

Rapport de repérage des médias sociaux : midi 23 septembre à midi 24 septembre, 2019
Social Media Monitoring Report: noon September 23 to noon September 24, 2019

Observations principales / Key observations

- 3K users shared a *Free the Press* article on the provenance of *Time's* “brownface” photo, with some calling on EC to investigate alleged foreign involvement
- Users continued to express confusion about whether voters need to register before they vote; one claimed EC’s ad campaign promoting registration was a “ploy” to suppress the vote
- Users continued to comment on vandalized signs; some noted that it is illegal to tamper with signs and urged others to report vandalism to EC

Volume – *The volume graphic is currently not available due to inconsistencies in the service provider’s data.*

Sujets principaux / Key topics¹

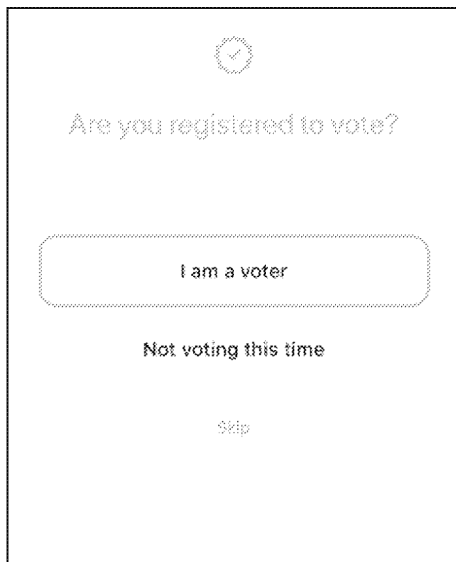
- **NEW** Twitter users call on EC to investigate *Time* “brownface” photo as foreign interference
- **➔** Confusion about the need to register before going to the polls
- **➔** Concern over threatening, defaced or misleading lawn signs
- **↓** Discussion of CNP releasing the list of its members
- **↻** Concerns over voter ID requirements and non-citizens on the NROE

Éléments sous observation / On the radar

- **Twitter user raised concerns about vote counting process:** A user with 1.9K followers questioned how votes are counted and wondered how to “verify” that your vote went to the candidate of your choice; according to the user, “the entire system” is based on “unverifiable trust” since information on “the company” that is used to “transmit” votes and the “margins of error” in each riding are not made public. In another tweet, the user claimed that Canada uses “machines” to “assign” votes and questioned who “programs” the machines. Another user weighed in on the thread and claimed that ballots are both scanned and hand-counted at the federal level. The exchange received fewer than 20 engagements.
- **Twitter users urged one another to report “lies” by parties to EC:** A small number of Twitter users reacted to partisan statements from the CPC’s official account and stated that they would report the “LIES” to EC; a handful of users also shared the CCE’s complaint form and urged others to file a complaint about the CPC’s “false information” with “Elections Canada.”

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

- **Twitter user wondered if EC will “bring enough” ballots to First Nations communities:** The user (328 followers) asked whether EC had plans to bring “enough ballots” to First Nations communities for GE43 and added that it would be “nice” if EC “didn’t erase First Nations voters like last time.” The tweet received two engagements.
- **Dating app Bumble launched a voter registration initiative:** The initiative, launched in collaboration with Apathy Is Boring, prompts users to identify whether they are registered to vote; if the user clicks “yes” they get an “I am a voter” badge added to their dating profile “to let their matches know they are committed to casting a ballot.” The app does not provide a link to EC’s website. Bumble is making a donation to Apathy Is Boring for every badge earned by its users, up to \$10K.

A screenshot of a mobile app interface. At the top is a checkmark icon. Below it is the question "Are you registered to vote?". There are three buttons: "I am a voter" (highlighted with a dashed border), "Not voting this time", and "Skip".

Are you registered to vote?

I am a voter

Not voting this time

Skip

- **Documentary on alleged foreign funding of environmental groups:** A Twitter account called FAIR Elections Canada tweeted that it will be releasing a documentary in October that looks into “the foreign funding in Canada to landlock Canadian resources + influence election outcomes” and draws on the work of researcher and activist Vivian Kraus. The tweet linked to a site with a trailer: www.overabarreldoc.com.

