation that the CPC hired Warren Kinsella to “seek and destroy” the PPC
- **NEW** Concerns over First Nations and Manitoba Hydro workers facing obstacles to voting in GE43
- → Concerns over voter ID, voting with face coverings, and non-citizens or deceased electors on the NROE
- U Concerns over the integrity of special ballots
- → Calls for EC to investigate Barack Obama and Greta Thunberg for “foreign interference”
- → Concerns about vandalized or stolen lawn signs

## Éléments sous observation / On the radar

- **Twitter user claimed that CEO can vote in GE43 for the “first” time in Canadian history:** The user (271 followers) claimed that the CEO was granted the right to vote in “amendments” passed “in the course of the last parliament.” The post received no engagement.
- **Global News regional director questioned if transporting a ballot box on a bicycle made “sense”:** Mackay Taggart (7.2K followers) tweeted two photos of a person walking their bicycle loaded up with a ballot box and other EC materials, tagging EC’s official account and adding that it “struck [him] as an off way to transport potentially sensitive items.” The post received 26 engagements.



- **Twitter user questioned the legality of poll workers’ working conditions on election day:** The user noted that in addition to EC expecting poll workers to work from “8:30am to 9:30pm,” EC is “not allowing [poll workers] to vote.” The user added that poll workers get “NO BREAKS” and asked if it was “legal” to expect poll workers to work such hours and “not permit” poll workers to vote. The tweet received no engagement.
- **Reddit user reported “racially targeted” campaign materials to EC:** Reddit user on r/Vancouver noted that they had received a CPC campaign letter in Chinese while their “Caucasian friends” living in the same riding had not. The user questioned where political parties get their data from and stated that they had reached out to their RO, who had directed them to send in an online complaint to EC. The thread received 43 engagements.

<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 U = revived topic **NEW** = new topic

- **Reddit users commented on the prohibition on photography and recording devices at polling places:** One user claimed that the prohibition “only applies to candidates and their representatives,” and that the rule applicable to everyone “only prohibits taking a photograph of a ballot.” The user contended that EC is “overstating their authority” in this matter, while another user called for the laws to be kept “up to date with technology advances.” A third user called for the use of phones by poll staff to be “banned” by EC. The thread received 423 engagements.
- **National Post reporter suggested EC should “track” and “publish statistics” on ballots defaced with genitalia:** Tyler Dawson (3.4K followers) retweeted a Twitter user who claimed that in the “last election” when the user was a scrutineer, they found “3 penis ballots” out of the approximately “150 ballots at [the] polling station.” Dawson was of the opinion that EC should “track and publish statistics” on defaced ballots; the post received nine engagements.
- **Two users provided inaccurate information about voting day, targeted according to party support:** One user (2.7K followers) shared a “special elections Canada announcement” that CPC voters vote on October 21, and LPC and NDP voters vote on October 22 and October 23, respectively. The user urged others to “pass it on” and received 55 engagements. Another user (1.5K followers) stated that CPC voters vote on “21 november” due to the “government” having “recogniz[ed] that there are more conservatives than other voters” and thus designating a “special election day” for CPC voters. The post received seven engagements.
- **Facebook user asked if public and Catholic school teachers are allowed to tell students who to vote for in high school “mock vote”:** A user on Yellow Vests Canada’s public Facebook group noted that a teacher had told their high school aged children that they “should vote liberal” during a “mock vote” at their high school. The user asked whether teachers are allowed to tell students that “Justin Trudeau is [their] little sweetheart” and thereby shape students’ vote choice in the mock vote. The post received 81 engagements.
- **Users called Postmedia editorials backing CPC leader Scheer “foreign interference” and “3rd party advertising”:** Twitter users reacted to multiple Postmedia newspapers sharing the same editorial backing CPC leader Andrew Scheer as the “best choice for Canada,” with some calling it “foreign interference” due to Postmedia being “U.S.-owned-and-funded.” One user asked if Postmedia’s effort to back CPC leader Scheer means the media conglomerate should register as a third party.
- **Independent journalist Amy MacPherson revisited her “investigation” into 2001 photos of the LPC leader published by Time Magazine:** MacPherson re-shared a Twitter thread covering her “investigation” into the “foreign interference” behind the 2001 photos of LPC leader Justin Trudeau in “brownface makeup.” MacPherson tagged the EC and the RCMP official Twitter accounts on the post, and received 207 engagements.
- **Actor disappointed “no systems in place” for voters outside their home riding on election day:** Mark Ghanimé (8.9K followers) tweeted that he had to be out of his “local riding/voting area” for election day at the last minute and that he had not voted in advance. In another tweet he added that despite him being a “Canadian citizen in Canada on election day” his choice does not get counted, and asked “why are there no systems in place for this type of situation?” The actor’s two tweets received eight engagements in total.



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

**NEW Users react to allegation that the CPC hired Warren Kinsella to “seek and destroy” the PPC**
**Articles les plus partagés; nombre de partages / Most-shared articles; number of shares**

- Scheer won't say if Conservatives hired consultant to 'destroy' People's Party, *CTV News*, October 19, **8.1K shares**
- Brampton Liberal candidate accused of accepting \$50,000 in illegal cash donations, *True North*, October 19, **6.5K shares**
- Le PCC derrière une campagne visant à « détruire » le parti de Maxime Bernier, *Radio Canada*, October 19, **5K shares**
- Bernier sort les dents et porte plainte, *TVA Nouvelles*, October 19, **981 shares**
- REPORT: Scheer Doesn't Answer Question On Alleged Effort To Discredit People's Party, As Bernier Files Official Complaint With Canada Elections Commissioner, *Spencer Fernando News & Commentary*, October 19, **846 shares**
- Maxime Bernier seeks Elections Canada investigation into Conservative-financed smear campaign, *Georgia Straight*, October 19, **825 shares**
- Scheer reste muet sur l'existence d'un contrat avec une firme externe, *La Presse*, October 20, **25 shares**

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

With news from the *Globe and Mail* that the CPC may have hired political consultant Warren Kinsella to conduct a “secret campaign to seek and destroy” the PPC, some users called on EC to “launch an investigation” and “take legal action.” Many users discussed the Kinsella story as an example of “election interference” and demanded EC act on it. Some expressed disappointment that the campaign was not discovered earlier, and said EC has “failed, failed, FAILED to keep us on the right and moral path.” Shortly after the *Globe and Mail* story broke, Kinsella deleted his Twitter and Facebook accounts, leading one user to suggest he did so in an effort “to hide evidence from [an] Elections Canada” investigation.

