

Rapport de repérage des médias sociaux: du 15 septembre 17h au 16 septembre 17h 2021 Social Media Monitoring Report: September 15, 5pm – September 16, 5pm, 2021

Observations principales / Key observations

- Volume: Last 24h: 1.73K posts/day; Previous 7 days average: 1.68K; Previous 30 days average: 1.44K
- Vote by mail is still a leading topic today due to concerns over potential delays in electoral results. Concerns
 over the delay has been fuelled by a journalist tweet suggesting it might be intentional.
- New provincial public health measures created confusion in the environment especially regarding vaccine
 passport requirements to access polling locations.
- Former POTUS Barack Obama tweeted his support to the leader of the LPC; the tweet produced strong
 reactions and accusations of illegal foreign interference in Canadian elections.
- Access to the polls for people isolating due to COVID-19 has been a major topic in the past 24 hours. Demands for EC to provide more options are common as articles discussing the issue are released.

Sujets principaux - Environnement numérique externe / Key topics - External Digital Information Ecosystem

- → Mail-in voting, lockdown as an election tactic, and machine voting
- → Elections during a pandemic voting in person
- Oconcerns about individual level foreign interference
- NEW Electors unable to vote due to COVID-19

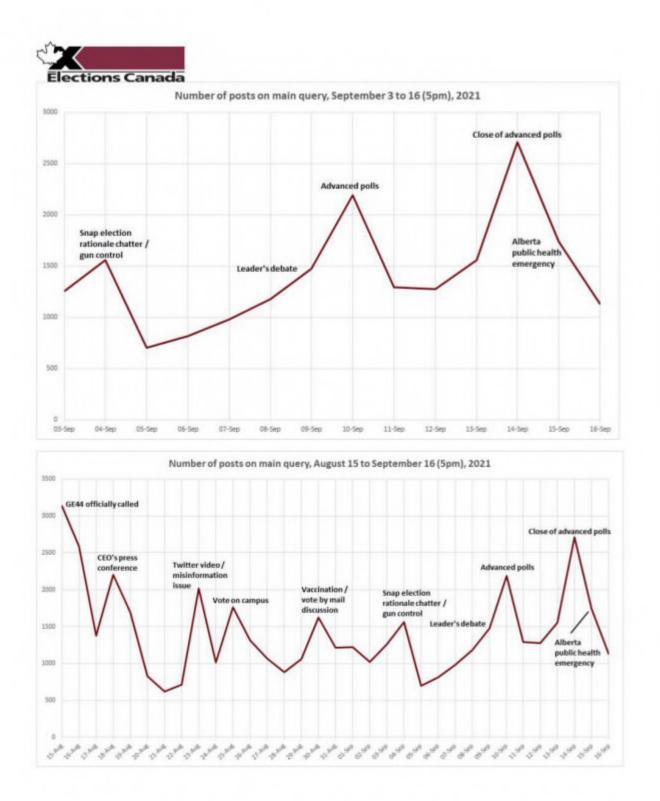
Nombre de mentions - Trames narratives principales / Number of mentions - Leading narratives

Narrative	September 15 -16 (5pm)	September 14 -15 (pm)	September 13-14 (5pm)	September 12-13 (5pm)	September 11-12 (5pm)
Vote by mail	78	79	49	65	45
Dominion/machine voting	15	15	11	12	12
Voter ID/identification	23	4	17	19	15
Rigged/fraudulent elections	39	32	25	45	27
EC corrupt/partisan/incompetent	38	30	41	44	33
Voting with pencils	11	6	27	19	22
Masks in polling places	20	49	65	19	31
Vaccine requirements	21	18	9	14	7

These are approximations based on keyword mentions in collated content

Sur nos comptes officiels	/ On our official accounts
Sujets principaux, interactions avec l'auditoire / Key topics of interactions with our audience	Présence des sujets provenant de l'externe / Topics stemming from the external infosystem
(114/2344) Vote by mail (63/2344) Concerns of foreign interference (58/2344) Polling locations (34/2344) Recruitment	(114/2344) Vote by mail (63/2344) Concerns of foreign interference (35/2344) Poll workers (6/2344) Machine voting/DVS (5/2344) Elections during a pandemic - voting in person (4/2344) Electors unable to vote due to COVID-19

