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**Rapport de repérage des médias sociaux: du 17 septembre 17h au 18 septembre 17h 2021**  
**Social Media Monitoring Report: September 17, 5pm – September 18, 5pm, 2021**

**Observations principales / Key observations**

- Volume: **Last 24h: 1.78K; Previous 7 days average: 1.77K; Previous 30 days average: 1.37K posts /day**
- Concerns and frustration over the lack of options for COVID positive electors are frequent; many accuse EC of a lack of preparation. False options for COVID positive electors are also still being discussed.
- Some users claim that machines used to transmit results from ridings to HQ are rigged and will alter results.
- Concerns over mask mandates, vaccine requirements, and fewer polling stations are still prevalent but decreased in volume. The use of schools as polling stations was also brought up by concerned parents.

**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](#)
- [↓ Concerns about individual level foreign interference](#)
- [→ Electors unable to vote due to COVID-19](#)

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

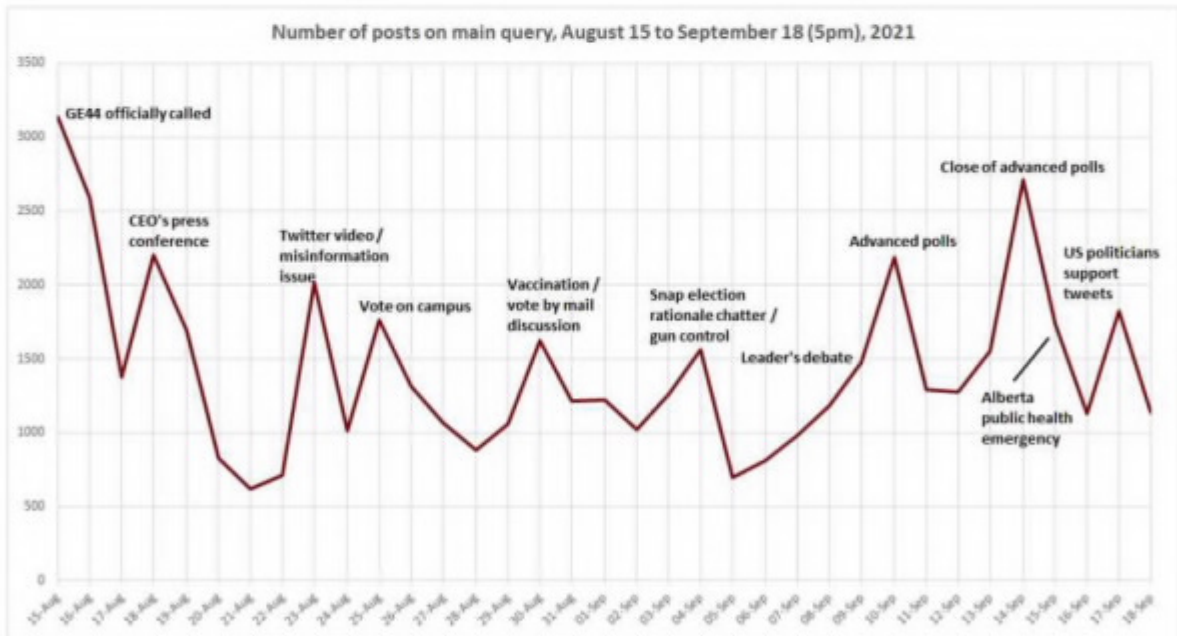
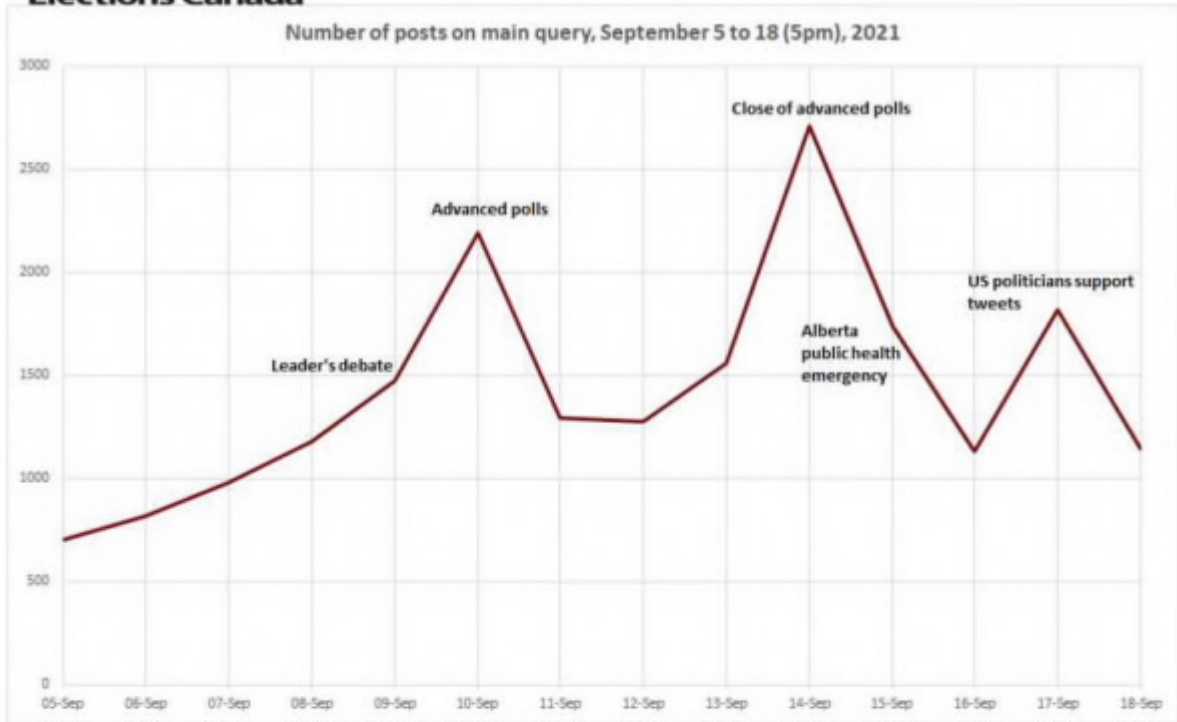
Narrative	September 17-19 (5pm)	September 16-17 (5pm)	September 15-16 (5pm)	September 14-15 (pm)	September 13-14 (5pm)
Vote by mail	99	90	78	79	49
Machine voting	9	31	15	15	11
Voter ID	26	21	23	4	17
Rigged / fraudulent elections	31	26	39	32	25
EC corrupt / partisan / incompetent	52	47	38	30	41
Voting with pencils	5	2	11	6	27
Masks in polling places	68	8	20	49	65
Vaccine requirements	24	12	21	18	9