**Publications reliées au sujet / Related posts**

Engagement	Followers, platform	Account	Post	Date
547	6.4K, Twitter	<u>Amy MacPherson</u> , Independent journalist	<p>Worst part of #KinsellaGate is that #CDNmedia is *still* allowing Warren Kinsella to conceal the true scandal This willful blindness &amp; timidity of the press is what allowed the Buffalo Chronicle to do the damage it did in the first place #CDNpoli #ForeignInterference #Elxn43</p> <p><b>**Sample replies**</b></p> <p><b>Twitter user 1</b> ..and also a strong and independent judiciary and an 'arm's length' @ElectionsCan_E. Those three pillars are the only things protecting our democracy. Plus, of course, vigilant, engaged Canadians.</p> <p><b>Twitter user 2</b> I agree. A lot of stories about social media manipulation should have been reported. The only good one I saw was Martin Patriquin's in The Guardian. Heck, the media did not even look into Scheer's past with any rigour.</p>	Oct. 19

252	2.9K, Twitter	Twitter user	<p>Warren Kinsella was hired by Andrew Scheer and the Conservatives          What a surprise I wonder what other interesting stuff          @ElectionsCan_E will find once the dust settles. Kenney, Ford and          Scheers election and nomination process have all been riddled with          corruption.</p> <p><b>**Sample reply**</b>  <b>Twitter user 1</b> Whatever the maximum penalty is for election          interference, Warren Kinsella and Hamish Marshall should have it. I          hope they enjoy prison because that's their only address after this is          said and done. Lock them up!</p>	Oct. 19
201	6.5K, Facebook	<a href="#">Change Alberta</a>	<p>MORE ELECTION INTERFERENCE BEING REPORTED FROM THIS          DISGRUNTLED INDIVIDUAL. It's a shame that this was not exposed          earlier in the election cycle when it was widely reported, primarily on          Twitter, that Warren Kinsella and his associates were behind          scurrilous efforts to discredit Justin Trudeau. Ironically the Globe and          Mail reported on the anti PPC scandal yesterday. As recently as a          couple of weeks ago, the G &amp; M were allegedly being fed rumours          from the self same Kinsella, about the PM. Once the election is over,          can we expect to see some legal action taken over these          reprehensible attempts to mislead the electorate? Elections Canada,          are you listening? #cdnpoli #elxn43</p>	Oct. 19
187	1.1K, Twitter	Twitter user	<p>Did Warren Kinsella delete all his tweets? I can't tell, I'm          #BlockedByKinsella. Anyways I hope someone kept a record for          Elections Canada</p>	Oct. 19
134	556K, Reddit, r/Canada	Reddit user	<p>Maxime Bernier seeks Elections Canada investigation into          Conservative-financed smear campaign</p> <p><b>**Sample replies**</b>  <b>Reddit user 1</b> Good. The CPC needs to be investigated if this was          illegal.  <b>Reddit user 2</b> Warren Kinsella writes a column in the Toronto Sun as          well where he can freely express his opinions, which have been very          anti-Trudeau for a very long time. If he's being paid to express his          opinions, then he should be disclosing that. He's only been accused of          smearing PPC, but who knows, he might have been paid to smear          other parties as well.</p>	Oct. 19
73	Fewer than 500, Twitter	Twitter user	<p>So let me see if I have the facts here: Toronto Sun has paid Warren          Kinsella Andrew Scheer and the Conservatives might have Warren          Kinsella on their payroll Kinsella interviews Andrew one on one          Toronto Sun publishes this article Elections Canada Please Launch An          Investigation</p>	Oct. 19



15	500, Twitter	Twitter user	I am SO incensed that people like Kinsella are allowed to get away with this shit. And thst people like Scheer are allowed to spew outright lies on the campaign trail and go unchecked. Elections Canada has failed, failed, FAILED to keep us on the right and moral path. The end.	Oct. 19
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### 🔄 Concerns over First Nations and Manitoba Hydro workers facing obstacles to voting in GE43

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

- Hydro employees working on Manitoba storm cleanup will be able to vote near job sites, *CBC News*, October 18, **325 shares**
- Special ballots will be used to allow hydro workers in Manitoba to vote near job sites, *CBC News*, October 19, **391 shares**
- NDP's Niki Ashton demands Elections Canada ensure First Nation evacuees right to vote, *NDP.ca*, October 18, **207 shares**
- Hydro crews not allowed to vote away from home Monday: Elections Canada, *Winnipeg Free Press*, October 18, **129 shares**
- NDP asks Elections Canada to provide special ballots for evacuees in Manitoba, *CBC News*, October 20, 30 shares

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

Social media users both praised and criticized EC for its work in providing more voting opportunities for Hydro workers and First Nations communities in Manitoba. Following a *CBC News* article that discussed EC's plan to allow Manitoba Hydro workers to cast their ballots near their job sites, Facebook users praised EC for its work. One user said EC has a "great mobile unit" that came to their home "in less than an hour." Another user said "good job EC!"

However, there were users who expressed disappointment with EC following a statement by NDP candidate Niki Ashton (Churchill–Kewatinook Aski), who called on EC to offer more voting options for First Nations electors affected by the storm and power outages. One user who concurred with Ashton's statement suggested EC should deploy more resources "especially since we couldn't even vote at the advance polls, due to the storm, in our area!" One Facebook user stated that EC has "a history of making it hard to vote, especially those with no street address." Users were also disappointed by an initial *Winnipeg Free Press* report that suggested Manitoba Hydro workers could not vote unless they made their way back to their assigned polling stations by Monday. One user said it was "ridiculous" and "unfair" that workers could not vote; another suggested that if the storm had happened in Quebec, EC would be far more responsive.



<b>Publications reliées au sujet / Related posts</b>				
<b>Engagement</b>	<b>Followers, platform</b>	<b>Account</b>	<b>Post</b>	<b>Date</b>
331	35.4K, Twitter  21.3K, Facebook	<u>Niki Ashton</u> , NDP candidate, Churchill– Keewatinook Aski	<p>Elections Canada functionally disenfranchising First Nations affected by the snowstorms is unacceptable. The NDP is calling on Elections Canada to do everything possible to ensure that voters from the Interlake can have their voices heard.</p> <p><b>**Sample replies**</b></p> <p><b>Twitter user 1</b> Calling on @ElectionsCan_E / @ElectionsCan_F to do their job because you KNOW Justin Trudeau's 'important relationship' with Indigenous peoples and their communities is no longer significant to him</p> <p><b>Facebook user 1</b> Especially since we couldn't even vote at the advance polls, due to the storm, in our area!</p>	Oct. 18
331	35.4K, Twitter  21.3K, Facebook	<u>Niki Ashton</u> , NDP candidate, Churchill– Keewatinook Aski	<p><b>**Sample replies continued from previous page**</b></p> <p><b>Facebook user 2</b> Elections Canada has a history of making it hard to vote, especially those with no street address.</p> <p><b>Facebook user 3</b> Sorry Niki - you need to keep up - this will help. " Elections Canada is also taking steps to help evacuees forced from their homes by power outages cast their ballots. A "mega-polling station" with 13 polls will be established inside Convocation Hall at the University of Winnipeg..."</p>	Oct. 18