Sujets principaux – en profondeur / Key topics – in depth

🔄 Twitter users call on EC to investigate “brownface” photo for foreign interference				
Articles les plus partagés; nombre de partages / Most-shared articles; number of shares				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dirty Tricks Behind Trudeau Brownface/Blackface Scandal?, <i>Free the Press Canada</i>, September 23, 3.7K shares 				
Fait saillants sur les médias sociaux / Social media highlights				
<p>A <i>Free the Press</i> article by freelance journalist Amy MacPherson claimed that <i>Time’s</i> discovery of 2001 photos showing LPC Leader Justin Trudeau in “brownface” makeup is an example of “foreign interference” that warrants an EC investigation. MacPherson deemed it suspicious that “no Canadian media was approached with the original brownface scandal” and took issue with the U.S.-based <i>Time</i> magazine releasing the “bombshell exposé” during a Canadian election. She also claimed that <i>Time’s</i> coverage of the 2001 photos was rife with ethics concerns and “lapses in professionalism” which warrant the media outlet to be investigated for “foreign election meddling for partisan purposes.”</p> <p>Twitter users quickly shared MacPherson’s article; some asked EC to investigate the claims made by MacPherson, while others shared the CCE’s complaint form and stated that they had filed a complaint with “Elections Canada.” Many users repeated MacPherson’s claim that the 2001 photos constitute “foreign interference,” with one user adding that Canadian media were not covering MacPherson’s claims since “Canadian intelligence officials” were “conferring” with the “election alert panel” [critical election incident public protocol group] to hide the “interference” and called on EC to investigate the panel.</p>				
Publications reliées au sujet / Related posts				
Engagement	Followers, platform	Account	Post	Date
1,550	4.2K, Twitter	Amy MacPherson , freelance journalist	#CDNpoli #Elxn43 #Brownface #TrudeauBlackface My latest RE Time's coverage of the Trudeau brownface/blackface scandal You wanted answers & I got some of them from Michael Adamson There seems to be enough reason for investigation by Elections Canada *Sharing Free the Press Canada article Dirty Tricks Behind Trudeau Brownface/Blackface Scandal?	Sept. 23
173	65.5K, Reddit r/onguard forthee	Reddit user	Dirty Tricks Behind Trudeau Brownface/Blackface Scandal? *Sharing Free the Press article *Sample replies Reddit user 1 I mean the "Russian menace" trying to interfere in our democracy seems to fall on deaf ears, when it really shouldn't be. Maybe something like this could actually get people riled up about international interference in our democracy cause this was very clearly meant for the conservative party's benefit. Reddit user 2 A coordinated attack on democracy itself.	Sept. 23



111	7K, Twitter	Twitter user	Already submitted my complaint referencing your article. *Sharing screengrab of CCE's complaint page.	Sept. 23
284	2.2K, Twitter	Twitter user	**Tweets part of a thread** 1. This panel is failing Canada, democracy & fair elections. The recent Trudeau scandal was definitely foreign initiated. Which means the Canadians who alerted Time Magazine sought foreign interference. *Referring to the Canada's five-person election panel 2. Which means a public announcement about the obvious attempt to sway the 2019 Canadian Federal Election is coming and Canadian Intelligence officials are conferring with the panel. Crossing T's and dotting i's before the imminent announcement. 3. Either that, or we have another buried mole blocking a public announcement, modeled after Mitch McConnell's refusal to alert the public regarding the US 2016 elections. This is serious Canada. We MUST report this to Elections Canada and DEMAND an immediate investigation. 4. This action is an attempt to change Canadian voters behavior. By withdrawing their support for LPC or refraining from voting. It's voter suppression. It's the oil and fossil fuels they are after. Trillions in natural resource wealth to create prosperity for investors. 5. Unsurprising it was Jason Kenney in New York 2 days before the New York based "journalist" dropped a bomb in the middle of the Canadian federal election. When a caretaker government is unable to intervene. 6. If you care about free elections, foreign interference or Election Act restrictions, read this article in full. And then submit your complaint to Election Commissioner of Canada using this link citing FOREIGN INFLUENCE as the potential issue. *Sharing CCE's complaint form 7. I'm sure an onslaught of 50K or more complaints about the same issue may get some attention. Elections Canada needs to intervene immediately. Please forward to other Canadians unwilling to allow cheating through foreign influence to decide Canada's future.	Sept. 23
105	4.8K, Twitter	Twitter user	This should be reported to Elections Canada for investigation. Free the Press Canada did their own research and the whole blackface scandal started by a very evasive journalist for the Times and mysterious Michael Adamson that likely doesn't exist. Nothing adds up.	Sept. 23
62	500, Twitter	Twitter user	I have had the same questions as to the real source since the Times first broke the story. It looks like foreign meddling in our election. #elxn43 *Replying to Amy MacPherson's tweet	Sept. 23