These are approximations based on keyword mentions in collated content

**Volume de messages portant sur Élections Canada/Volume of posts about Elections Canada**

<b>Sur nos comptes officiels / On our official accounts</b>	
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
<b>(219/2527)</b> Vote by Mail <b>(82/2527)</b> Concerns of individual level foreign interference <b>(15/2527)</b> Ways to vote	<b>(219/2527)</b> Vote by mail <b>(82/2527)</b> Concerns of individual level foreign interference <b>(36/2527)</b> Elections during a pandemic - voting in person <b>(9/2527)</b> Electors unable to vote due to COVID-19 <b>(7/2527)</b> Machine voting/DVS

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Éléments sous observation / On the radar

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### Éléments sous observation / On the radar

#### Podcaster states that if election results are delayed, it will indicate foul-play and he's ready to take necessary action

In an Instagram video and a subsequent livestream later in the night on September 17, a podcaster in the 'Plaid Army' group of activists (active since GE43) stated "If it takes one evening to count avg. 18 million votes in a CDN. election, but possibly 3-5 days to count 100K mail in ballots, the steal is on [NOTE: this appears to be a reference to the "Stop the Steal" narrative observed around the 2020 US presidential election] It's time to see what you are made of, in the most serious way possible." He hinted at plans to organize to overthrow the state if the election did not go as expected or if it was delayed, fearing 'Trump-Biden' style fraud. The almost 4 hours of content received many engagements which expressed support for his idea of "draw[ing] a line in the sand" at the election, fearing mandatory vaccinations would be imposed if the PPC loses the election. The livestream revealed a sense of existential threat felt by the anti-lockdown movement and highlighted the election as a 'last-hope' / 'last-stand' moment.

#### The Justice Centre for Constitutional Freedoms (JCCF) calls mask mandates to vote potentially illegal

On September 17, lawyer Marty Moore of The Justice Centre for Constitutional Freedoms (JCCF) claimed that "No Mask, No Vote" on election day could breach "Section 3 of the Charter guaranteeing the right to vote." The JCCF said Elections Canada would need to prove whether a facial covering is sufficient to prevent the spread of COVID-19, otherwise it should only be allowing those wearing N-95s. Furthermore, the JCCF claims EC would have to provide evidence to justify the measure. On the same day, Facebook user claimed they attended a meeting with JCCF to prepare a class action against the government over the issue of mandatory vaccine passports. He did not specify whether it was related to EC. In the past, this legal organization has sued the City of Edmonton and Alberta Government over the lockdown, mask, and vaccine mandates.