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Éléments sous observation / On the radar

Former President Obama tweets support for LPC leader, prompting accusations of foreign interference

Similar to what happened in GE43, on September 16, 2021 former president Barack Obama posted a tweet wishing good luck to the leader of the LPC for the election [over 97K engagements]. The tweet led to strong reactions, mostly accusations of foreign interference. Several Canadian outlets reported the news. Reactions to these were mostly partisan, with many accusations of interference and lack of restraint.

After Alberta, Saskatchewan announces mandatory masking and vaccination pass measures

After the announcement of new public health measures in Saskatchewan on September 16 and in Alberta on the 15th, several users have expressed their concerns regarding reduced access to polling stations. One of the main sources of concern is related to vaccine passports. This brought back a main narrative to the forefront: theories that vaccine passports would be put in place at the last hour in an attempt to control the outcome of the election (allegations of voter suppression and of EC being corrupt in favour of the LPC).

Sinophone media reporting use of single-use pencils in GE43

On September 16, more than 10 separate Chinese-language articles, totaling more than 400 reactions, reshared a story about single-use pencils that they presented as "reported by KESQ-TV, an affiliate of ABC News." The article stated that millions of pencils were procured by EC for this election, but that there were worries about pencil marks getting smudged and spoiling ballots. There were also worries that ballots marked with pencils were easier to modify, sparking concerns about electoral fraud. However, the articles also included clarification from EC that smudged ballots can be counted as long it's clearly marked beside a candidate's name, and that voters are free to use their own writing utensil. The post that generated the highest number of reactions was questioning the magnitude of this Canadian election fraud, and compared GE44 to the US election involving Biden's "army of the dead" and Dominion.

→ Vote by mail, pandemic/lockdowns as an election tactic, and machine voting

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

- <u>Elections Canada says results may take five days to be released</u> The Countersignal (Total shares: 9/ Total engagement: 1.6K)
- <u>Record number of mail-in ballot requests means 'very likely' vote result won't be known election night</u> National Post (Total shares: 22 / Total engagement: 890)
- <u>Elections Canada warns of problems, delays ahead of voting day</u> Globe & Mail (Total shares: 48/ Total engagement: 517)

Faits saillants sur les médias sociaux / Social media highlights

A resurgence in the topic of vote by mail continues as election day draws near and Canadians worry about how long it will take to count mail-in ballots and announce results, and whether mail-in ballots will impact projected results. Following EC's statements and several news article on the topic of potential delays in the electoral results, many users questioned the reasons behind the delays. One journalist in particular openly questioned EC's motivation, leading to very strong reactions doubting the integrity of the election and the electoral process. The post was massively shared on September 15 and 16. There are rampant theories that delays are necessary to allow time for EC to rig the results in the favour of the LPC. As has been observed previously, many of these accusations bring up the U.S. election and the alleged use of Dominion Voting Machines to support their arguments that the election will involve fraudulent ballots, including by deceased voters.

Engagement	Followers,	Account	Post	Date
Engagement 1.5K	Followers, platform 57.1K, Twitter	Account <u>Keean</u> <u>Bexte</u> , Journalist	Elections Canada has plans to delay the results of the election for up to 5 days. I wonder why that could be. Elections Canada says results may take five days to be released *Sample comments* Twitter user 1: They need to make sure that Trudeau's 50 million votes are legit. (108 reactions) Twitter user 2: No Fucken way it's the same night or it a lie (84 reactions) Twitter user 3: We are doing exactly what the US did. The entire thing is a fraud. All the players are in on it. Wake up folks (42 reactions) Twitter user 4: The delays in ballot counting will be to offset @MaximeBernier's landslide victory with illegitimate mail-in ballots submitted by underage, deceased, and undocumented "voters." This isn't rocket science, folks; it's election fraud. (17 reactions) Twitter user 5: Count all the required mail in "ballot" to make sure we have the correct election results. Just a guess. (16 reactions) Twitter user 7: They gotta print up 81 million mail in ballots (15 reactions) Twitter user 8: That is not legal. Elections Canada cannot legally do this, as they are not allowed to make such changes. The bill	Date Sept 15
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I've been voting. That we won't know the same day who has won. Don't trust our government period (1 reaction)					