14	2.3K, Twitter	Twitter user	If you care about free elections, foreign interference or Election Act restrictions, read this article in full. And then submit your complaint to Election Commissioner of Canada using this link (link to CCE complaint page) FOREIGN INFLUENCE as the potential issue. *Sharing Free the Press Canada article	Sept. 23
8	1K, Twitter	Twitter user	Excellent thorough research. "there is enough evidence of possible foreign meddling to warrant a proper investigation by Elections Canada" I agree. How do we get Elections Canada to move on it. BEFORE the election? *Replying to Amy MacPherson	Sept. 23
4	Less than 500, Facebook	Facebook user	Elections Canada needs to step up and do their job. This is serious business and should be taken for the assault on our election process that it is.	Sept. 23

↓ **Commentary on EC ads' call to register now; confusion about whether "pre-registration" is required**

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

- N/A

Fait saillants sur les médias sociaux / Social media highlights

Some Twitter users continued engaging with justice advocate Julie S. Lalonde's September 22 thread on voter registration. Inspired by Lalonde's thread, comedian Stewart Reynolds (26.1K followers) tweeted "you don't have to register to vote"; he later deleted the tweet and posted "you don't have to (pre) register to vote," adding that pre-registering will make voters' lives easier. A handful of other users restated Lalonde's claim, with one user adding that voter registration was a "ploy to keep people away from the voting booth." One user commenting on the topic urged others to register prior to going to the polls since it "cuts the wait in line for others."

Publications reliées au sujet / Related posts

Engagement	Followers, platform	Account	Post	Date
80	26.1K, Twitter	<u>Stewart Reynolds</u> , Comedian	HI CANADA. YOU DON'T HAVE TO REGISTER TO VOTE... AND HAVE A GOOD TIME (brought to my attention by @JulieSLalonde's tweet) **User has deleted above tweet and posted an updated tweet** HI CANADA. YOU DON'T HAVE TO (PRE) REGISTER TO VOTE... AND HAVE A GOOD TIME (insp by @JulieSLalonde's tweet) - Pre-registering will make your life easier, but... when you go to vote, you will be 'registering'. So VOTE! Here's the link! *Sharing EC's web voter registration web page	Sept. 23



6	26.1K, Twitter	<u>Stewart Reynolds</u> , Comedian	<p>Thanks for the heads up on this kinda confusing promoted tweet by @ElectionsCan_E It inspired me</p> <p>*Retweeting user's own (since deleted) tweet <i>HI CANADA. YOU DON'T HAVE TO REGISTER TO VOTE... AND HAVE A GOOD TIME (brought to my attention by @JulieSLaLondes tweet)</i></p> <p>*Replying to Julie Lalonde <i>This is so counter productive, Elections Canada. You don't need to register to vote in Canada, but so many people think so because it's the case in the US. You can literally just show up to a polling station on election day with the right ID. Why confuse people?</i></p>	Sept. 23
3	Fewer than 500, Twitter	Twitter user	<p>**Tweets part of a thread**</p> <p>1. This is a Tequila-infused thread, BUT! I keep seeing these ads from Elections Canada asking if you are registered to vote. THIS IS BULLSHIT. In Canada, you do not need to register to vote. You just show up at your polling station and you vote. Within about 10 minutes. That simple</p> <p>2. PLEASE! If you haven't registered to vote, show up at your local polling station with ID (or not! See pic) and vote. Fuck the Americanisation of the Canadian system. *Sharing picture of EC's web page on ID options</p>	Sept. 23
0	Fewer than 500, Twitter	Twitter user	<p>Telling people that they need to register is a ploy to keep people away from the voting booth. Just look on Elections Canada website, put in postcode and it will tell you where and what dates you can go to vote. NO REGISTRATION NEEDED. YOU DONT EVEN HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL OCT 21 *Replying to Julie Lalonde</p>	Sept. 23
0	Fewer than 500, Twitter	Twitter user	<p>But please do it. It's easy and it cuts the wait in line for others.</p> <p>*Replying to Stewart Reynolds</p>	Sept. 23