219	2.3M, Facebook	<u>CBC News</u>	<p>Elections Canada has "come up with a plan to allow our field staff to ... cast their ballots in existing polling locations near the job sites where they're actually working," said a Manitoba Hydro spokesperson.</p> <p><b>**Sample replies**</b></p> <p><b>Facebook user 1</b> Elections Canada has a great mobile unit that goes to ppl's homes for those that are unable to get and vote due to physical limitations. They came to my home in less than an hour after I called them. The Election Officers that came around were just terrific and quite interesting to speak with. They told me about how they go to jails, etc., for ppl to cast their ballots. If it hadn't been for this great service I wouldn't have been able to vote on my own. I was always raised in the belief that it was important and necessary for responsible citizens to do their part. We were also told that if we didn't vote then we had no right to complain about what the election results would be.....it was SO important to me that I vote, especially during this current campaign. Have a blessed weekend, everyone!</p> <p><b>Facebook user 2</b> Elections Canada is one sided. We have been making complaints and they are doing nothing about them when it goes against their rules. The last two elections Harper won due to Robo calls changing the voting place elections Canada did nothing. They are not fair and it seems a little suspicious why they will go to a big company field but never at a reserve.</p> <p><b>Facebook user 3 *replying to</b> above comment -- elections Canada literally is not allowed to be one sided.</p> <p><b>Facebook user 4</b> Good job Elections Canada!</p>	Oct. 18
21	49.1K, Twitter	<u>AFN,</u> Assembly of First Nations	<p>The AFN is working with Elections Canada to provide First Nations information about when, where and how to vote in the upcoming federal election. #ItsOurVote</p>	Oct. 18
3	N/A, Facebook	Facebook user	<p>What is wrong with Elections Canada this is ridiculous and so unfair!!!! They need to do something NOW</p> <p><b>*Sharing</b> Winnipeg Free Press article <u><a href="#">Hydro crews not allowed to vote away from home Monday: Elections Canada</a></u></p>	Oct. 18



7	59K, Facebook	<u>Winnipeg Free Press</u>	<p>Manitoba Hydro workers who will be away from home next Monday working to fix damage from last week's snow storm won't be able to cast ballots in that day's federal election</p> <p><b>**Sample replies**</b></p> <p><b>Facebook user 1</b> For the hundreds of Hydro Workers from other provinces and in Manitoba who are working 16 hour days under incredibly difficult conditions to restore power, tell me why Elections Canada is not making it possible for them to cast their vote, especially when Elections Canada is making sure the evacuees are able to? Come on, Winnipeg Free Press, the media has power, so use it!! I can't help believing that if was happening in Quebec, Elections Canada would find a way to make it happen.</p> <p><b>Winnipeg Free Press</b> Hi. We published a story on this matter yesterday. <b>*Sharing</b> Winnipeg Free Press article on hydro crews</p> <p><b>Facebook user 1</b> yes, I know that!! I sent that link in my complaint to Elections Canada. I just thought that with your media ties, you would get more action about it then I would.</p> <p><b>Facebook user 2</b> <b>*Sharing</b> <u>CBC News article on Hydro employees</u></p> <p><b>Facebook user</b> well, well, well! I kept a copy of the complaint I sent to Elections Canada this morning...which included a statement that they'd sure find a way if these were workers in Quebec</p>	Oct. 18
2	1K, Twitter	Twitter user	<p>Yes. It's in the charter that you have the right to vote Aurelia plus a union chapter would be stupid not to have that in a CBA document. On the other side Elections Canada did something of this matter with evacuated First Nations people this week. Why not Manitoba Hydro workers</p> <p><b>**Sample reply**</b></p> <p><b>Twitter user 1</b> Well the FNs were easier, since the entire towns moved all at once and so EC can set up 6 polling stations, and just add those to the 3-4 ridings in big chunks. Equivalent of just moving a polling station</p>	Oct. 18



## → Concerns over voter ID, voting with face coverings, and non-citizens or deceased electors on the NROE

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

- Malcolm: Canadians won't be the only ones voting on Monday, *True North News*, October 20, **1.4K shares**

**Faits saillants sur les médias sociaux / Social media highlights**

Users in niche interest groups continued to discuss concerns about voting with a face covering and the possibility of non-citizens on the NROE. Facebook users on Yellow Vests Canada's public Facebook group shared a 2015 *Rebel News* YouTube video of a reporter voting in a niqab. Users suggested that a similar situation could occur during GE43, with one user saying they should "do [their] bit at the Polling Stations," and that the results of the election are "already rigged." Other users urged electors to "bring a pen," with one user stating that if polling stations only offered pencils, electors should "make small hole with it in the circle" in order to avoid their votes being "erased." A third user claimed that "votes done in ink will not be counted."

A user on Yellow Vests Canada shared a quote from an October 17 *True North News* column by Candice Malcolm that reads "as many as 103,000 non-citizens had their names on the voter list by error." One user reacted to the post by stating that EC "needs to be burned to the ground" while other users shared anecdotes of non-citizens, deceased persons, and a "2 year-old" receiving VICs. On Reddit, users on r/metaCanada also discussed the topic, with one claiming they had heard at a town hall that EC sent "OVER 130,000" VICs to non-citizens. A second user said they would like to know who was "in charge of this fuck up at Elections Canada." Other users found it "deplorable" that some non-citizens had potentially received VICs. On 4chan, users suggested there was "a lot of confusion" in GE43 because EC was "sending out voter cards to people who aren't citizens." Another 4chan user said advance voting was "a total shit show" and that their mother had gone to vote but her name was already crossed off the list.