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			 Facebook user 8: THE DEAD WILL BE VOTING AGAIN (1 reaction) Facebook user 9: isn't it discrimination if we don't let them vote? They do have rights don't they? After all most of them were tax payers (No r.) Facebook user 10: When I go to vote. Will I find out that I had already voted? (No reaction) Facebook user 11: Mail in voting is only being pushed so they can cheat (0) Facebook user 12: Record number of mail-in ballots means another rigged election (No reaction) 	
354	1.1M, Twitter	CTV News, News outlet	Elections Canada says it could take up to 5 days to count every last ballot *Sample comments* Twitter user 1: Looks like it's going to take a while to figure out how many extra 'votes' the are going to need (62 reactions) Twitter user 2: That should give the government plenty of time to complete the fraud (26 reactions) Twitter user 3: They need time to fudge the votes to re-elect Trudeau. Would not trust honesty in Elections Canada at this time. (20 reactions) Twitter user 4: Elections Canada needs 5 extra days to figure out how many votes #Trudeau needs to win. (6 reactions) Twitter user 5: Elections Canada: Making the Vote Safe for Justin Trudeau [™] (2 reactions) Twitter user 6: Incompetent (2 reactions) Twitter user 7: May be Election Canada can take some cues from IRCC and put this message "Due to COVID19, the standard processing times are no longer applicable and we can't give you a timeframe for completion of counting. We apologize for the inconvenience caused"! (1 reaction) Twitter user 8: Sounds like the U.S.presidential election - wonder how many mail-in ballots will turn up during the night. (No reaction)	Sept 15
146	970, Twitter	Twitter user	Due to delays, Elections Canada said it would take at least two days to finish counting the votes, but it could take as long as five days to know the election results. Elections Canada says results may take five days to be released *Sample comments* Twitter user 1: Oh great, everybody reach out to your local candidate for the PPC and volunteer to be a scrutineer (28 reactions) Twitter user 2: We demand a full forensic audit of the federal election (21 reactions) Twitter user 3: You know those ballots don't manipulate themselves, it takes time. Jeez! (20 reactions)	Sept 15

Reply 1: I've been there for final counts, no manipulation ! (3
reactions)
Reply 2: After the US debacle, I no longer trust mail-in or any
other form of ballot counting that's open to manipulation.
Maybe my tinfoil hat is on too tight? (7 reactions)
Twitter user 4: Don't tell me that their going to cheat in Canada also. (18 r)
Reply 1: We were the ones harbouring Dominion Corp. So yeah. (4 r.)
Twitter user 5: Is this how long it takes to rig an election ??? (16 reactions)
Reply 1: When the voting is ONLY done by hand, yes. It's far
easier and simpler to rig elections when they're done
electronically, especially when using the internet. (1 reaction)
Twitter user 6: 3 days to shuffle the votes around (12 reactions)
Twitter user 7: You know exactly what's going to happen. We've
seen this movie before. (12 reactions)
Twitter user 8: I smell fraud already! Lol (11 reactions)
Twitter user 9: Never before, Canadians knew the finals results
within hours, what seems to be the problem Election Canada,
gone back to the early 19 hundreds system, counting manually
1,2,3, etc. (9 reactions)
Twitter user 10: The fix is in. (6 reactions)
Twitter user 11: Another fixed election in North America, seems
to becoming the norm! (4 reactions)
Twitter user 12: Dominion voting rules. Glitch rules (4 reactions)
Twitter user 13: Bs they are trying to set it up like the US did (2 reactions)
Twitter user 14: Election Fortification in process. (2 reactions)
Twitter user 15: Why was the election called? Pandemic. Mail in
votes. I bet libs have names and addresses of all Canadians that
usually do not vote. They will be 'voting' this time. The lib
majority is in the bag, the mail bag. Hope I am wrong. (2 reactions)
Twitter user 16: Ah, so they need plenty of time to change some
of the results and throw the rest in the recycling bin. (2 reactions)
Twitter user 17: What a way to@rig the results, only need 5 days
after to make up 5mil votes? Im@sure that most will be for the
corrupt red (1 r.)
Twitter user 18: They will have to make sure all the ballots from
Liberal headquarters are properly counted (1 reaction) Twitter user 19: Maudites machines #Dominion (No reaction)