→ Concern over threatening, defaced or misleading lawn signs

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

- [Violent political lawn sign warns of shooting Liberals in Ottawa-area riding](#), *Global News*, September 23, **20.9K shares**
- [Ottawa candidates denounce sign threatening violence against Liberals](#), *CBC News*, September 23, **1.2K shares**
- [Un Candidat bloquiste dénonce des actes de vandalisme](#), *Journal de Montreal*, September 23, **502 shares**
- [Federal candidates' election signs damaged in Ottawa](#), *Ottawamatters.com*, September 23, **318 shares**
- [Edwin Moreno victime de vandalisme électoral](#), *Radio Canada*, September 23, **78 shares**


Fait saillants sur les médias sociaux / Social media highlights


Following a popular *Global News* article discussing lawn sign defacement (the most shared EC-related article of the writ period), a number of Twitter users, prominent journalists and candidates have chimed in with their own shared photos and stories of vandalized or threatening lawn signs. Some expressed concerns over threats of violence, as well as homophobic, sexist and racist language directed at candidates. Many users called on political parties and the public at large to condemn this kind of behaviour. However, a small number of users continue to posit such signs are simply a “bad joke.”



A number of Twitter users commented on a photo of a lawn sign by Calgary–Centre NDP candidate Gurinder Singh Gill that was defaced with the words “go back MF...” Most users commenting on the photo said such vandalism was “disgusting,” “cowardly” and “racist.” Tweets referencing the Singh sign have received over 1K engagements in total. A user who compiled four photos of defaced lawn signs into a single tweet also received high engagement. In addition to the Singh Gill sign, the post included photos of a defaced LPC Karen Ludwig sign with two swastikas, an uprooted NDP Angella MacEwan sign and a broken LPC Haley Brown sign. The defaced Brown sign, however, appears to be from 2015.


Users are also commenting on Bloc Québécois candidate Simon Marchand’s campaign signs, which appear to be strategically cut in half. Two users suggested that the sign was cut by members of Québec Solidaire, defacing the signs to include a link to [Québec Solidaire’s environmental policy platform website](#).

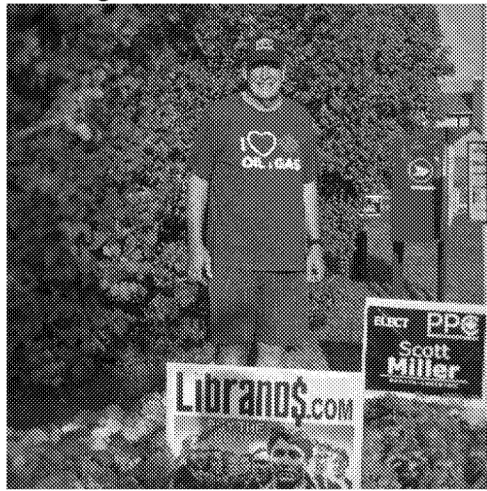
The Rebel Media is also delivering lawn signs for GE43, with *Rebel* staff handing out “Libranos” lawn signs that satirize the LPC Leader and LPC candidates in Sault St. Marie, ON. A number of Twitter users shared photos of their Libranos signs on Twitter, with fellow users asking the *Rebel* to come to their own hometowns to deliver signs.