#### Twitter and 4chan users reacting to EC's announcement of potential delayed electoral results and discuss the possibility of a "January 6" event happening in Canada

Following EC's announcements that electoral results may be delayed up to five days, many users have expressed their opinion, often negative, on the issue. However, the team has noticed at least three separate posts on September 18 suggesting that in the event of delays in the results similar to what happened in the 2020 US Presidential election, Canada could witness a "January 6" style event. Two of these were found on 4chan and were met mostly with ridicule with rare exceptions claiming they wished for it or agreed it was likely.

#### ↑ 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

- [The federal election might not have a clear winner Monday night — here's why](#) – CBC (Total shares: 86 / Total engagement: 460)

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

Lately, concerns over vote by mail have begun focusing less on the process of ballots getting to their destinations on time, and more on the amount of time it will take to count the ballots. A large number of social media users indicate their trust in Elections Canada will begin evaporating if counting takes longer than usual due to the number of special ballots. In particular, one social media personality in the "Plaid Army" network of podcasters suggested that he would be able to determine that there were 'shenanigans' if results are not available on Tuesday. He claimed that this election is the last opportunity for Canadians opposed to lockdowns to 'take back their country' to prevent a slippery slope to the loss of fundamental freedoms. Comments sections suggest others share the opinion. The belief that vote by mail is easily rigged continues unabated, with many claiming false ballots will be added to the mix. Additionally, there is a belief that there are machines used

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to transmit the results from ridings to HQ, and that this is another way rigging may occur.				
<b>Publications reliées au sujet / Related posts</b>				
Engagement	Followers, platform	Account	Post	Date
894	51K, Twitter	<a href="#">Warren Kinsella</a> , Columnist	<p>How does anyone know that? This is stupid.</p> <p><b>*Retweeting CTV News:</b> The Liberals are in winning territory with votes coming from mail-in ballots heavily in their favour, according to projections from Nanos</p> <p><b>*Sample comments*</b></p> <p><b>Twitter user 1:</b> So my mail in ballot goes to "niknanos"? I thought it went to Elections Canada. Why is this public knowledge three days before the vote? I smell a rat. <b>(38 reactions)</b></p> <p><b>Twitter user 2:</b> Mail in ballots have already been opened? <b>(21 reactions)</b></p> <p><b>Twitter user 3:</b> Mail-in and advanced poll votes are counted at the same time as election day votes. <b>(7 reactions)</b></p> <p><b>Twitter user 4:</b> He's projecting from the past. I suspect a high proportion of mail in's this time are students bc their mailing address is their home that they left to go to school. And they cant vote on campus. You can only vote, the day of, at the polling station that's on your card. <b>(4 reactions)</b></p> <p><b>Twitter user 5:</b> They being counted already? Before the election? <b>(3 r.)</b></p> <p><b>Reply 1:</b> Count em but don't disclose until after #Elxn44 way to sway the vote before the 20th. <b>(No reaction)</b></p> <p><b>Twitter user 6:</b> Is someone tempering with the mail in order envelopes??????? All the mail in envelopes will have to be audited by a third party <b>(2 reactions)</b></p> <p><b>Twitter user 7:</b> Unless Elections Canada is opening up the ballots and giving results to Nanos and the Liberal Party. Dominic Leblanc says that the Libs will win a majority. <b>(2 reactions)</b></p> <p><b>Twitter user 8:</b> I thought they don't even count mail-in ballots unless the riding's winner wins by a margin less than the number of mailed in votes <b>(1)</b></p>	Sept. 17
2600 views, 630 engagement	4.42K, YouTube	<a href="#">Raging Dissident III</a> , podcaster	<p>RageCast 170: FOR ALL THE MARBLES</p> <p>[banner scrolling on bottom reads: "If it takes one evening to count avg. 18 million votes in a CDN. election, but possibly 3-5 days to count 100K mail in ballots, the steal is on It's time to see what you are made of, in the most serious way possible"]</p> <p><b>[Partial transcript]</b></p> <p><b>30:00</b> Every single one [election] ever has been decided by about 11pm midnight, but this one there are... 500,000 mail in votes... If they pull that shit... the bullshit machine is online, that's five days they need to pull some shenanigans, there's</p>	Sept. 17