**Publications reliées au sujet / Related posts**

Engagement	Followers, platform	Account	Post	Date
1,813	104K, Facebook	<a href="#">Yellow Vests Canada</a>	<p>Yes voter fraud is alive and well in Canada. Not only can anyone vote in our elections. They don't have to prove who they are and can wear masks. The ballots are are signed in pencil so your vote can easily be erased and replaced with a Liberal vote. . The corrupt voting system implemented by Trudeau and the Liberals is now in place. <b>*Sharing</b> October 2015 <i>Rebel Media</i> video <a href="#">Another reporter votes in niqab – and this time it's worse</a></p> <p><b>**Sample replies**</b></p> <p><b>Facebook user 1</b> This election could seriously bring Civil Disobedience... or worse, we can do our bit at the Polling Stations, but if, as I suspect it's already rigged with illegals voting for... guess who? I fear we are headed down a rough road Canada...are YOU awake??!</p> <p><b>Facebook user 2</b> I brought a pen. They started to say something and I said no one should mind... unless they're planning to change my ballot. In Canada people are supposed to have photo ID for their guns. Unless you're Muslim.. then you don't.</p>	Oct. 18

1,813	104K, Facebook	<u>Yellow</u> <u>Vests</u> <u>Canada</u>	<p><b>**Sample replies continued from previous page**</b></p> <p><b>Facebook user 3</b> So all my conservative friends out there get out to vote and I guess keep voting. If their not taking ID then you can vote as much as you want.</p> <p><b>Facebook user 4</b> So everyone should wear one [face covering] to go vote and see if you get any resistance?</p> <p><b>Facebook user 5</b> Seems many folks are not aware that someone does not need ID to vote! All they need is someone to VOUCH for them...and they can vote - no ID, not a Canadian, etc...</p> <p><b>Facebook user 6</b> 240,000 voter registration cards sent to non Canadians. Wonder how many get used?</p> <p><b>Facebook user 7</b> On Monday October 21 st can I vote in a Halloween Ninja Outfit ?</p> <p><b>Facebook user 8</b> If only pencil is available make small hole with it in the circle. Your vote still will valid and can't be erased.</p> <p><b>Facebook user 9</b> I was told its pencil only and all votes done in ink will not be counted</p>	Oct. 18
647	46.5K, Twitter  12.3K, Facebook	<u>Candice</u> <u>Malcolm,</u> columnist  <u>True</u> <u>North</u> <u>News</u>	<p>#EXCLUSIVE: More illegal names found on Elections Canada voter lists. My latest column <b>*Sharing</b> link to <i>True North News</i> column</p> <p><b>**Sample replies**</b></p> <p><b>Facebook user 1</b> Yup , I stated that elections canada is as untrustworthy as the lieberal government is</p> <p><b>Facebook user 2</b> No surprise liberals are cheating, my mother who is 88 and born in Toronto has not received her card to vote but non Canadians sure are! Also poll workers are damaging conservative ballots and allowing people with no if to vote, saw it myself!</p> <p><b>Facebook user 3</b> Elections Canada is indeed a joke.🙄🙄</p> <p><b>Facebook user 4</b> My late mother received voters card. She came from Sweden as landed immigrant, stayed here 11 months Dec 1997- November 1998. Never came to Canada after she left. She passed away in 2013. 21 years after leaving Canada she received a voters card. I contacted Elections Canada Ottawa and got a case number. Further I went to Elections Canada local office, and her name was removed from voters list.I have not heard back from EC. At advance poll no-one asked about Canadian citizenship, anyone can vote without photo ID, when someone vouches for you. One would think that if you are a Canadian citizen you would have a health card which includes a photo.</p>	Oct. 20

521	104K, Facebook	<a href="#">Yellow Vests Canada</a>	<p>This is from Candice Malcolm of True North ... "Elections Canada ADMITTED that as many as 103,000 non-citizens had their names on the voter list by error. That's more than enough to sway the outcome of this election.</p> <p>The government pledged to fix this massive problem, but they've clearly failed. During this election, there have been multiple reports of non-citizens receiving voter cards from Elections Canada, including a British man in Alberta and an Australian in Saskatchewan. Why isn't the mainstream media talking about this?"</p> <p><b>**Sample replies**</b></p> <p><b>Facebook user 1</b> I have been in Canada for 39 years as a permanent resident.....I received my first voter card....it came in my maiden name which I haven't used since 1981 .....I am not saying this for any negative comments about my residency I just want people to legalize there is HUGE voter fraud this time.....come on guys vote the turd OUT.....I also want you to know I don't plan on using this card I know it's illegal to</p> <p><b>Facebook user 2</b> Elections Canada needs to be burned to the ground then!!!! How can this show continue to go on when they already admit to this????</p> <p><b>Facebook user 3</b> It's a easy fix make a requirement of canadian passport or citizenship card to vote in the federal election.</p>	Oct. 18
107	31K, Reddit, <a href="#">r/metacana</a>	Reddit user	<p>WORD ON THE STREET: ELECTION FRAUD Elections Canada sent out OVER 130,000 Voter registration cards to NON-CITIZENS across Canada. Heard this last night at a town hall - no sauce</p> <p><b>**Sample replies**</b></p> <p><b>Reddit user 1</b> I believe it. I had a voter card sent to my house for someone who is not a citizen and doesn't even live in Canada.</p> <p><b>Reddit user 2</b> I want to know who was in charge of this fuck up at Elections Canada. Who and why those names were imported, and who ordered them to do so.</p> <p><b>Original poster</b> Seems nobody in Canada is concerned with outside interference, elections integrity etc..You're almost led to believe nobody is doing Anything, at Elections Canada, the RCMP, in the parties... to ensure the election is fair. The Media and RCMP are the worst in my opinion. There's no reason in the world this is being allowed to happen especially after the 2016 election bullshit down south.</p> <p><b>Reddit user 3</b> Funny because I was speaking to my Canadian Trump loving friends, vets, who moved to the US when Trudeau got elected and none of them got voting cards.</p> <p><b>Reddit user 4</b> lol I change my address in August, same riding as before.. and still haven't gotten my voter card despite being registered with Election Canada on an EDA executive lol.. At least my gf will vouch for me like all the illegals with ID vouch for the illegals without IDs so I'll be canceling out one of their votes? Lol</p>	Oct. 18



