

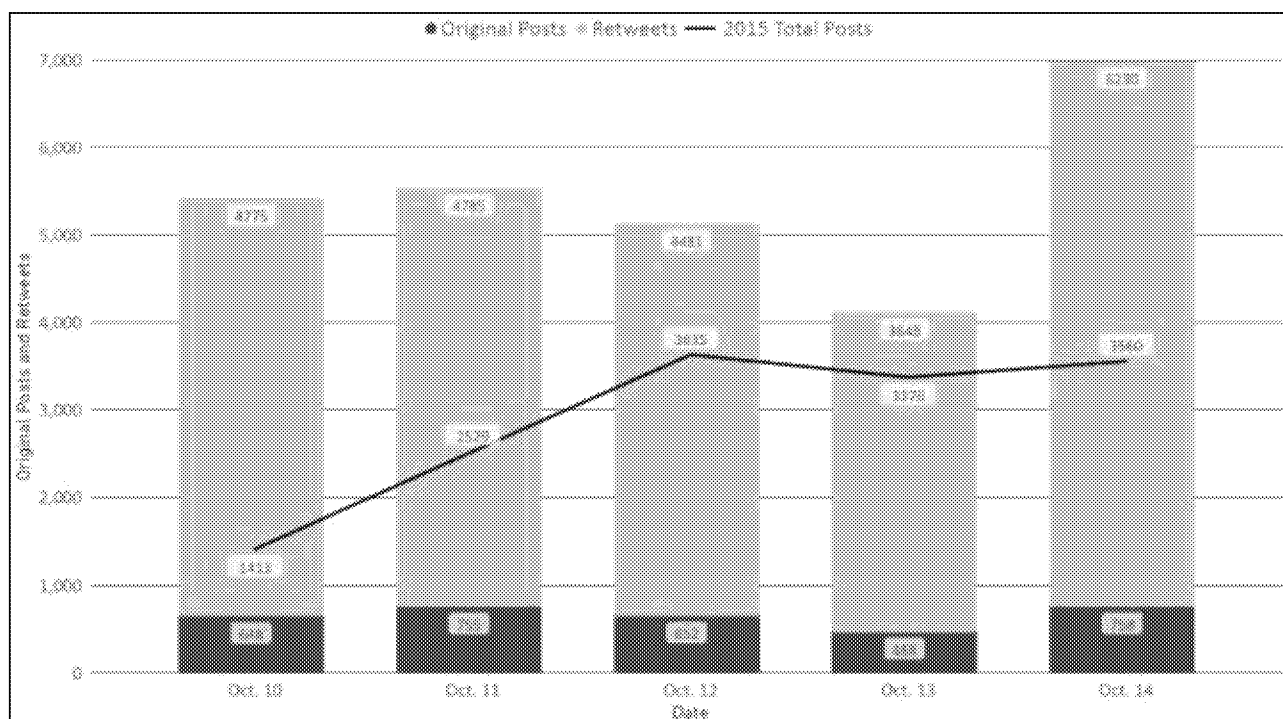
Rapport de repérage des médias sociaux : midi 14 octobre à midi 15 octobre, 2019

Social Media Monitoring Report: noon October 14 to noon October 15, 2019

Observations principales / Key observations

- Many users shared their positive experiences of voting at advance polls on social media; four high-profile users tweeted about their “fantastic” voting experiences, receiving a combined 10K engagements
- Some users reported issues at the polls related to long lines, accepted ID, accessibility and receiving service in French
- Facebook and Reddit users continued to share an unfounded viral story about alleged selective ballot tampering; someone posted it to ten different sub-reddits in quick succession

Volume of posts mentioning Elections Canada or variants, by day



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

Sujets principaux / Key topics¹

- **↑ Users post about their voting experiences at advance polls**
 - Many users continued to describe voting as “easy peasy” or similar
 - Some reported long lines, issues with accessibility, or lack of service in French
 - Some doubted the integrity of advance voting and the use of pencils to mark ballots
- **→ Users share variants of an unfounded viral story of selective ballot tampering**
- **↓ Concerns about laws signs that were stolen, vandalized or placed near polling locations**