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			<p>absolutely no reason it should take that long unless something fucked up is going on... If that happens, by Tuesday morning we are going to know what the ground looks like... what the terrain looks like... and then we will have to decide what the options are then.</p> <p><b>34:00</b> Sinez Hanna says "I'm a scrutineer and the mail in ballots should be counted with advanced polls in my area in Southeastern Ontario so that's BS, seems mail in ballots out of the country are counted in Ottawa."</p> <p><b>34:50</b> There should be a camera on the ballot delivery truck at all times</p> <p><b>1:54:00</b> This should only take a few hours, it's only ever taken a few hours. Do it live on TV, how about that.</p> <p><b>3:10:30</b> We're talking about fighting the biggest evil, this shit is astronomical, this is for all the marbles... we're talking about fighting for our freedom and our rights to exist...</p> <p><b>3:14:00</b> It's our turn, I'm hoping the election goes well, we'll see what happens Monday I'm going to be there, at the event... Bernier's going to be there... Hopefully it goes well, if it doesn't... it doesn't change anything, we're still going to fight.</p> <p><b>*Sample comments* [live chat]</b>  <b>YouTube user 1:</b> crash local town meetings, bring up sustainable development, key word for agenda 21 / 30...ask them what they think it means</p>	
524	441.4K, Twitter	Twitter user	<p>Who is the next Canadian Prime Minister going to be? [3990 votes]</p> <p><b>*Sample comments*</b>  <b>Twitter user 1:</b> He's gonna steal the election with the mail in votes. It's a 100% guarantee. Hence "it'll take five days to tally the votes". Canada is in deeeeeep shit. An exit strategy from this country should be in every Canadian's mind right now. <b>(12 reactions)</b>  <b>Twitter user 2:</b> Ask me 3 or 4 days after the election, after they've finish counting their mail in ballots. Their fix. Just like in the USA. Elections Canada has told us at the beginning it will be a few days to count them. We know elections Canada is an arm of libs &amp; are encouraging mail ins. <b>(5 r.)</b>  <b>Twitter user 3:</b> None of the above there will be a new government chosen by the people after the military declares martial law <b>(1 reaction)</b></p>	Sept. 18
6689 views 249 engagement	13.5K, Instagram	<a href="#">Raging Dissident</a> , Podcaster	<p>Patience is not infinite We're all thinking it. Its time to stop being cowards. This election is a referendum on our freedom. I refuse to live as a slave to needles, state passports to travel my own home or subject my children to unnessecary medical procedures. All you compliant cowards made this possible.</p>	Sept. 17



			<p>The election is our last chance to avoid tragedy on levels not seen before in this country. Look me in the eye and ask me if im serious. #ppc #propatria #sicsempertyrannis #fyemm</p> <p><b>[Partial transcript]</b>  <b>11:00</b> “[...]They’re already talking about ‘ah geez it might take five days to count all the mail-in ballots’. Most elections get 15-20 million people to vote in this country and they count those in an evening. Usually by you know midnight eastern time, you know where everything stands. So I’m to believe that there’s so many mail-in ballots, apparently dwarfing the amount of people that exist in this country, that it’s going to take 5 [vulgar] days to count them all? No. I’m telling you right now if you pull that shit... the Trump Biden shit “it’s going to take a while” I’m not buying it. There’s absolutely no reason for that that’s above-board and makes sense... [...] right now the main effort is this [vulgar]election and if we swamp these [vulgar]with millions and millions of votes that’s going to be real hard to steal maybe they’ll do it and maybe they won’t [...]”</p> <p><b>*Sample comments*</b>  <b>Instagram User 1:</b> So many of us are on the same side as you Jer. So many. When it comes down to the final hours, we all know what our last resort is and will be. My family will be safe that I know, but I may not return. <b>(42 r.)</b>  <b>Reply 1:</b> I’ve accepted that I won’t survive this, but I hope I cause enough ruckus on the way out that the future fears what happened here <b>(14 r.)</b>  <b>Instagram User 2:</b> Already calling liberal majority via fraud but I hope I’m wrong. <b>(34 reactions)</b>  <b>Reply 1:</b> already had a news article saying “expect a delay in the vote by several days due to mail in voting” we all know where this projections goes <b>(7 reactions)</b>  <b>Instagram User 3:</b> They’re totally going to steal this election <b>(10 reactions)</b>  <b>Instagram User 4:</b> the last 19 [vulgar] entire months in this country has been illegal <b>(4 reactions)</b>  <b>Instagram User 5:</b> I’ll tell you where I’m at, I’m [violent]. <b>(4 reactions)</b>  <b>Instagram User 6:</b> I heard the polling stations have nothing but pencils to fill out the ballot. Sounds fishy to me <b>(1 reaction)</b></p>	
95	14.2K, Twitter	Twitter user	<p>Odd Dominion Voting has a caravan of trucks schedule to dispatch to points across the country early Tuesday morning</p> <p><b>*Sample comments*</b>  <b>Twitter user 1:</b> I am not so sire about that. Our ballots are not readable by a machine. If you’ve ever worked elections you</p>	Sept. 17