107	31K, Reddit, <a href="#">r/metacana</a>	Reddit user	<b>**Sample replies continued from previous page**</b> <b>Reddit user 5</b> Most of them will vote too. Most of them won't know it's illegal. Most of them won't be prosecuted. At what stage do we stop pretending we have democratic representation? <b>Reddit user 6</b> My 2 year old Nephew got a voters card	Oct. 18
59	2.8K followers	Twitter user	Nearly 22,000 international electors have voted in #elxn43 -- more than in any previous election <b>**Sample replies**</b> <b>Twitter user 1</b> Half of them probably aren't even citizens <b>Twitter user 2</b> Only citizens can vote. The process for out of country voters is more onerous than it is for us. No need for gibberish. <b>Twitter user 3</b> In a perfect world sure. Elections Canada already said they cannot guarantee that people won't vote twice lol. If people can vote twice, some non Canadians could quite easily vote once.	Oct. 18
40	3.5K, Twitter	Twitter user	Excuse me, can you explain how newcomers are being encouraged to vote in Toronto even if they have no ID? I thought only Canadian citizens were allowed to vote. Any chance of #ElectionFraud ? #FraudeElectorale ? #Canada <b>*Sharing user's own tweet</b> <i>Excusez-moi @ElectionsCan_F @RadioCanadaInfo mais "des nouveaux arrivés au pays" ne sont pas de citoyens canadiens... alors comment peuvent-ils voter ? #ElectionFraud #manipulation #FraudeElectorale #Canada #polcan</i>	Oct. 18
36	147K, Reddit, <a href="#">r/vancouver</a>	Reddit user	Did you get a voter card? <b>**Sample replies**</b> <b>Original poster</b> I didn't either and I live in Vancouver Centre. Odd, every year I do my taxes and fill out that box on my tax form requesting my name be added to the list of voters. You'd think Elections Canada would follow up with the Revenue Agency, after all, the request on the tax form was added after their request! Also, whats stopping you from voting twice or three times at different polling stations if you dont have a voting card? Its not like someone checks afterwards. <b>Reddit user 1</b> What makes you think nobody checks? <b>Original poster</b> I was a scrutinizer during previous elections :) And, check the federal 1999 election in the Victoria riding where it came to light a certain young political group was caught using dead peoples names on voter cards. <b>Reddit user 2</b> Haven't received a voting card for this or the previous election. The Elections Canada website also won't let me confirm my address. However, my wife always gets her card in the mail. Guess I'm just a lowly second class citizen. <b>Reddit user 3</b> I didn't get mine in the mail and Elections Canada wouldn't let me vote on their website. But I had no issues with registering to vote at the polls when I went to go and vote during the advance polls.	Oct. 18



N/A	N/A, /pol/	4chan user	<p>Anonymous 11/10/2019 (Fri) 18:Oct 2019 14:50:57 No.230304627 1-8 Report      in:230304624      She also said there is lots of confusion this election because they're sending out voter cards to people who aren't citizens      What a fucking total shit crap country. Its fucking deplorable.      I dont know why everyone whines about Toronto. Ottawa is the capital where all the shit goes down and it's a run down shit hole of ideas.</p>	Oct. 18
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### 🔗 Concerns over the integrity of special ballots

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

- [Elections Canada reports historic turnout among international voters, CTV News, October 18, 4.2K shares](#)


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

Users reacted to news of historic numbers of votes cast by Canadians abroad, with some finding it “totally wrong” that expats should be allowed to vote. One user stated that expat voting “sounds like ballot stuffing and voter fraud,” while others suggested some international electors had “probably never put foot in Canada but are dual citizens,” and should not be able to vote. Another set of users reacted with excitement at the news, saying this was “democracy in action.”

Some users expressed confusion at the special ballot voting process. A Facebook user said EC was “slow” to respond to their sister in Europe about an issue with a special ballot, and suggested this may be a “cons plot.” A 4chan user claimed that Canada was one of the few countries to not allow electors to vote at an embassy, and that EC staff over the phone were “impossible to understand.” The user also expressed dissatisfaction that they could not have their ballot mailed to a consulate or embassy in the country where they reside, and that they could not fax their ballot to EC.

#### Publications reliées au sujet / Related posts

Engagement	Followers, Platform	Account	Post	Date
1,606	906K, Facebook 791K, Twitter	<a href="#">CTV News</a>	Nearly 22,000 international electors have voted as of today -- more than in any previous election. <b>**Sample replies**</b> <b>Facebook user 1</b> Totally wrong. This election loophole has to be dealt with. It's foreign interference. <b>Facebook user 2</b> People that do not reside in Canada should not be allowed to vote. We need some real electoral reforms that includes residency, strict requirements for showing identification and proof of citizenship, people should have to be born here to hold and office of an elected official and more. <b>Facebook user 3</b> Why was elections Canada so slow I responding to my sister in Europe. Is this a cons plot?	Oct. 18

1,606	906K, Facebook  791K, Twitter	<u>CTV News</u>	<p><b>**Sample replies continued from previous page**</b></p> <p><b>Facebook user 4</b> I do not think Canadians who live outside of Canada should be voting. Many probably have never put foot in Canada but are dual citizens.</p> <p><b>Facebook user 5</b> Well... this comment section isn't going to be a nightmare carnival of tinfoil hat wearing "I'm not racist but..." weirdo bigots with malformed opinions based on myopic intolerant fictions, a complete misunderstanding about how citizenship works, and mild abuse of grammar and spelling.</p> <p><b>Twitter user 1</b> Sounds like ballot stuffing and voter fraud, who's watching and how are votes authenticated? Where do they get tallied on? Like Trudeau, Elections Canada is as corrupt as he is as Trudeau wrote the new Election rules.</p> <p><b>Twitter user 2</b> Great news. Democracy in action. If a politician is trying to suppress the vote they are probably doing something voters won't like</p>	Oct. 18
30	12.3K, Twitter	Twitter user	<p>Elections Canada reports historic turnout among international voters</p> <p><b>**Sample replies**</b></p> <p><b>Twitter user 1</b> Has justin put the fix in from his globalist overlords</p> <p><b>Twitter user 2</b> Election Fraud is what it is</p> <p><b>Twitter user 3</b> Elections Canada reporting record numbers of deceased voters</p> <p><b>Twitter user 4</b> You mean illigals?</p>	Oct. 18
3	N/A, 4chan, /pol/	4chan user	 <p>View Source: Google   ads: SauroRAD   Trade   📄   www.gq.1988.294275</p> <p>Anonymous (12/000000)   Fri 18 Oct 2019 20:02:47 No. 238333017   Report   &gt;&gt;23833484</p> <p>Trudeau is up to something. I registered with Elections Canada prior to the deadline and received a confirmation number that I was on the International Registry of Voters.</p> <p>Apparently prior to an election they are to mail you a special ballot that you (yes, your responsibility) according to Elections Canada have to MAIL back by SPN on the day of the vote. Any late votes are not counted. There is no standard as to how they count the time. You cannot e-mail, fax, call or physically cast your vote abroad. ONLY through snail mail which has to be through a foreign postal service then Canada Post.</p> <p>Canada is one of the few countries in the world that does not allow you to vote abroad at the embassy in your current country of residence. If you go to the embassy they laugh and go "oh" and contact Elections Canada. Now when you call elections Canada, they are literally impossible to understand - like 90% are TFW/Fips who can't speak English properly and don't know how to use the computer system.</p> <p>So last Tuesday/Wednesday I call the embassy and they go "oh we don't know anything contact elections canada". So I call EC going WTF IS MY SPECIAL BALLOT YOU FUCKING FAGGOTS. How am I supposed to get a special ballot through Canada Post, then my country's postal service which actually is very efficient and fast, but it's still a foreign postal service in regards to a Canadian citizen? Mail it out, then mail it back, and have it arrive in time by the SPN deadline on Monday? Can I pick it up at the embassy (NO). Can I register/cast my vote in as a special exception because EC is so incompetent their fucking button IT refunds can't code a simple database? (NO).</p> <p>So of course EC "lost" my entry in the International Registry of Voters. Nobody could find it, not around 10 calls over 3 days, could they find my information. I've been a citizen for nearly 3 decades I voted in all elections since turning 18 and this is my first time living abroad.</p>	Oct. 18