<i>Publications reliées au sujet / Related posts</i>				
Engagement	Followers, platform	Account	Post	Date
843	1K, Twitter	Twitter user	<p>This is absolutely horrible and disgusting. I can't believe this happened in my riding nonetheless. Racist and intolerant views will not be condoned in 2019, and I'm so sorry this happened to this candidate. Jesus. Do better Calgary Skyview. #cdnpoli #cdnmedia #elxn43</p> <p>*Sharing picture of Calgary Skyview NDP candidate's vandalized signs</p> 	Sept. 23
590	3.8K, Twitter	Twitter user	<p>In the riding of Faith Goldy's friend Justina, another reminder of who the Cons really are. The ugliest gang of racists, misogynists, and homophobes this country has ever known. And yet another reason #IStandWithTrudeau *Sharing <i>Global News</i> article Violent political lawn sign warns of shooting Liberals in Ottawa-area riding</p>	Sept. 23

340	14.1K, Twitter	Twitter user	<p>Dear conservative underworld creatures, Why is politics your outlet for satisfying your small penis needs for cheap glories, and cowardly hit and run bullying under cover of darkness? You're pretty much the only depraved sociopaths left in Canadian politics who still do this</p> <p>*Sharing a photo collage of four defaced lawn signs. Of note, the vandalized LPC Haley Brown sign in the bottom left is a photo from GE42.</p> 	Sept. 24
93	2K, Twitter	<u>Dan McGarvey</u> , <i>CBC News</i> Journalist	<p>NDP candidate for Calgary Skyview Gurinder Singh Gill has had multiple signs vandalized and targeted by racist graffiti, including this one. Story coming on @CBCCalgary He's busy taking them down today..</p> <p>*Sharing video of Calgary Skyview NDP candidate Gurinder Singh Gill discussing lawn face defacement with <i>CBC News</i></p>	Sept. 23

134	5K, Twitter	Twitter user	<p>Vous vous demandiez qui faisait du vandalisme sur les affiches du Bloc, la réponse est au centre de ce geste odieux. @QuebecSolidaire @ManonMasse_Qs@GNadeauDubois Le Québec attend vos réactions!</p> <p>*Sharing photo of defaced Bloc Quebecois candidate Simon Marchand's campaign sign. A link for a Quebec Solidaire website has been placed between the cut section.</p> 	Sept. 23
88	4.4K, Twitter	Twitter user	<p>Des gens associés à Québec solidaire vandalisent les pancartes du parti souverainiste le Bloc Québécois.</p> <p>*Sharing <i>Journal de Montreal</i> article Un candidat bloquiste dénonce des actes de vandalisme</p> 	Sept. 23

67	5.1K, Twitter	Twitter user	<p>I will be planting a Liberal sign in my lawn. It might get vandalized in the dark of night. But I will also walk around town wearing a Liberal pin and not one person will have spine enough to say a word to me. We see you, creatures.</p> <p>*Replying to “Dear conservative underworld creatures...” tweet</p>	Sept. 24
27	181.7K, Twitter	<u>Rebel News,</u> News outlet	<p>Heads up, Sault Ste. Marie! The Rebel road team, Sam & Sarah, will be handing out FREE http://TheLibranos.com lawn signs TODAY at: Boston Park 59 Creery Avenue 6pm to 8pm</p> <p>*Sharing photo of person holding “Libranos” sign</p> 	Sept. 23

16	Fewer than 500, Twitter	Twitter user	<p>All set for the election. PPC lawn sign - check. Libranos lawn sign - check. I Love Canadian Oil and Gas t-shirt - check. @peoplespca@MaximeBernier @CanadaAction@RebelNewsOnlin @ezrlevant</p> <p>*Sharing</p> 	Sept. 21
0	Fewer than 500, Twitter	Twitter user	If your ever in the Halifax area I would sure take one. We are drowning in Liberal tears down here!	Sept. 23

↓ Discussion of CNP releasing the list of its members

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

- [Canadian Far-Right Party Becomes Official, Outs All Its Members, Vice, September 23, 2.1K shares](#)

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The volume of posts on this topic declined. A small number of Twitter users continued weighing in on the CNP releasing its members' names on the party's website. In a response to a tweet on the topic, one user threatened a CNP member; the user stated that they had "found" one of the members from Chilliwack and added that the CNP member should "start praying." A handful of users continued sharing the list of names; one user urged others to "check" if they recognized any of the CNP members on the list, while Yellow Vests Canada Exposed claimed that CNP Leader Travis Patron had "literally copied and pasted" Anti-Racist Canada's list to the CNP's website.