			<p>would know that they are hand counted with scrutineers watching. I hate JT but it's not yet what you think it is <b>(8 reactions)</b></p> <p><b>Reply 1:</b> Once hand counted the numbers are called in, no? Then they are put into a "computer" to add them up... <b>(2 reactions)</b></p> <p><b>Twitter user 2:</b> Elections Canada website 2021 clearly indicates that the first step after polls close is election officers open the ballot boxes and count the ballots. But, will DVS somehow play a role? Let's hope not. <b>(6 r.)</b></p> <p><b>Twitter user 3:</b> So it's a Trudeau landslide again? <b>(5 reactions)</b></p> <p><b>Twitter user 4:</b> I knew it would be rigged <b>(3 reactions)</b></p> <p><b>Twitter user 5:</b> Why? I thought we used paper ballots, hand counted and then reported (how?) to Elections Canada. Last election (when I met you in Hamilton Bill) I kept getting the feeling something wasn't right. Is it possible final tallies at Elections Canada were messed with? <b>(No reaction)</b></p>	
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<p><b>↓ Elections during a pandemic – voting in person</b></p>				
<p><b>Articles les plus partagés; nombre de partages / Most-shared articles; number of shares</b></p> <p>N/A</p>				
<p><b>Faits saillants sur les médias sociaux / Social media highlights</b></p> <p>As much of the discussion related to voting in person has been monopolized by accessibility concerns for COVID positive electors, this topic has been on the decline. Concerns and confusion over mask requirements, vaccine passport requirements, and the lower number of polling stations in certain ridings are, however, still prevalent. A tweet by Dr. Deena Hinshaw, Alberta's Chief Medical officer of Health, discussing the lack of impact of the new public health measures on the election, led to a major discussion on health measures in polling stations. One post expressing concerns over the use of schools as voting places also gained some traction, with several parents expressing concerns for the safety of the students or sharing stories of unsuccessfully trying to stop it from happening at their children's schools.</p>				
<p><b>Publications reliées au sujet / Related posts</b></p>				
Engagement	Followers, platform	Account	Post	Date
1.5K	143.9K, Twitter	<a href="#">Dr. Deena Hinshaw</a> , Alberta Chief Medical Officer of Health	<p>The new public health measures will not impact the voting process. Please vote. Elections Canada has measures in place to support physical distancing, masking and other ways to reduce transmission. Proof of vaccination is not required to enter a polling place and cast a ballot.</p> <p><b>*Sample comments*</b></p> <p><b>Twitter user 1:</b> Covid has impacted my voting process. I am fully vaccinated and tested positive. Now, I must isolate for 10 days and it's too late for a mail in. I hope people take advantage of their right to vote and get it done. <b>(61 reactions)</b></p>	Sept. 17

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			<p><b>Reply 1:</b> Why on earth did you even get tested (<b>9 reactions</b>)</p> <p><b>Reply 2 (original poster):</b> I'm a teacher and not to get tested when experiencing symptoms would be a serious moral issue for me. Thanks for the support everyone! (<b>2 reactions</b>)</p> <p><b>Reply 3:</b> You can go and request a car ballot. There are kits so you can not go in your polling station. So you can keep others safe and still participate in democracy. Reach out via the number of your voter info card. (<b>46 reactions</b>)</p> <p><b>Reply 4:</b> I don't believe it is a thing in the federal election. I attended training to work the polls last weekend and car ballots were not mentioned at all. keep in mind that there can be differences in procedure between municipal and federal elections! (<b>2 reactions</b>)</p> <p><b>Reply 5:</b> And how many others will be in the same situation as you this is ridiculous (<b>No reaction</b>)</p> <p><b>Reply 6:</b> Just go. Wear a mask. People like Deena believe masks work, so should be no problems. (<b>3 reactions</b>)</p> <p><b>Twitter user 2:</b> I'm doing my part for democracy by working a polling station for #elxn44 during fourth wave of #covid19ab . Double vaxxed and masked with social distancing and limiting close contact. I feel I'll be safe working there so those that can should get out and vote. (<b>15 reactions</b>)</p> <p><b>Twitter user 3:</b> Not really. 2 men were not masked when early voting in Red Deer and the security guard let them in. But neat story. (<b>10 reactions</b>)</p> <p><b>Twitter user 4:</b> person in front of me voting in advanced polls refused to mask albert-gah (<b>6 reactions</b>)</p> <p><b>Twitter user 5:</b> At advance polling, the election workers wanted to collect name &amp; more for contract tracing. I told them "I'm not doing that." Nothing further was said. I would have preferred to say GTFO. (<b>1 reaction</b>)</p> <p><b>Twitter user 6:</b> The virus doesn't go to polling stations, got it (<b>1 reaction</b>)</p> <p><b>Twitter user 7:</b> A person I know has Covid and still plans to vote, because there are no procedures in place for them to cast their vote, potentially exposing anyone they come in contact with. Will there be Covid screening at the polls to prevent this? (<b>2 reactions</b>)</p> <p><b>Twitter user 8:</b> How can we vote when Elections Canada made it impossible for senior citizens unable to physically get to a voting place to receive the documents they need to vote from their home? (<b>No reaction</b>)</p>	
272	5.4K, Twitter	Twitter user	Just found out my kids' K-6 elementary school (so full of unvaxxed kids under 12) is a polling station for the election on Monday. What fresh hell is this?!	Sept. 17