Éléments sous observation / On the radar

- **Twitter user asked if there is a “black market for voter ID cards”:** The user (1.6K followers) asked “hypothetically” how much “one or two [voter ID cards] would sell for,” adding that they were “asking for a friend.” The tweet received eight engagements, with one user expressing interest in purchasing some in order to “get some extra votes for the conservatives.” Another user noted that their “girlfriends cousin” who is not a citizen had received a VIC and exclaimed that the “systems fucked, fucked beyond belief,” receiving nine engagements.
- **Twitter user concerned by lack of ID checking at polling station:** A user (694 followers) in Ontario said they were “bothered” by a poll worker’s lack of due diligence in checking their ID, saying they had only handed over their VIC, which also happened to feature their incorrect surname. The user said they had to “initial a form” to show that they had requested a name change, “but that was all.” The user added that poll workers “didn’t even look at my ID,” and “only asked if I had it.” The user concluded that “this feels highly suspicious.” The tweet received one engagement.
- **Twitter users unsatisfied with the demeanour of poll workers:** A user in BC (702 followers) said a poll worker had acted like an “officious bitch on a power trip,” after the worker told the user’s husband to “stay back” until the user was finished voting. The user was also annoyed that there was “no please, no smile, no ‘thanks for voting’” from the poll worker. The tweet received one engagement. Another user (588 followers) in Richmond East said there was a “lack of client care” from a poll worker helping “Chinese voters,” saying they failed to tell them to “mark with an X within the boundary.” The user chastised EC’s “scrutineers” for “not doing their jobs properly” and for expressing an “implicit bias.” The tweet received three engagements.
- **Elector claimed there was no “voting screen” at a Manitoba polling station:** In response to a Twitter user (11K followers) who said it was “strange” that polling stations had pencils for electors to use to mark their votes, a second user (192 followers) said they had no “screen,” and it was simply “two chairs on a folding table.” The tweet received no engagement.
- **Two users decried the lack of services in French at advance polling stations:** One user (557 followers) expressed disappointment in being served in English at an Orléans, ON, polling station, receiving one engagement. A user in Sudbury, ON (543 followers) was unhappy that they were

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 U = revived topic NEW = new topic

served in English even after having asked to be served in French. The user added that he voted « en français plus souvent à Toronto qu'à Sudbury », receiving eight engagements.

- **Four users posted inaccurate information about advance voting days, ID requirements:** A user posting on Facebook group “Winnipeg Indigenous Rock the Vote” (1.6K members) claimed advance polling would continue until “6pm” on “October 15,” receiving 26 engagements. On Twitter, a user (319 followers) claimed that voting at RO offices runs until “9pm Oct. 15,” later correcting themselves by stating that the deadline was, in fact, 6pm on October 15. A third user with 29 followers tweeted that “from what [they] hear” advance polls are open on October 15 “due to #mbstorm,” receiving one engagement from a user who asked what their source for the information was. On Twitter, *Milton Reporter* (82 followers) stated that EC offices are open until 6pm today and added that “all you need” to vote is “a valid photo ID and a voter information card.” The tweet received 4 engagements.
- **User claimed that VIS “does not give polling station information” for Squamish Nation reserves:** In a Twitter thread, a user with 5.8K followers said that they had no success finding the information, even after trying “multiple times.” The user mentioned that they had contacted “three election offices” and “none could fix the problem,” while also adding that the reserves are located in “three separate ridings.” In a later tweet, the user shared a screengrab of a document containing polling information for the Squamish Nation that they had received by “calling around.” The thread garnered 47 engagements.
- **Users continued to ask EC to investigate Greta Thunberg’s trip to Alberta as “foreign interference”:** A small number of users tweeted about Thunberg’s trip to Alberta and asked EC to investigate the environmentalist for election meddling, with one user stating that her appearance constituted “3rd party foreign interference” and another user asking EC to “stop” her from visiting Alberta.
- **User claiming to be a poll worker “pissed off” by accusations that poll workers engage in vote tampering:** In response to a post which called for voters to “use a pen” when marking their ballots, the user stated that they were a poll worker and were “pissed off” by the suggestion since it is “literally IMPOSSIBLE to change votes” given the several safeguards in place when handling the ballots and boxes. The post garnered 6 engagements.
- **Many users shared photos of marked ballots or photos taken inside the polling station:** Users on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook posted photos of themselves voting, of other people voting or lining up to vote, or of their marked or unmarked ballots. Many of the photos featured a ballot box with the box’s number clearly in sight. One photo featured a thick Sharpie marker that a user claimed to have used when marking their ballot, which was also pictured.
- **High-engagement tweet reminded users that EC does not call voters:** The user (1.4K followers) shared the recent “Election Day in Canada: When voter suppression came calling” documentary and added “Remember: Elections Canada won’t call you.” The tweet received 162 engagements.