## → Calls for EC to investigate Greta Thunberg and Barack Obama for “foreign interference”


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

- [Greta: How DARE you interfere with the Canadian election!](#), *Rebel News/YouTube*, October 18, **1K shares**

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

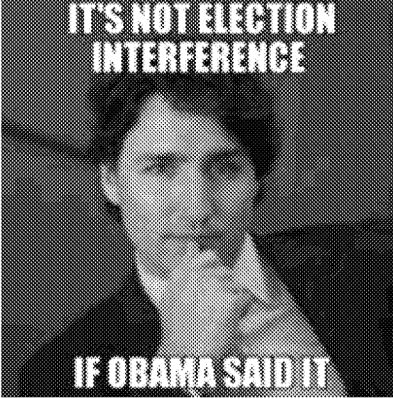
Users continued to call on EC to “investigate” former U.S. President Barack Obama and climate change activist Greta Thunberg for “foreign interference.” Two Facebook groups shared a *Toronto Sun* cartoon of a hand with a USA-themed shirt cuff reaching into a Canadian ballot box; the cartoon also featured a user-added caption at the bottom urging others to share the post if they agreed Obama was “#ElectionTampering” in GE43. Some users commenting on the cartoon said “OBAMA AND GRETA are both outside influencers in our election” and suggested there were other “hidden ones” as well. One user expressed anger that there was no government intervention to stop from Thunberg visiting Canada during the writ period, and asked “where are the watchdogs who are supposed to protect our democratic rights and freedoms?” while other users noted that the former U.S. president is now a “private citizen” and that he is “breaking no laws by endorsing Trudeau.” Two high-engagement posts in Russian noted that Obama’s endorsement of LPC leader Trudeau did not break Canada’s “foreign interference” laws.

**Publications reliées au sujet / Related posts**

Engage ment	Followers, Platform	Account	Post	Date
941	13K, Facebook	<a href="#">Saskatchewan Proud</a>	 <p><b>**Sample replies**</b>  <b>Facebook user 1</b> OBAMA AND GRETA are both outside influencers in our election, not to mention other hidden ones but these two are the most obvious.</p>	Oct. 18



941	13K, Facebook	<u>Saskatchewan Proud</u>	<p><b>**Sample replies continued from previous page**</b></p> <p><b>Facebook user 2</b> Trying to tip, the balance off power with his influence, should not have been allowed, betting this wasn't done randomly thinking, this was sought after, along with support from the arranged fund raiser.</p> <p><b>Facebook user 3</b> I agree, he should not have any input in our election!</p> <p><b>Facebook user 4</b> Obama is no longer a world leader, he is a private citizen. As such he is breaking no laws by endorsing Trudeau. Of course, I certainly question Obamas good judgement. Of course, he did recieve a huge payment for a speaking engagement...maybe it's payback.</p> <p><b>Facebook user 5</b> I didn't see Trump in Canada supporting Trudeau. That's because Trump sees himself in JT. Wonder how much us taxpayers paid Obama to come and shake Justins hand.</p> <p><b>Facebook user 6</b> erections Canada is a joke because, Elizabeth Saxe Coberg Gotha Windsor The Secondary is not our queen nor has it ever been our queen.</p>	Oct. 18
615	2.6K, VK	<u>The Youth Diplomacy Magazine</u>	<p><b>**Translated by SMMU from Russian**</b></p> <p>The US Embassy in Ottawa is not commenting on the incident, given that he is a common individual. Elections Canada, the official organisation responsible for holding of federal elections, sees no infraction in the former President's Tweet since it doesn't violate law on foreign interference.</p>	Oct. 18

626	73K, Facebook	<u>Justin Trudeau</u> <u>Not</u>	<p>Trudeau's thought of the day!</p>  <p><b>**Sample replies**</b>  <b>Facebook user 1</b> It's not just interference, it's tampering, it's collusion, it's outside influence, it's a last ditch effort in attempt to sway votes for the liberals, it's pathetic.  <b>Facebook user 2</b> I thought there was supposed to be some guarantee there would not be any outside/"foreign" interference in our election!!! Obama endorses the turd (since when do Americans endorse our candidates) and then we have the demented child coming to Alberta (who the H*** invited her)! Yup, no outside interference!!!! GO SCHEER!!! BLUE WAVE COMING!!</p>	Oct. 16
248	14K, Facebook	<u>The Trudeau</u> <u>Follies</u>	<p><b>*Sharing</b> cartoon by <i>Toronto Sun</i> cartoonist Andy Donato originally posted on <u>Saskatchewan Proud</u>  <b>**Sample replies**</b>  <b>Facebook user 1</b> Trudeau is a crook and doing this just proves how he has learned nothing and continues to do whatever he wants and to hell with everybody else !!!! SO VOTE CONSERVATIVE TO A MAJORITY !!!!!  <b>Facebook user 2</b> Trudeau did not "allow", he invited it !  <b>Facebook user 3</b> Elections Canada is a coward for not exstend ING the election because of it</p>	Oct. 18



145	9K, Facebook	<u>Y'eh 4 conser- vatives</u>	<p>“As Albertans gear up for the Greta Thunberg pre-election events, declarations of doom and predictions of imminent catastrophe, voters in the province and across Canada would be wise to stand back, listen to the premier of Alberta and wait for the science — and for the extremists to realize that their plans to shut down civilization as they think they know it is, to put it gently, wrongheaded.”</p> <p><b>**Sample replies**</b></p> <p><b>Facebook user 1</b> Interesting she shows up right before the election. Wonder if 'little potato' invited her?</p> <p><b>Facebook user 2</b> This interference in our election is not wanted nor is it helpful in any way!</p> <p><b>Facebook user 3</b> Does no one see this as the political interference it is? WTF Canada? How are we even letting this happen, where are the watchdogs who are supposed to protect our democratic rights and freedoms?</p>	Oct. 18
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#### → Concerns about vandalized or stolen lawn signs