			<p><b>*Sample comments*</b></p> <p><b>Twitter user 1:</b> Ours too (K-4). It's in the elections act so nothing to be done. Heard on the radio today there will be no restrictions on the # of ppl allowed inside at any given time. Pleading face Might skip school Monday... <b>(9 r.)</b></p> <p><b>Twitter user 2:</b> My son's school, which Alberta Health Services has declared to have an outbreak with more than 10% of students away with illness, is our voting station too. <b>(6 reactions)</b></p> <p><b>Twitter user 3:</b> I spend an hour a day cleaning in my classroom, spraying things down with bleach. I worry about my little students and keeping them safe and then this!?! <b>(5 reactions)</b></p> <p><b>Reply 1 (comment author):</b> I brought it up at our last staff meeting and apparently there isn't anything that we can do. I don't think that they should have elections at all in elementary schools when students are there period. Kids are so vulnerable. <b>(4 reactions)</b></p> <p><b>Twitter user 4:</b> Ours is too. And was for the advance polls. <b>(4 reactions)</b></p> <p><b>Twitter user 5:</b> Schools in ON have refused to be polling stations. What is wrong with your government and school boards to allow this fresh hell?! <b>(4)</b></p> <p><b>Twitter user 6:</b> We're lucky here, some schools are polling stations so our division moved the PD day from the 24th to the 20th. I can't understand why every division doesn't do this. Mass amounts of strangers walking in our schools is absurd in normal times. Now? Utterly irresponsible! <b>(3 r.)</b></p> <p><b>Twitter user 7:</b> This is the situation at my polling station. I've voted there a dozen times over the years and despite being there during school hours and walking past a few classrooms I've never once seen or heard a single kid. hardly ideal but I'm confident the kids safety will be paramount. <b>(1 r.)</b></p> <p><b>Twitter user 8:</b> Our local teachers association convinced the board years ago that it was a safety risk &amp; now no schools are used for elections ever. <b>(0 r.)</b></p> <p><b>Twitter user 9:</b> At least your kids will get Elections Canada protections against idiot anti-vax theatre terrorists <b>(No reaction)</b></p>	
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↓ **Concerns about individual level foreign interference**

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

- [Bernie Sanders, Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama — notable figures share their endorsements for PM as Canadians head to the polls](#) – Toronto Star **(Total shares: 41 / Total engagement: 745)**

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

Social media engagement linked to U.S. politicians continuing to weigh-in on the Canadian election and claims that these posts represented foreign interference continued on the 18<sup>th</sup>, with little development on the topic. The posts took a more macro view on the situation and argued that foreign interference was a major concern for Americans in recent elections so they should at least show more restraint when discussing our sovereign elections, even if these actions were not illegal according to current laws. A user stated these tweets are not prohibited by the CEA because a prohibition in "Section 331 of the Elections Act [was] repealed in 2018."

**Publications reliées au sujet / Related posts**

Engagement	Followers, platform	Account	Post	Date
3.1K	1.4M, Twitter	<a href="#">Rashida Tlaib</a> , US politician	<p>I endorse this message.</p> <p><b>*Retweeting Bernie Sanders:</b> Canada goes to the polls Monday. There's one party that stood up for working people in the pandemic. One leader who has the courage to make the wealthy pay their fair share so everyone gets the medication they need. That's why I support the @NDP and @theJagmeetSingh.</p> <p><b>*Sample comments*</b></p> <p><b>Twitter user 1:</b> Again. Can active American politicians please stop interfering in other countries elections? <b>(14 reactions)</b></p> <p><b>Twitter user 2:</b> @BernieSanders As elected representatives, interfering in other countries' electoral processes is just WRONG. Delete these tweets. <b>(6)</b></p> <p><b>Twitter user 3:</b> Elected US officials should not be endorsing candidates in a foreign election. Stay in your lane a deal with the shitshow that is American politics <b>(3 reactions)</b></p> <p><b>Twitter user 4:</b> Stop interfering on Canada's elections. We are not your next Afghanistan. You can't choose our government. Go fix your own. Get the hell away from our Canadian election[...] <b>(No reaction)</b></p>	Sept . 17
857	12.8K, Twitter	<a href="#">Tristin Hopper</a> , Reporter, National Post	<p>Fun fact: Foreign political endorsements (like those just expressed by Bernie Sanders and Hillary Clinton) used to be a violation of Canadian electoral law, until that particular provision was repealed in 2018 by the Trudeau government.</p> <p><b>*Sample comments*</b></p> <p><b>Twitter user 1:</b> Anyways, I'm glad the people who spent four years obsessing about outside interference in their own elections had some time to interfere in ours. <b>(275 reactions)</b></p> <p><b>Twitter user 2:</b> Section 331 of the Elections Act, repealed in 2018. Before and after... <b>(5 reactions)</b> [see images next]</p>	Sept . 17



