

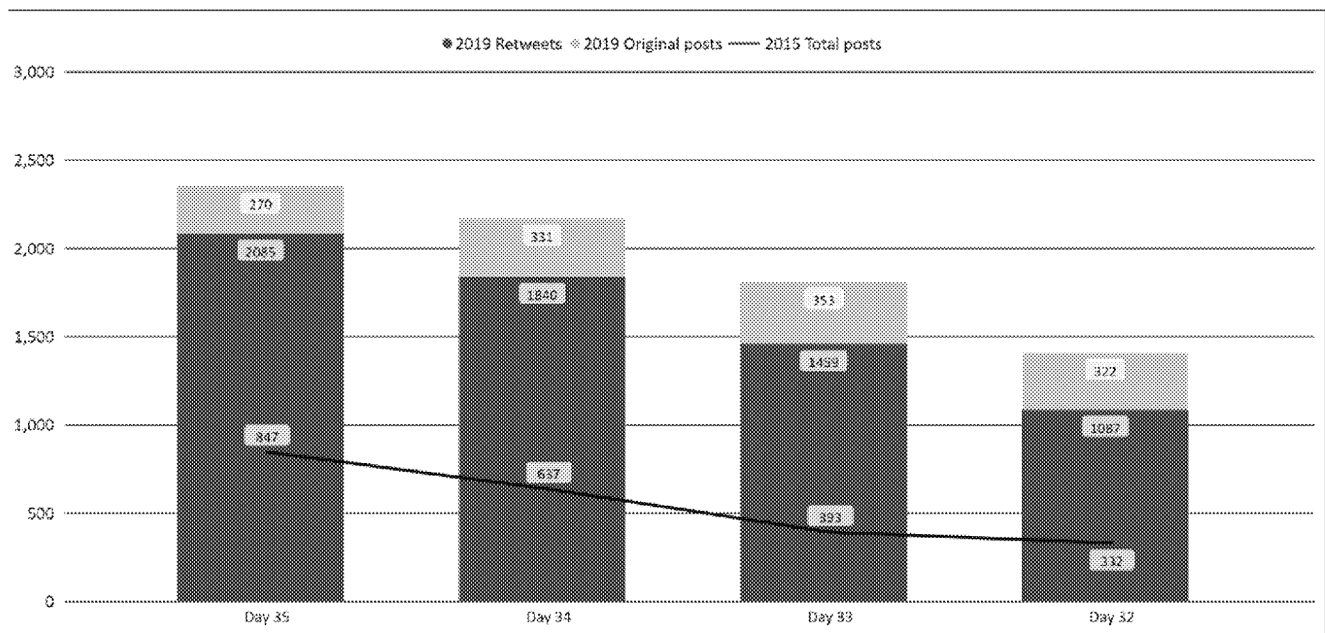
Rapport de repérage des médias sociaux : midi 19 septembre à midi 20 septembre, 2019

Social Media Monitoring Report: noon September 19 to noon September 20, 2019

Observations principales / Key observations

- Users on a niche Reddit forum accused EC of “doxing” CNP members, following the release of party member names and cities of residence
- Twitter users alleged that the surfacing of a 2001 photo of LPC Leader Justin Trudeau in brownface makeup is “foreign interference” by powers wanting to “influence” GE43
- A number of Twitter users expressed confusion, frustration over the lack of a complete list of candidates on EC’s website

Volume of social media posts - September 17- 20, 2019 and equivalent days in GE42



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

Sujets principaux / Key topics¹

- **➔** CNP reacts to release of party members’ names and cities of residence
- **↺** Concern about foreign interference related to sharing of photos of Justin Trudeau
- **↺** Confusion, frustration over EC’s website lacking a complete list of candidates

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

Éléments sous observation / On the radar

Twitter user expressed dismay over candidate’s truck, covered in partisan signage, parked in front of the RO office where voting is taking place: A Twitter user (312 followers) shared a photo of PPC candidate Sean Taylor’s campaign truck parked near the entrance of an EC office, and expressed concern that it might violate electoral laws. The user also claimed that advance polling began on September 18 and that voters were inside the office when the photo was taken. Another user replied to the post, stating that advance polling starts on October 11 and speculating that the photo was from a by-election. The original user replied that since it was possible to vote at EC offices “between now and October 15,” the location should be considered a “polling place.” The post garnered 3 engagements. SMMU has determined that the photo was taken at an EC office on 502 Martin Street in Penticton BC and was not from a by-election; GE43 is Taylor’s first time running as a candidate.