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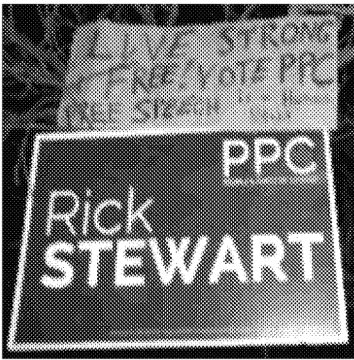

- 'This is disgusting': Oakville riding candidate's sign vandalized with hurtful language, *Inside Halton*, October 18, **255 shares**
- 'Conservative' Heather Leung signs stoke pre-election confusion, *North Shore News*, October 17, **117 shares**
- NDP Election Signs Damaged In Vancouver And MP Jenny Kwan Is Not Surprised, *NarCity*, October 17, **93 shares**


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

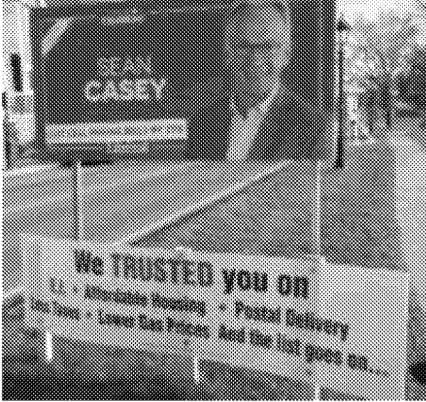

User discussion about broken or vandalized election signs continues to trend, with users weighing in on a number of graffiti-tagged PPC signs. PPC candidate for Oakville JD Meaney, PPC candidate for Toronto–Danforth Tara Dos Remedios, PPC candidate for Beausejour Nancy Mercier, and PPC candidate for North Vancouver Azmairnin Jadavji, all reported vandalized signs. Some signs were tagged with the words “fascist” and “nazi scum.” As noted in the Friday, October 18 report, someone wrote a racial epithet on Jadavji’s sign. One user said they should “start smashing every Liberal and NDP signs” in retaliation. Another user suggested local police conveniently decide not to investigate vandalized signs when it is a PPC candidate. Another Reddit user placed a homemade sign above their sign that reads: “Live strong and free, vote PPC! Free speech is a human right!” Users also reported broken LPC signs for Saint-Leonard—Saint-Michel candidate Patricia Lattanzio and for Laurier—Sainte-Marie candidate Steven Guilbeault.

<i>Publications reliées au sujet / Related posts</i>				
Engagement	Followers, platform	Account	Post	Date
2,121	3.3K, Twitter	<a href="#">Quiggin Report Podcast</a>	The voices of extremism will destroy our society. @tara_dos A #PPC candidate, refugee from Zimbabwe is targeted & labeled "Nazi scum." Time for difficult conversations before it's too late. #cdnpoli #elxn2019 @Imamofpeace @TahirGora @SalimMansurLNC @RubinReport @GadSaad	Oct. 19
395	1K, Twitter	<a href="#">JD Meaney</a> , PPC candidate, Oakville	This is disgusting #freedomofspeech under attack in #Canada #oakville this is wrong. @OakvillePPC @MaximeBernier @peoplespca @HazarVandermol1 @thereds8 @KellyLorenczPPC @AndyBrookeLmstn @FPVaughanIII @DMillardHaskell @ChloePpc @InsideHalton @RebelNewsOnline @MarkFriesen08 	Oct. 18
326	5.9K, Facebook	<a href="#">Free Bird Media</a>	The "tolerance" of progressives...  <b>**Sample replies**</b> <b>Facebook user 1</b> It's actually a crime here in Canada to interfere with election signs. <b>Facebook user 2</b> true, but they would only go after conservatives if they vandalized liberals, they will give liberals a free pass guaranteed <b>Facebook user 3</b> hate speech only applies to people disagreeing with leftists remember? and I strongly disagree with charging people with "hate speech" regardless of who says it, being as trudeau has put in fascist style hate speech laws, the lieberals who vandelaized should be charged under their god's law	Oct. 18

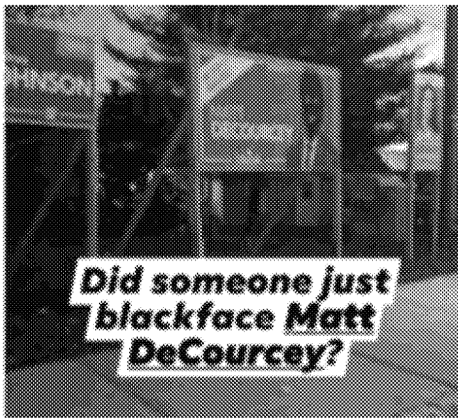


<p>155</p>	<p>2K, r/Peoples PartyofCa nada</p>	<p>Reddit user</p>	<p>Some Antifa thug pulled down my PPC sign. But I found it, and put it back up. And I made a new sign and put that up too.</p>  <p><b>**Sample replies**</b>  <b>Reddit user 1</b> Over the last couple of weeks, I was disheartened to see that signs on my block, for my local PPC candidate, were slowly being knocked down. But yesterday, I was driving, taking an unusual route, due to construction and a traffic accident, and saw that he has lots more signs, all over my neighborhood. Made me smile. (27 engagements)  <b>Reddit user 2</b> Ive noticed people in the kootenay Columbia riding dont like the ppc? (1 engagement)  <b>Reddit user 3</b> yeah, seems like there's a lot of Antifa types around Nelson. I guess Portland is close and people go there to visit the States..... But really it's a NDP stronghold, and the NDP has been using irresponsible race baiting and mudslinging against the PPC (4 engagements)</p>	<p>Oct. 17</p>
<p>111</p>	<p>4.3K, Twitter</p>	<p>Twitter user</p>	<p>How low can an election campaign sink? Try dragging Remembrance Day poppy into a nasty election campaign? Mississauga Erin Mills Tory signs imply endorsement by the Royal Canadian Legion. Legion members are outraged! Utter disrespect for vets. @CPC_HQ @Branch139 @RoyalCdnLegion</p> 	<p>Oct. 19</p>