Publications reliées au sujet / Related posts				
Engagement	Followers, platform	Account	Post	Date
481	10.7K, Twitter	Mack Lamoureux , Reporter, <i>Vice News</i>	A far-right party (whose plan is to keep the "European-descended majority") became official in Canada, but to do so their member's names had to become public—something most members didn't want They did it anyways Here's my latest on this hell election	Sept. 23
32	9.6K, Twitter	Yellow Vests Canada Exposed	1. How do we know Travis literally copied and pasted our chart? Because I made a correction, resulting in a CNP member being in the NS list while a resident of NB after making an error initially. 2. Ultimately, yes. Travis literally copied and pasted our table on his site. But it's Travis who allowed this to happen. *Replying to Twitter user <i>YOU didn't doxx anyone. Travis did.</i>	Sept. 23
4	1K, Twitter	Twitter user	Here is a list of the #bc #bcpoli members of the far right Canadian Nationalist Party that was just formed. These names are taken Elections Canada, are public record, so this is not doxing. Please check if you recognize any of the names. Thx. #chilliwack #kelowna #surrey *Sharing a screenshot of the list of CNP members from BC	Sept. 23
1	1.1K, Twitter	Twitter user	If true, how many even know that their name is out here and associated with Nazis? Bet that isn't gonna go down well.	Sept. 23
0	1.4K, Twitter	Twitter user	Oh dear I hope they don't fight. *Replying to Mack Lamoureux	Sept. 23