- **Twitter user revived criticism of the “influencer campaign”:** Following a tweet by *InfoWars* reporter Paul Joseph Watson critical of Lilly Singh, a Twitter user with 4.2K followers brought up Singh’s role in EC’s cancelled campaign to promote youth registration. The tweet received 14 engagements. A second user with 1.4K followers replied to the post, and said EC “is a communist run organized crime syndicate.” The comment had zero engagements.
- **Friends of Science continued to thank EC for its statement on climate change:** Over a month after EC made its statement on environmental groups and third party registration, Friends of Science (23.7K followers) continues to thank EC for its warning that “climate talk” could be a partisan issue. The group has been extensively using Twitter and LinkedIn to share a *Toronto Star* article that discusses the group’s “alternative views” on man-made climate change. A recent Twitter post by the group received 15 engagements.
- **LinkedIn user stated that Amnesty International should be a registered third party:** A user with 4.5K followers accused the Secretary General of Amnesty International Canada, Alex Neve, of conducting political activities at the provincial and federal levels and of “using tax dollars to travel to Alberta to the U of A to continue his political attacks.” The user also stated that Amnesty should be registered as a third party and subject to Elections Canada rules. The post received 66 engagements.

- **Tumblr user reshared September 14 post claiming all Canadians are “automatically registered” to vote when they turn 18:** The reshared post received 294 engagements.
- **Twitter user asked whether GE43 would be rescheduled in the event LPC Leader Justin Trudeau resigns:** A Twitter user with 1.2K followers wondered whether the election would be rescheduled in the event LPC Leader Trudeau resigns. Another user (1.4K followers) replied by stating that “election terms are mandated by law,” adding that the LPC would choose a new leader and the election would proceed on the assigned date. The original user continued the exchange by stating “isn’t Oct 21 earlier than the mandate?” The exchange had four engagements.
- **Russian-speaking Canadians skeptical of foreign interference during GE43:** Users in a number of Russian-Canadian news groups are sharing an article discussing potential Russian interference in GE43 and mentioning a CBC interview with Yves Côté, published by the TASS News Agency and others. Several users expressed skepticism, with one writing “entire departments are feeding on this idea [of interference] to sit around and do nothing; preventing threats to milk the budget.” The article was shared in at least four Russian-language news groups, including *Russian Speakers in Canada*, *Daily Toronto News* and *Russian Montreal Blog*, and garnered 80 engagements in total. (*Translation by SMMU staff.*)
- **Reddit user “lodges a complaint” with EC on Canada Proud ad spending:** In a high-engagement thread on r/onguardforthee – a Canadian politics discussion group with 64.4K members – a Reddit user said they had filed an “official complaint” with EC, following a *Global News* story detailing third party Canada Proud’s online ad spending. The user added that ads that “spread misinformation” are “unconstitutional” and “shouldn’t be allowed.” The thread received 275 engagements. The *Global News* story in question, [Canada Proud spent more than \\$100k boosting online posts: Elections Canada docs](#), has elicited strong reader interest (1.3K engagements).



Sujets principaux – en profondeur / Key topics – in depth

→ CNP reacts to release of party members' names and cities of residence

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

- [The CNP Eligible For Official Party Status Part II: The List](#), *Anti-Racist Canada*, September 19, **2.1K shares**

Fait saillants sur les médias sociaux / Social media highlights

Following a blog post by Anti-Racist Canada publishing the names and cities of residence of 250 CNP members, a few comments supportive of the CNP appeared on r/Canada_First, the niche Reddit forum devoted to “Christian Nationalist” ideas. In addition, a frequent poster who identifies himself as a CNP member claimed in two threads that EC had “doxed” party members and “jeopardized the safety of law-abiding, patriotic Canadians.”

In the first thread, the CNP member calls on the CEO to resign and requests a “24/7 security detail.” r/Canada_first users suggested the CNP “sue them,” referring to EC and/or Anti-Racist Canada. Another user suggested that if CNP members were “a bit nicer” to EC in past interactions, they may not have released CNP members’ names to the public. In the second thread, the same CNP member said EC displayed a “willingness to collaborate with Bolshevik terrorists, and to violate [their] Charter Rights in the process.” The two threads received a total of 15 engagements.

A small number of Twitter users shared the link to ARC’s blogpost; two users also posted individual profiles of CNP members. On Facebook, the Canadian Anti-Hate Network’s post on the topic, which included ARC’s blogpost in full, was shared 340 times. The link was also shared on other niche Reddit forums, including r/Canada_Socialism, r/AntifascistsofReddit and r/CanadaLeft, receiving a total of 61 engagements. Overall, the link to ARC’s blog post was shared 2.1K times in 24 hours across social media platforms. No major media outlets have covered the story.