Sujets principaux – en profondeur / Key topics – in depth

↑ Voters shared positive voting experiences at advance polls

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

- [Elections Canada data shows 25% increase in advance voting compared to 2015](#), *CBC News*, October 14, **12.8K shares**
- [Turnout at advance polls up: more than 2 million Canadians have voted already](#), *CTV News*, October 14, **10.5K shares**
- [Numbers show 25% increase in advance voting over 2015](#): Elections Canada, *Global News*, October 14, **4.4K shares**
- [Record-breaking number of Canadians voting at advance polls](#), *City News 1130*, October 14, **781 shares**
- [Advance polling sees high numbers in first two days](#), *CHCH*, October 14, **641 shares**
- [Okanagan woman, 91, votes at advance polls despite broken hip, shoulder and wrist](#), *The Northern View*, October 14, **228 shares**
- [Elections Canada working to make sure Montreal's homeless get a chance to vote](#), *CTV News*, October 14, **212 shares**
- [Residents in Waterloo Region taking advantage of advanced polls](#), *CTV News*, October 14, **95 shares**
- [Le vote par anticipation prend fin lundi](#), *La Presse*, October 14, **62 shares**
- [Dernière journée pour voter par anticipation](#), *L'Express*, October 14, **52 shares**
- ['Why not vote now?': Voters turn out in droves at advance polling stations](#), *CBC News*, October 15, **32 shares**
- [Élections fédérales : dernière journée pour le vote par anticipation](#), *Acadie Nouvelle*, October 14, **18 shares**

Fait saillants sur les médias sociaux / Social media highlights

There were several high-engagement tweets noting how easy advance voting is. *CBC Ideas* producer Nahlah Ayed stated that she voted “in under a minute” in a “quiet sunlit room” where she was greeted by “smiling election workers,” receiving 4K engagements. Shopify CEO Toby Lütke praised the accessibility of advance voting, adding that “Canadian Elections have perfect real-life [user experience]” and concluding by stating that “Elections Canada is a fantastic institution.” The band Arkells noted how cheerful staff at their polling station had been about a recent citizen voting for the first time in Canada. Singer Jann Arden announced that she had voted and urged others to do the same, receiving 2.4K engagements.

Other users expressed happiness over EC providing “four days straight of advance polls for an election, open each of those days from 9 a.m.–9 p.m.,” which made voting at an advance poll a “no brainer” for some. Other users were pleased that EC has measures in place to ensure that homeless Canadians can vote, and that poll workers had provided assistance for a legally blind elector. Many users also noted that it had taken them “less than 5 minutes” to vote, and a handful of users praised their polling location’s staff, describing them as “outstanding,” “helpful” and “top drawer.” A voter in Barrie was happy to use their Métis Nation ON Citizenship card as ID when voting.