		<p>CanLII Find in document</p> <p><b>Non-interference by Foreigners</b></p> <p><b>Prohibition – inducements by non-residents</b></p> <p><b>331</b> No person who does not reside in Canada shall, during an election period, in any way induce electors to vote or refrain from voting for a particular candidate unless the person is</p> <p>(a) a Canadian citizen; or</p> <p>(b) a permanent resident within the meaning of subsection 2(1) of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act.</p> <p>2000, c. 9, s. 331; 2001, c. 27, s. 211.</p> <hr/> <p>CanLII Home &gt; Canada</p> <p>Find in document</p> <p><b>331 [Repealed, 2018, c. 31, s. 213]</b></p> <p><b>Twitter user 3:</b> Fun Fact. Surely your not referring to Bill C-76. That focused mainly of contributions and registration. What exactly was the provision that got removed? <b>(4 reactions)</b></p> <p><b>Reply 1:</b> Section 331. "No person who does not reside in Canada shall, during an election period, in any way induce electors to vote or refrain from voting or vote or refrain from voting for a particular candidate." <b>(39)</b></p> <p><b>Reply 2:</b> In 2019 "Elections Canada responded to journalist requests saying "All individuals, Canadian or non-Canadian, are free to express their views on any topic during an election. A foreign citizen supporting a candidate does not in itself constitute an instance of foreign influence." <b>(2 reactions)</b></p> <p><b>Reply 3:</b> Are you sure about that? That makes no sense as it would be impossible to enforce. How can you prevent an American citizen from posting on Twitter that he is endorsing a certain candidate in a Canadian election. <b>(11 reactions)</b></p> <p><b>Reply 4:</b> You can't stop the American citizen, but you can prevent the Canadian politician from using it in their campaign. <b>(11 reactions)</b></p> <p><b>Twitter user 4:</b> I'm old enough to remember when @HillaryClinton &amp; @BarackObama spent 4 years going complete ape-shit over the mythologized Russian interference in the 2016 election. How ironic both of them are openly &amp; actively interfering w. a foreign election in Canada. <b>(1 r)</b></p> <p><b>Twitter user 5:</b> If you are a legitimate reporter, then you must know that is not true - there was nothing in the Fair Elections Act of 2014 that prohibited third party endorsements of a party or candidate. Only telephone calling, i.e. "Robocalls". <b>(No reaction)</b></p>
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47	6.4K, Twitter	Twitter user	I have just filled in a form on elections Canada's website complaining of political interference in our elections by Clinton and Obama. <b>*Replying to Twitter user:</b> The word on the street is Harvey Weinstein and Bill Cosby are about to endorse Trudeau as well.	Sept . 18
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→ Electors unable to vote due to COVID-19

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

- [Pas le droit de voter si vous venez de contracter la COVID-19](#) – Radio-Canada (Total shares: 232/ Total engagement: 1.7K)
- [B.C. man in COVID-19 isolation frustrated he won't be able to vote in federal election](#) – Global News (Total shares: 67/ Total engagement: 589)

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

We observed continued narratives regarding preventing electors with COVID-19 from voting in person being “illegal,” “voter suppression,” or that it is “antidemocratic.” However, in the environment comments are more critical of EC, with many wondering why EC did not prepare for this situation. In French posts especially, comments pointed out that EC knew we were in a pandemic and should have prepared accordingly by having, for example, EC employees visiting people in quarantine to vote. Posts alleging that options are available for COVID-19 positive electors are also significantly more common today, with some claiming that there will be “drive thru voting” or “curbside voting” options based on alleged experiences or baseless claims. In some rare cases, users invited COVID positive electors to break the rules and show up and vote regardless of their medical condition. Some users also expressed anger that this kind of story would, according to them, contribute to conspiracies about the results of the elections.