Publications reliées au sujet / Related posts

Engagement	Followers, platform	Account	Post	Date
638	9.6K, Facebook	Canadian Anti-Hate Network	BREAKING: Anti-Racist Canada and Yellow Vests Canada Exposed have published the names and cities of over 250 supporters of the neo-Nazi Canadian Nationalist Party. *Post includes ARC’s blog post in full	Sept. 19
61	Fewer than 500, Twitter	Twitter user	**Multiple posts by user** 1/Meet [name], of St. Albert, AB. Member of the Canadian Nationalist Party, lover of white replacement theory, and all-around nice guy. *Sharing screengrabs of Kondratski’s social media activity 2/[name 2] of Leduc, Alberta, is one of the 250 signatures on the Canadian Nationalist Party list published by @ARCCollective and @VestsCanada. His account is...way too public. Makes me sad in an unironic way. *Sharing screengrabs of [name 2’s]social media activity	Sept. 20



Engagement	Followers, platform	Account	Post	Date
6	1.4K, Twitter	Travis Patron , CNP leader	CNP has done nothing wrong! @NationalistC #CanadaFirst	Sept. 19
1	1.2K, Reddit	Reddit user	<p>**Excerpts from full post**</p> <p>... Elections Canada did the doxing. Once they did the doxing, I don't see how there's any legal recourse against the genocidal Bolshevik "Nosferatus" of the world. I could be wrong. IANAL. If a single Muslim terrorist can win a \$10 million settlement from our government for violating his charter rights, I'd be curious how much 250 Canadians can expect to recover for an even more egregious, more premeditated, more reckless offense against Canadian citizens who AREN'T terrorists. And I'm not even the tiniest bit in this for the money, but if a huge lawsuit is the only thing they'll listen to, then maybe that's our only recourse. \$2.5 Billion sounds reasonable (250 x \$10M).</p> <p>If a lawyer is reading this and wants to make a pitch, I'm listening. Post your firm and contact details and maybe we can work something out.</p>	Sept. 19
1	1.2K, Reddit	Reddit user	When government officials display a willingness to collaborate with Bolshevik terrorists, and to violate my Charter Rights in the process, while engaging in malicious behaviour that even Free Speech fora like Gab.com prohibit, I feel no inclination or obligation whatsoever to be 'nice.' I'm as barely civil with these despicable apparatchiks as the situation warrants...	Sept. 19
1	1.5K, Reddit	Reddit user	<p>**Excerpts from full post**</p> <p>If you are on the list of Canadian Nationalist Party patriots whom Elections Canada doxed recently and a member of the propaganda wing of the Liberal Party of Canada (also known as CBC News or CTV news) ambushes you, here's my recommendation: You could just say "No comment." If you're easily flustered, that's probably your best bet.</p> <p>You could say something like: "The real story here is that Elections Canada doxed and jeopardized the safety of law-abiding, patriotic Canadians against our consent. Why don't you report on that story?"... ... Whatever you do, don't apologize and don't feed into their narrative. THAT NEVER WORKS...</p>	Sept. 19



↻ Concern about foreign interference related to sharing of photos of Justin Trudeau

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- N/A

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Twitter users continued to react to a 2001 photo showing LPC Leader Justin Trudeau in “brownface” makeup. Some users found it “suspicious” that the photo resurfaced in the middle of an election period and labeled it “foreign interference.” One user claimed that the photo was released by “foreign powers” that want to “hijack the Canadian election,” while other users found it troublesome that the photo was originally released by a “foreign controlled media outlet.” One user directed a tweet to *Time* magazine and asked the media outlet to “stay in its lane.” Some users also commented on other foreign news outlets’ coverage of the 2001 photo, with many expressing dismay that non-Canadian news outlets were weighing in on the story during an election period and one user claiming the photo was released by a U.S. news outlet to “avoid Elections Canada.” Others, including *Rebel Media* commentator Ezra Levant, mocked the suggestion that this was foreign interference.

In a tweet replying to CPC candidate Pierre Poilievre’s observation that LPC Leader Trudeau had not expressed any intention to resign, one user claimed that Mr. Trudeau’s refusal to resign over the 2001 photo constituted “election fraud,” adding that GE42 included “vote rigging” and “buy offs” to EC.