→ Elections during a pandemic – voting in person

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

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Will I be able to vote if I'm stuck in a long line on election night? – CTV News (Total shares: 7 / Total engagement: 148)

Faits saillants sur les médias sociaux / Social media highlights

Following the announcement of the public health measures in Alberta, conversation and confusion regarding access to polling stations has gained traction again. More importantly, we have noticed a sharp increase in confusion or concerns about vaccine requirements to vote in person. However, many users seem aware that it is not required, commenting accordingly. Vaccine passport concerns has more or less eclipsed mask mandates as the main concern about voting in person. The few users still commenting on the issue were sharing how they voted maskless without resistance from poll workers.

Users retelling their advance polls experiences were still prevalent today. Long lineups stories were still commonly found in comment sections, as were predictions that it would be worst on Election Day. Some quoted EC on lineups and shared concerns on the polling stations operations. Often in the same discussion threads, users discussed the bad treatment that some poll workers were or will be subjected to.

Engagement	Followers, platform	Account	Post	Date
3.1K	1.2K, Twitter	Twitter user	So, do we need proof of vaccination to vote? Cuz, that could be a real problem solver. *Sample comments* Twitter user 1: You need to wear a mask Woman shrugging could solve many issues. (12 reactions) Reply 1: Election workers enforcing masks are being threatened. Whatever you do, be extra nice to your election workers. It's not their fault and they are only there so people can vote. (8 reactions) Reply 2: SCOC has already declared that demanding proof of vaccination was Constitutional. Why would THAT circumstance be different? (1 r.) Reply 3: I may have missed that specific decision, but I'm sure it had to do with vaccine passports for restaurants and the like, not the right to vote to elect your government. Same reason why you'll never need proof of vaccination to get groceries or to enter the hospital as a patient. (2 reactions) Reply 4: Likely the SCOC would make them create voting space for the unvaccinated. I wonder which has more teeth, elections Canada or health canada? (1 reaction) Reply 5: I mean, you can argue for segregated voting spaces, sure, but you can't stop a citizen from voting (2 reactions) Reply 6: voting by mail. No, I think you're right, they can't be stopped from voting, but they can be made to vote from isolation. (2 reactions) Reply 7: Sure. Prepare for protests either way Face with cold sweat (2 r.) Twitter user 2: That'd be great. (6 reactions)	Sept 15

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			 Twitter user 3: I was wondering what options you have if you have to isolate. (2 reactions) Reply 1: There are no options for people who now have to isolate. You get sick, no vote. (5 reactions) Reply 2: I think we will be a lot more mail in voting in the future because of this. That or figure out how to secure it to SINs so people can vote online. (No reaction) Reply 3: They should have planned and got a ballot to vote by mail or advance voted first day polls were open. (No reaction) Twitter user 4: The people who work for the polling station will be met by violence, since there are some people against vaccine mandates. So let's avoid more trouble, there has been enough already. (2 reactions) Twitter user 5: Great idea, but unfortunately I don't think it would work the way you would want it to. It's hard enough now to get folks to exercise their right to vote. (2 reaction) Reply 1: That's actually the point I was making. Keep the people who don't care about the needs of society from voting (No reaction) 	
623	50.7K, Twitter	Warren Kinsella, Reporter	Elections Canada is signaling that Monday will see long lineups, delays, and lots of frustration. None of that bodes well for the government. *Sample comments* Twitter user 1: Yep. CPC voters are usually always more motivated to vote. About half the number of polling stations across the country, people having to travel longer distance to get to one and long lines. Plus, Elections Canada, 4 days from E-Day, is STILL looking for people to staff the polls (15 reactions) Twitter user 2: I was told my shift at the polling office will be from 8am -9:30 pm. Expect longer because we cannot turn people away once they enter the building and then we need to count the votes twice after I close and submit the machine tallies. Do the early vote people. Why wait. (6 r.) Twitter user 3: I know seniors who helped out with early voting and one of them said he would have had better conditions to go work for amazon. Disorganized, not enough people, poll stations set up in room on second floor with long flight of stairs and 1 elevator painfully operating. (5 r.) Twitter user 4: People were walking away from my advanced voting stn in disgust. One polling table, one voting booth. Half an hour to cast a ballot with 3 people in front of me. Pathetic. Municipal and provincial elections run the advance voting for a week with six polling tables and booths. (5 r.) Twitter user 5: Well except those that have Covid ~ of course there was no plan in place during the middle of a pandemic to address how someone with Covid could actually vote (3 reactions)	Sept 16