106	6.7K, Twitter	Twitter user	<p>had a few errands to run, but when I was driving around my riding I couldn't help but notice that only the Liberal and NDP signs were knocked down. I also noticed that there are significantly less signs compared to the 2015 election and 2018 Ontario election.</p> <p><b>**Sample replies**</b></p> <p><b>Twitter user 1</b> story from Parry Sound-Muskoka; Conservative &amp; NDP placed signs by my Lib signs in front of 911 markers on our vacant property. I contacted both campaigns &amp; both agreed to remove signs in the name of neighbourliness. I removed &amp; returned them with permission. How it should be! (5 engagements)</p> <p><b>Twitter user 2</b> I'm in HLA. At a town border sign. So my front yoard has small CPC, PPC, GPC and LPC signs at the town marker. I grabbed a big sign of the party I support to put in front clearly on MY lawn. Lib, btw. I kinda want the NDP to add theirs to the collection..</p>	Oct. 19
84	9.8K, Twitter	Twitter user	<p>Yes lol, design an election sign with a giant X over your own face. that's logical</p>	Oct. 19
80	2.8K, Twitter	Twitter user	<p>I drove past this last Friday. <b>*Sharing</b> photo of PPC candidate for Beausejour Nancy Mercier.</p>  <p><b>**Sample replies**</b></p> <p><b>PPC candidate JD Meaney</b> Awful. Something needs to be done in Canada.</p> <p><b>Twitter user 1</b> yes, it is very wrong and those who did it should be punished. We were looking for PPC signs yesterday and couldn't find any.</p>	Oct. 17

47	3.4K, Reddit, r/PEI	Reddit user	<p>Conservatives went dirty.</p> 	Oct. 18
15	50.2K, Reddit, r/Quebec	Reddit user	<p>Enfin une utilité pour les pancartes électorales</p>  <p><b>**Sample replies**</b>  <b>Reddit user 1</b> Cette pancarte n'est plus un plastique à usage unique!  <b>Reddit user 2</b> Steven Guilbeault plus utile que jamais!</p>	Oct. 18

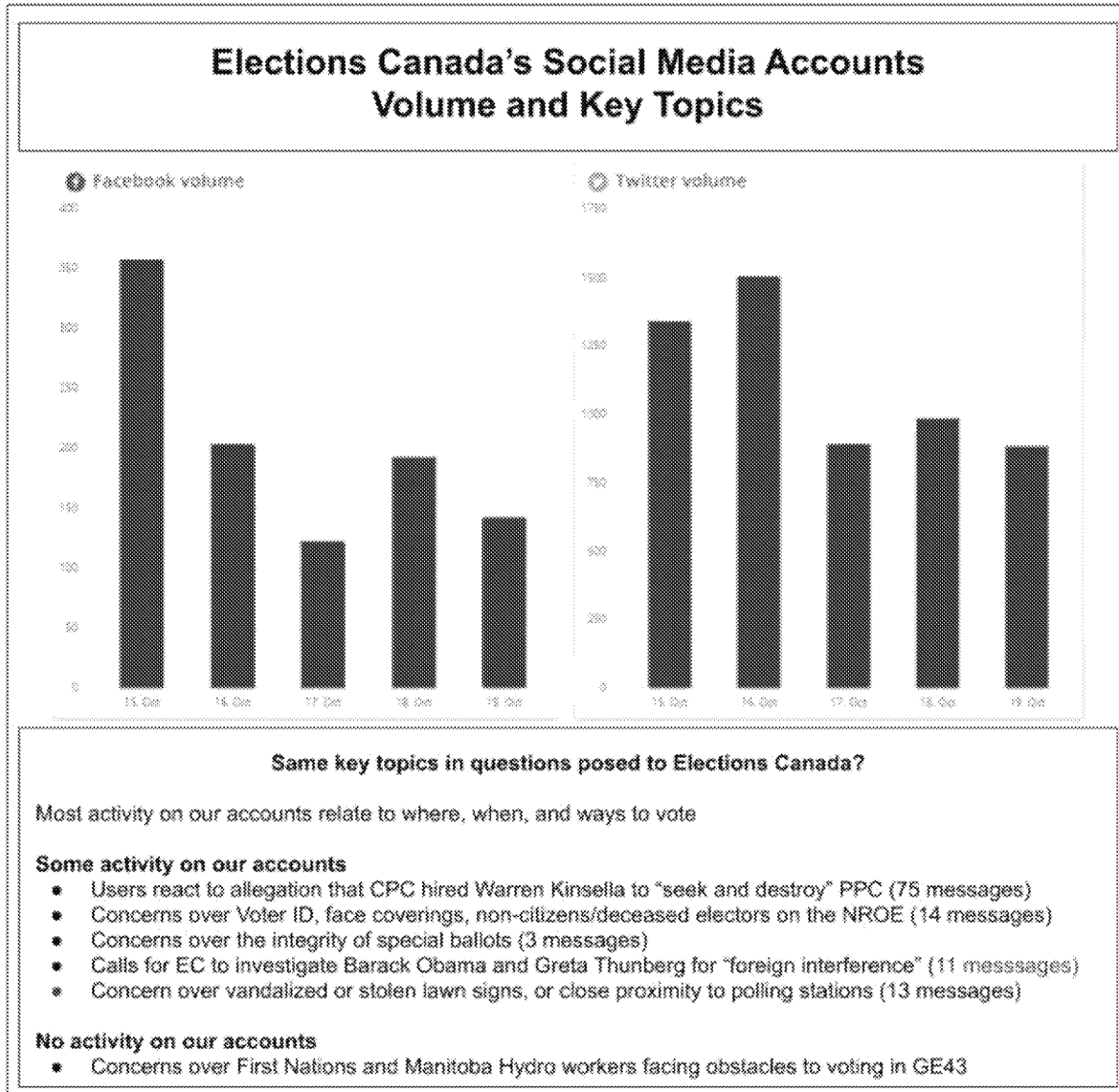


8	30.6K, Reddit, r/metacana	Reddit user	 <p><b>**Sample replies**</b></p> <p><b>Reddit user 1</b> Everyone gets butthurt when the sign of their preferred politician gets vandalized, while supporting the vandalism of the opposing politicians. (3 engagements)</p> <p><b>Reddit user 2</b> Defacing signs is illegal, no matter how hilarious. Thankfully we have internet memes to fill that gap.</p> <p><b>Reddit user 3</b> Exactly. I also feel it has the opposite effect, to me it doesn't discredit the candidate that got vandalized.</p>	Oct. 20
6	284K, Twitter	<a href="#">CTV News Vancouver</a>	Police are investigating after vandals defaced North Vancouver candidate Azmairnin Jadavji's election signs with hateful graffiti. <b>*Sharing <a href="#">CTV News article</a></b>	Oct. 18
4	1k, Twitter	Twitter user	It is curious that of all the incidents across Canada where #PPC election signs have been defaced with swastikas, and words like nazi or fascist... I don't recall any reports of the police investigating. Only in this instance where the bigotry seems to be coming from the right.	Oct. 18





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