*Publications reliées au sujet / Related posts*

Engagement	Followers, platform	Account	Post	Date
770	1.3M, Facebook	<a href="#">Radio Canada information,</a> News outlet	Les électeurs qui viennent de contracter la COVID-19 ne pourront voter le 20 septembre et le vote postal n'est plus une option. <a href="#">Pas le droit de voter si vous venez de contracter la COVID-19</a>  <b>*Sample comments*</b> <b>Facebook user 1:</b> En contexte de pandémie, ça aurait dû être réfléchi d'avoir une option de vote pour les gens qui sont contraints à rester chez eux. Voter est un droit. <b>(77 reactions)</b> <b>Facebook user 2:</b> N'importe quoi ,ca là sa sens la dictature <b>(38 reactions)</b> <b>Facebook user 3:</b> C'est illégal, voter est un droit! <b>(30 reactions)</b> <b>Facebook user 4:</b> Les gens ont juste à ne pas le dire. Tk ca ne sera pas demandé à la porte! <b>(20 reactions)</b> <b>Reply 1:</b> Oui... je suis allée voter par anticipation et c'est strict. <b>(1 r.)</b>	Sept. 17

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137	138K, r/alberta	Reddit user, 32K Karma	<p>My friend JUST got COVID. Is there any way they can vote?So my friend found out yesterday they have COVID-19. They've been vaccinated, but still got it, and their plan was to vote in person on election day. Since the diagnosis has changed this plan, their next step was to try and get a mail-in ballot and vote that way, but apparently you needed to ask before the 14th? So that won't work.What can my friend do to get their voice heard during this election, and if there is no way, what legal actions are they entitled to pursue to remedy this?</p> <p><b>*Sample comment*</b></p> <p><b>Reddit user 1:</b> I would suggest calling their ridings election office and asking what their options might be <b>(38 reactions)</b></p> <p><b>Reddit user 2:</b> The solution was either early voting or requesting a mail in ballot so they don't have to go in person. Unfortunately, at this juncture, they have to break the law to cast their ballot. <b>(15 reactions)</b></p> <p><b>Reddit user 3:</b> Heard that somewhere in Sherwood park there was drive thru voting - like where they were doing covid tests. However they still need to isolate, it sucks if elections Canada has no recourse [...] <b>(10 r.)</b></p> <p><b>Reddit user 4:</b> Who would he plan to take legal action against? Jason Kenney? China? <b>(1 reaction)</b></p> <p><b>Reply 1:</b> Elections Canada, The Government of Alberta, or the Government of Canada. I'm not a lawyer, and I imagine the answer to this question is messy, but it's gotta be one of those parties who would, in effect, disenfranchise my friend of their right to vote. <b>(2 reactions)</b></p> <p><b>Reply 2:</b> Everyone knows covid is an issue, everyone knows getting covid is a possibility. Elections Canada allowed advanced polling and mail in ballot. If you were sick for advanced polling you would still have time to put yourself in for mail in ballot. IANAL but that would be the argument that Elections Canada would probably use, that they gave ample opportunity, and your friend chose to chance it. It sucks but it's really on your friend. <b>(No reaction)</b></p> <p><b>Reddit user 5:</b> What about a special ballot? I know bed ridden seniors can still vote, but I don't know how. Contact the electoral office asap and explain. <b>(1 reaction)</b></p> <p><b>Reply 1:</b> These are the kind of solutions I'm looking into. Elections Canada basically just shrugged when they were called about this <b>(No r.)</b></p>	Sept. 17

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			<p><b>Reddit user 6:</b> Accommodations are made for every citizen to vote. Why not the quarantined? People in jail can vote for fucks sake. Early voting and mailing it in may not have been an option or maybe they just haven't made up their mind yet. Through no fault of their own they are now disenfranchised. Elections Canada should have foreseen this scenario and made accommodations for what will be a very big number of voters. <b>(No r)</b></p> <p><b>Reddit user 7:</b> They're SOL; the remediation was to plan ahead and request a mail in ballot. By waiting to vote in person they took the chance this could happen knowingly. Any "legal action" would be laughed out of court due to that <b>(No reaction)</b></p> <p><b>Reddit user 8:</b> Nothing you can do. On another note: For the Calgary municipal election, I think they will offer curbside voting for anti-maskers. <b>(0)</b></p> <p><b>Reddit user 9:</b> Your friend had every opportunity to vote by mail or vote in the advance polls last weekend. That sucks But that's how it is. <b>(No r.)</b></p> <p><b>Reddit user 10:</b> I'm not sure of the accuracy of the information, but I was told there may be the possibility of a car ballot? Call the number on the voter information card to confirm. <b>(No reaction)</b></p>
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Green	145	Vote by mail	9
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