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	voting. It's not rocket science. (3 r.)
	Twitter user 12: How many Covid outbreaks from the election? (1 r.)
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	Twitter user 16: I went to the early voting polling station and, both times, there were lineups that looked like they would take 15-30 minutes, at least. I have kids so I couldn't wait around. Disappointing to hear that Elections Canada thinks there will be long lineups again. (No reaction)
	Twitter user 17: People will stand in line for concerts, movies etc but think standing in line to vote is to hard. Please go vote. (No reaction)
	Twitter user 18: I am calling a shit show especially for the GTA where poll numbers have been seriously reduced. Weather will make a difference. Long lines and waiting and stewing will not be good for @JustinTrudeau. People will see a line and walk away, not voting. An unwanted election. (0)
	Twitter user 19: I worked at the advance polls and judging by the lineups, I think it is safe to say it is going to be a shit show on



slowed things down significantly. People need to be patient... And bring your own pen (No reaction)

Concerns about individual level foreign interference

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

- Obama wishes 'friend' Justin Trudeau the best in the upcoming election CTV (Total shares: 29 / Total engagement: 1.3K)
- Obama endorses Trudeau ahead of election: 'I'm proud of the work we did together' 680 News (Total shares: 14 / Total engagement: 3.0K)

Faits saillants sur les médias sociaux / Social media highlights

Reactions to the tweet former U.S. President Barrack Obama sent in support of the LPC leader were mostly relegated to partisan banter, however many comments also accused Obama of engaging in foreign interference. This situation is remarkably similar to a similar tweet posted in the last days of GE43. Some of the commenters went on to suggest that the whole election is rigged and that the message of support belied an even greater collusion between Canada and the U.S. and the "rigged democratic elections."

Engagement	Followers, platform	Account	Post	Date
39.4K	130M, Twitter	Barack Obama, Politician	 Wishing my friend @JustinTrudeau the best in Canada's upcoming election. Justin has been an effective leader and strong voice for democratic values, and I'm proud of the work we did together. *Sample comments* Twitter user 1: this is foreign election interference (1.8K reactions) Twitter user 2: Election interference? (72 reactions) Twitter user 3: Nothing says loving like interfering in a Canadian election heh? Maybe you forgot Blackface. (38 reactions) Twitter user 4: Please stop interfering in Canada's election. (12 reactions) Twitter user 5: This is foreign interference in an election. This is not ok (5 r.) Twitter user 6: Hahaha luck?! I'm sure the Canadian elections are just as rigged as the American elections. (1 reaction) Twitter user 7: And here we were warned it would be the Chinese government we had to watch out for interfering in the Canadian election. (0) 	Sept 16
16.6K	8.4M, Facebook	<u>Justin</u> <u>Trudeau,</u> Politician	Thanks for your support, Barack Obama. Progress is on the ballot — and we're going to keep fighting for it. //Très heureux d'avoir reçu l'appui de mon ami Barack Obama. *Sample comments*	Sep. 16