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1,520	192K Twitter	Ezra Levant, <i>Rebel News</i> commentator	Oh my God. Trudeau's Liberals are claiming that the whole blackface scandal was caused by foreign interference. I SH*T YOU NOT. *Sharing Lapresse article	Sept. 19
144	Fewer than 500, Twitter	Twitter user	This nonsense about Rrudeau in brown face 20 years ago is just that. Utter nonsense. And why should he apologize? This is make believe folks. It’s fantasy. It is also a transparent attempt by a foreign power (I.e. the United States) to influence Canada’s election.	Sept. 19
30	Fewer than 500, Twitter	Twitter user	This phony attack on Trudeau for appearing in brow face as Aladdin, a character from literature who WAS brown has at last revealed the extent to which foreign powers are trying to hijack the Canadian election in favor of the CPC.	Sept. 19



Engagement	Followers, platform	Account	Post	Date
18	1.7K, Twitter	Twitter user	Why is this happening Pierre. Are #Trudeaus backers so powerful..so determined to own Canada that even if JT robbed a bank or hurt someone he would get a pass. This election a fraud. 2015 was illegal. Vote rigging and buy offs even Elections Canada. He needs out now..#TrudeauGo* Retweeting Pierre Poilievre <i>We all agree that the lowest level candidate would have to resign for this. But not Justin. He has the highest office and is held to the lowest standard.</i>	Sept. 19
2	Facebook	Facebook user	Ce qui m'inquiète beaucoup est le fait que la nouvelle est "sortie" dans le New York Times- les américains ont un intérêt dans nos élections- détraquer les Libéraux aux profits des Conservateurs. Pas besoin des méchants russes pour semer la pagaille, nos voisins du sud s'en occupent.* Replying to Facebook user2 <i>Donc si je comprend bien, un bal masqué c'est de rester soi-même et de ne pas respecter le thème du party?</i>	Sept.19

🔄 Confusion, frustration over EC's website lacking a complete list of candidates

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- N/A

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Twitter users continued commenting on the lack of a complete list of candidates on EC's website. Some users expressed confusion, stating that it was "absurd" some ridings did not have a full slate of candidates listed on VIS, while others thought it "weird." In an exchange with EC's official Twitter account, one user who plans to vote at an advance poll, expressed frustration that the September 30 deadline for nominations gives them "only 9 days" to research their candidate.

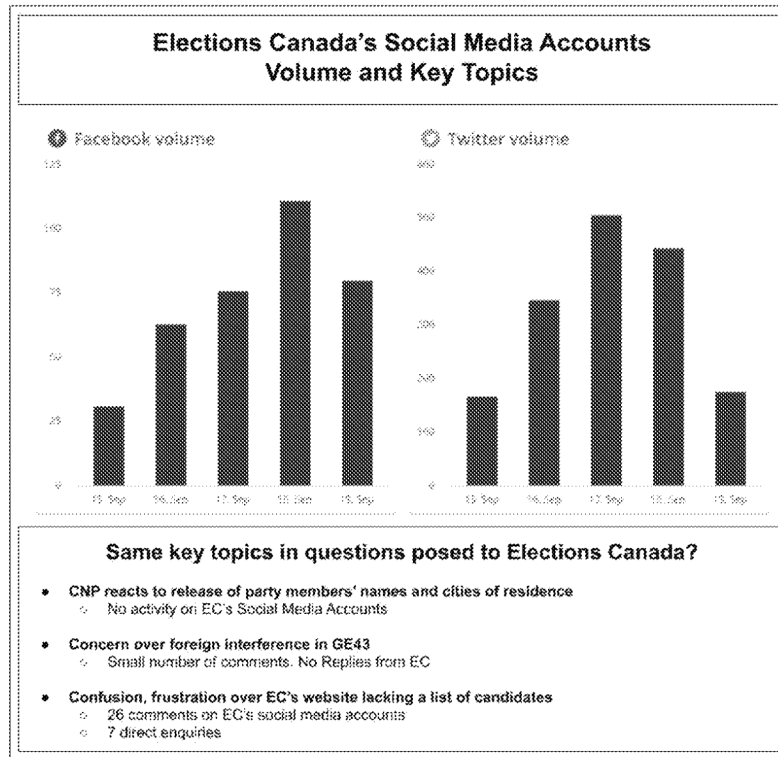
Publications reliées au sujet / Related posts

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50	3.8K, Twitter	Twitter user	I have only seen election signs for one party in my city. Then I used the Elections Canada website to see who the other candidates are and it shows nothing. I know I live in Alberta but let's at least pretend there's choice.	Sept. 19



2	700, Twitter	Twitter user	It is absurd. I still don't have a full slate of candidates in my community.	Sept. 19
1	1.3K, Twitter	Twitter user	I've seen them posted on websites but it is weird that it is this far in for the major parties not to have the candidates already on Elections Canada. *Replying to Twitter user Liberal party announced candidate on website and got a advert for the conservative today as well. But you are correct, they are not on elections canada site. Can get you the info tomorrow.	Sept. 19
0	700, Twitter	Twitter user	The list when published will give the candidates less than 18 days. I am voting advance poll on Oct 12. that will give me only 9 days to research my candidate. That will give me a lot of time. Happy to boot our racist PM after only 1 term See US it can be done!	Sept. 20

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