🔄 Concern over voter ID requirements and non-citizens on the NROE

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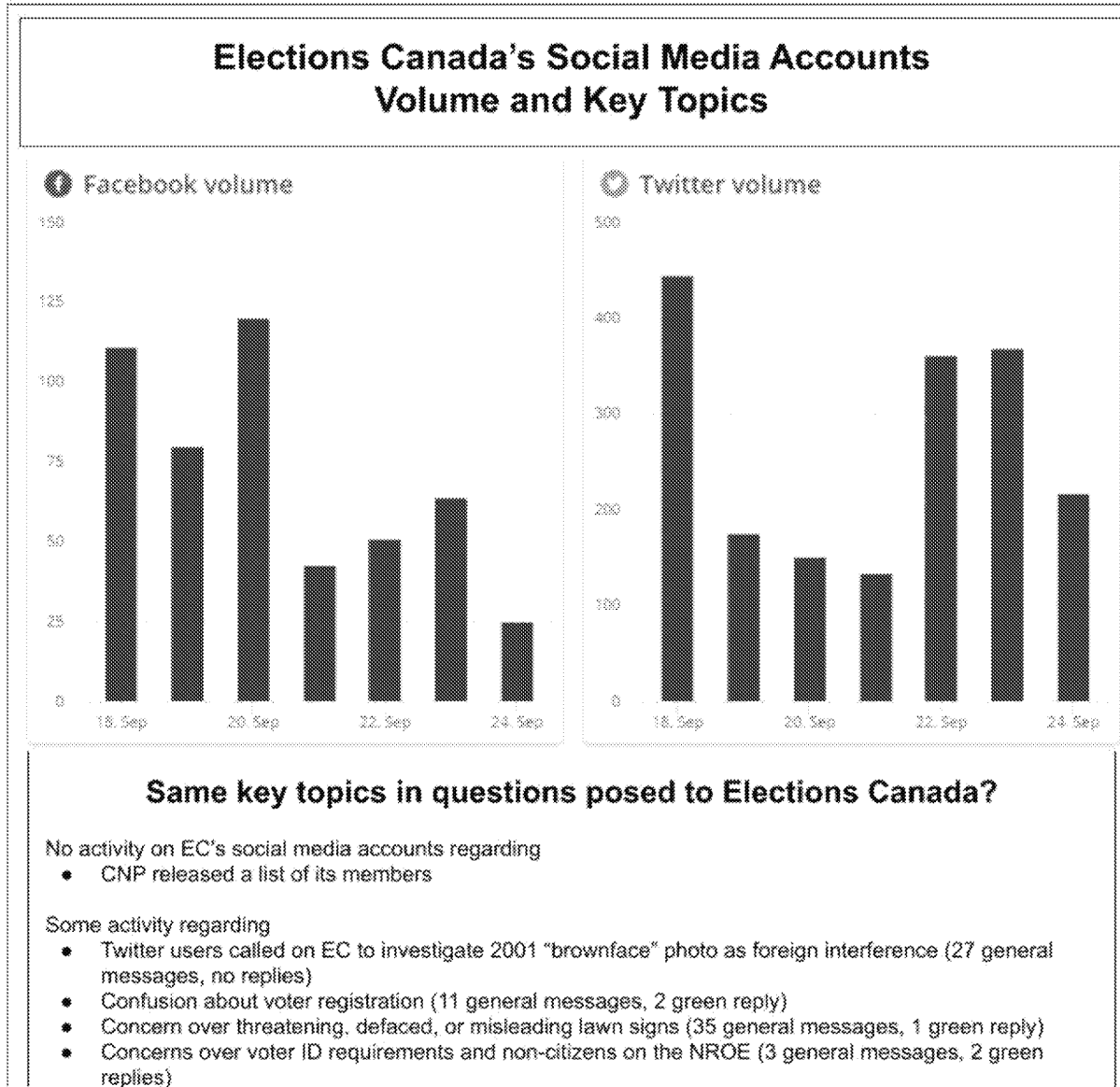
Fait saillants sur les médias sociaux / Social media highlights

A number of social media users re-shared a Cultural Action Party of Canada web post claiming that “264,000 voter registration cards” were sent to “DECEASED Canadians” and “illegal migrants.” One Facebook user called for “all Canadians to be worried” by VICs qualifying as voter ID due to “around 270,000 VICs” being sent to “dead” voters in GE42, while another user stated that EC’s inability to track whether a potential voter is a citizen is “scary” and a reflection of “poor management skills.” One user stated that the person who sent “voting cards” to “fresh refugees” should be investigated and charged with “a serious crime.” A handful of Twitter and Facebook users contended that the issue went beyond poor management and described the recent changes in voting ID requirements as an LPC attempt to “fix the election.”



Publications reliées au sujet / Related posts				
Engagement	Followers, platform	Account	Post	Date
391	N/A, Facebook	Facebook user	<p>The scary thing is Elections Canada recently admitted that they have no way of tracking whether a someone is a citizen before voting, describing the process as an honour system. Therefore, government no longer require photo I.D. to vote in the 2019 federal election, and have no way of tracking if the voter is an actual Canadian citizen. This, in an era with the highest number of illegal migrants and refugees entering Canada in history. Talk about poor management skills!</p> <p>*Sharing Cultural Action Party of Canada's web post</p> <p>Sample comments</p> <p>Facebook user 1: Why fresh 'refugees' got voting cards needs to be investigated as voter fraud. The person who ordered them sent to those people needs to be charged. This is a serious crime! (12 engagements)</p> <p>Facebook user 2: And this is why you MUST show picture ID (8 engagements)</p> <p>Facebook user 3: No picture required, you can simply show a cable bill or a letter from a soup kitchen....they ve made it so anybody can vote.....you can even vouch for someone else showing your ID and both of you may vote... (6 engagements)</p>	Sept. 22
73	2.3K, Twitter	Twitter user	<p>ICUMT: 264,000 Voter Registration Cards Sent To DECEASED Canadians, Illegal Migrants</p> <p>*Sharing Cultural Action Party of Canada's web post</p>	Sept. 23

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