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			 Facebook user 1: Nothing like a little foreign interference to promote your reelection. (10 reactions) Facebook user 2: Foreign Interference in a Canadian Election. (1 reaction) Facebook user 3: Foreign interference, hmmm, what's Putin have to say? (1) Facebook user 4: Canada doesn't need interference in our elections from the US DEEP STATE (No reaction) Facebook user 5: China would endorse you as well, which is also election interference (No reaction) 	
8.3K views, 1382 engagements	8.3K, TikTok	TikTok user	Campaigning w/ support from a former leader is super illegal #election2021 #ndp #greenparty #leftist #progressive #canadaelection #canadianpolitics *Sample comments* TikTok user 1: This is so uncool tbh (40 reactions) TikTok user 2: It absolutely IS interference (10 reactions) TikTok user 3 (Original poster): <u>Source: Foreign Interference</u> <u>Threats to Canada's Democratic Process</u> (7 reactions) TikTok user 4: Why would Canadians care who a former US president (or anyone) endorses? (6 reactions) Reply 1: Obama has huge media connections and influence. that's his new thing people listen to him(2 reactions) TikTok user 5: Well I guess its rigged election (3 reactions) TikTok user 6: Not a liberal- but is this really worth investigating? Isn't he just boosting his boy? (2 reactions) TikTok user 7: This happened in 2019 and elections Canada said it's fine stop freaking out people (2 reactions) TikTok user 8: How do we let elections Canada know (No reaction) TikTok user 9: Iol so foreign figures can speak about anything in other countries? lefties really are obsessed with fake foreign election interference (No reaction)	Sept 16
1169	392.1K, Twitter	680 News Toronto, News outlet	Former U.S. President Barack Obama endorsed Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau on Thursday. "Justin has been an effective leader and strong voice for democratic values, and I'm proud of the work we did together." "Justin has been an effective leader and strong voice for democratic values, and I'm proud of the work we did together." *Sample comments* Twitter user 1: Why should Canadians care who Obama endorses? (57 r.) Twitter user 2: This is foreign meddling in an election. Period. (51 r.) Twitter user 3: I love Obama but this is election interference. (16 r.)	Sept 16

			Twitter user 4: Ford endorsed Trump. So similar but different. (9 r.)	
841	106K, Facebook	The Post Millennial News outlet	BREAKING: Obama endorses his 'friend' Trudeau, wishes him luck in upcoming election *Sample comments* Facebook user 1: See, just like last time, Obama and the Dems sent a group of people to give Trudeau tips a few years ago for his first campaign. How to cheat your way to win an election. 1. Buy the media off so they will give you a pass on tough questions; 2. attack the competition; 3. lie, lie, lie to the people. Get rid of Trudeau once and for all (10 reactions) Facebook user 2: I'm sure They are working on stealing the election together (7 reactions) Facebook user 3: Foreign interference in an election! Where's Mueller? (2 r) Facebook user 4: Trudeau's new flagbecause he isn't flying the Canadian Flag this is interference from foreign countries (No reaction) Facebook user 5: Obama endorsing Trudeau in the upcoming election is most improper. An ex-president of the USA has no business endorsing any person who is not an American. This is pure interfering in the democratic process of another country (No reaction)	Sept 16

NEW Electors unable to vote due to COVID-19

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

- <u>People recently diagnosed with COVID-19 won't be able to vote on election day</u> CTV News (Total shares: 385/ Total engagement: 2.1K)
- <u>Canadians isolating due to COVID-19 will be unable to vote on election day</u> CBC (Total shares: 233# Total engagement: 993)

Faits saillants sur les médias sociaux / Social media highlights

After CTV News reported on the possibility that some electors won't have access to polling stations because of COVID-19 and quarantine, volume on this issue has increased significantly; reactions were exclusively negative. Some users questioned why EC did not prepare for this possibility and offered an option for people with COVID-19 to vote at separate polling stations, different lines or a "curbside" option. Stronger reactions questioned the integrity of the election and the legality of public health measures enforced by EC or accused EC of voter suppression. One user made a link between this and the NL elections, as another example of an illegitimate election.

Publications reliées au sujet / Related posts				
Engagement	Followers, platform	Account	Post	Date

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602 1M, Facebook	CTV News, News outlet	Thousands of Canadians will not be able to vote in the upcoming federal election because of the COVID-19 pandemic, Elections Canada said. People recently diagnosed with COVID-19 won't be able to vote on election day "Sample comments" Facebook user 1: shame on elections canada you could set aside a special time and place so they can after it is everyone right to vote (66 reactions) Facebook user 2: 100% ILLEGAL!!!Section 3 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms is a section that constitutionally guarantees Canadian citizens the democratic right to vote in a general federal or provincial election and the right to be eligible for membership in the House of Commons or of a provincial legislative assembly, subject to the requirements of Section 1 of the Charter. Federal judges, prisoners and those in mental institutions have gained the franchise as a result of this provision, whereas the restriction on minors voting was found to be permissible due to section 1.Section 3 is one of the provisions in the Charter that cannot be overridden by Parliament or a legislative assembly under Section 3 of the Charter, the notwithstanding clause. Section 3's exemption from Section 33 provides extra legal protection to the right to vote and it may prevent Parliament or the provincial governments from disenfranchising any Canadian citizen for ideological or political purposes, among others. (43 reactions) Facebook user 3: Ok this, !! is a , legitimate violation of the Canadian charter of rights. (33 reactions) Facebook user 5: Just go vote people! Just take all the regular precautions. Seeing as the province has so many covid cases each and every day considered " unknown vaccination status", you really think they'll have a clue when people go to vote? They're just putting this info out to the MSM now, the day after mail in voting closes?!?! It is your right to vote! Enough is enough! (29 reactions) Facebook user 6: ve already voted but if I was feeling ok I'd be voting. It's my right an civic duty as a Canadian to vote.	Sept. 15
136 1.1M, Twitter	CTV News, News outlet	People recently diagnosed with COVID-19 won't be able to vote on election day	Sept. 16

Electio	ons Cana	da		
			Twitter user 1: This is ridiculous. Voting is a constitutional right. Find a way to let people vote no matter what. (14 reactions) Twitter user 2: No one asked me if i had it when i voted. How will they know? (9 r.) Twitter user 3: Part of the stratedgy behind Justine & LPC's calling election during 4th wave was voter suppression & barriers to rural voter locations easier access in urban core strongholds? (6 reactions) Twitter user 4: If a grocery store and/or pharmacy have a curb side option for COVID positive customers shouldn't Elections Canada have to have such an option available for Canadians who want to participate in the election? (4 reactions) Twitter user 5: Not a conspiracy its typical sleazy "Liberal" Corporation tactics sadly most liberally minded people are also very gullible people. Polling stations have been limited to minimal locations, most Liberal strongholds are in urban cores with polling stations easier to access. (2 r.) Twitter user 6: you're missing the mark. This is an egregious Charter Rights violation (2 reactions) Twitter user 7: Voter Supression (1 reaction)	
41	24.5K, Twitter	Graham Richardson, Reporter/ Journalist	Tonight @ctvottawa a woman in Prince Edward County won't be able to vote. A close contact with a positive Covid-19 case, ordered to self isolate for 10 daysshe missed deadline for mail in ballotand is absolutely furious @meganshawCTV has that tonight *Sample comments* Twitter user 1: and this is one of serveral reasons why people should vote as early as they can. advance voting is your friend. (9 reactions) Twitter user 2: If she was vaccinated she doesn't have to self isolate (5 reactions) Twitter user 3: What's unfair? We have a pandemic. Plan ahead. Election Offices have been open for daily voting since almost immediately after the writ was dropped. Mail-in vote requests were accepted 24 hours after the writ was dropped. Plus advanced polls. (3 reactions) Twitter user 4: We registered for mail-in voting over 2 weeks ago-checked the status on Monday,it's been accepted and according to Elections CA,"the kit has been shipped" No sign of it yet,if we don't get it by Friday,we are SOL (No reaction)	Sept 15

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