<i>Publications reliées au sujet / Related posts</i>				
Engagement	Followers, platform	Account	Post	Date
3,989	37.8K, Twitter	Nahlah Ayed , CBC Ideas producer	No armed guards out front. No indelible ink. Just an honest ballot folded by smiling election workers in a quiet sunlit room. In under a minute I had cast my vote. #luckytobecanadian "Elections Canada: 25% increase in advance voting compared to 2015"	Oct. 14
3,420	71.6K, Twitter	The Arkells , band	Sweet moment today at my early voting station in downtown Hamilton. Middle aged fella, dressed in traditional Islamic attire in front of me drops his ballot into the box. The attendant says "We have a first time voter everyone!" and the room erupts in cheers as he waves goodbye	Oct. 14
2.4K	321K, Twitter	Jann Arden , singer	I just voted. Hope you do too.	Oct. 14
400	56K, Twitter	Tobi Lütke , Shopify CEO	<p>Canadian Elections have perfect real-life UX. Advanced voting is trivial. You can go almost any day before the election. The polling stations are everywhere, easy to reach and accessible. They always have big yellow signs pointing you to the right entrance to avoid confusion. Once inside you can follow floor stickers to the right desk. You exchange your voter card+id for a single ballot. The paper form design is brilliant. You can mark your vote any way you want, they accept it all. They even tell you what to do if you want to cast a spoiled vote. The ballot is pre-folded, so you automatically fold it in the intended way without even thinking. That makes it easy for the election observer to do the tear off. It's then put into a box and you are done. Everything took 5 minutes for me earlier. Elections Canada is a fantastic institution and we should be thankful that they take their task so seriously. Even Don Norman would find very little to complain.</p> <p>**Sample replies**</p> <p>Twitter user 1 If they don't have your correct address on file, you can correct it on the spot. If all else fails, another voter can attest on your behalf so you can still vote. They really do an amazing job.</p> <p>Twitter user 2 Not to mention how helpful, friendly and professional all the "volunteers" are.</p> <p>Twitter user 3 I helped my neighbour who is legally blind vote. I used the template provided to line up his ballot + pencil and held it steady for his X. Filled in helper info sheet that requires me to keep his vote secret. All happy!</p>	Oct. 14



216	5.3K, Twitter	<u>Jamie Mauracher</u> , <i>Global News</i> reporter	At advanced polls. There is a man who indicate was homeless and asked to vote. He was asked if he had an address. He did not. I was so thrilled to see the @ElectionsCan_E volunteers try to help him instead of just turn him away.	Oct. 14
52	1.2K, Twitter	Twitter user	Proudly used my @MetisNationON Citizenship Card to vote today in the advance polls in Barrie—great to hear it's been a strong voter turnout #cndpoli #Election2019 #MetisVote #GetOut&Vote!	Oct. 14
37	18.2K, Twitter	Twitter user	.@ElectionsCan_E Your local staff at the @CityofStAlbert polling station are simply outstanding!!! Young man opens doors for everyone with a big smile and pilling clerks are kind and efficient. Well done! #cdnelxn2019 #elx43 #cndpoli **Sample reply** Twitter user 1 Same here in Edmonton-Whitemud. Top drawer!	Oct. 14
27	16.8K, Twitter	Twitter user	Maybe this is like nerdy or whatever, but I'm feeling pretty grateful to live in a country that just had four days straight of advance polls for an election, open each of those days from 9 a.m.–9 p.m. Voting is cool, and democracy is worth it.	Oct. 14
25	1.1K, Instagram	Instagram user	Interrupting your regular puppy programming for an important PSA! Mom and Dad went and voted today! I was scared I would be home alone forever but it only took them 5 minutes!!! Do a pup a favour and make sure you vote in today's advanced polls or on October 21!	Oct. 14
21	Fewer than 100, Twitter	Twitter user	Took me 31 minutes from the time I left my house to the time I walked back in the door. That included a 30-minute walk! Election workers were neighbours and former students. Filled with gratitude.	Oct. 14
15	3.5K, Twitter	Twitter user	Voted in advance polls today, zero line, took 5 mins total (2 of which was stroller-related). If you didn't get to the early polls this weekend, PLEASE mark your calendar for Oct 21st!	Oct. 14
2	Fewer than 500, Twitter	Twitter user	Also, many other polling stations are open today. I voted at the West Highlands Community Centre in about 3 minutes total yesterday! No line ups 😊 Check your voter card for your advanced polling location.	Oct. 14



2	Fewer than 500, Twitter	Twitter user	We took our son when we went to vote in advance polls today. They had a junior polling station set up where kids could vote for their favourite jellybean colour, then they were given one of that colour. #HeVotedGreen #futurevoters #candy #sweetthevote #elx43	Oct. 14
1	Fewer than 500, Twitter	Twitter user	shoutout to the people working the booths for keeping morale up and playing along with a voter-made game of timing who could vote fastest among those in line. Bonds were made.	Oct. 14
0	Fewer than 500, Twitter	Twitter user	Just Voted in the advance polls. Was easy an took less than 5 minutes of my time. Great work for @ElectionsCan_E for being open from 9am to 9pm this holiday weekend. #canadavotes2019	Oct. 14
0	Fewer than 500, Twitter	Twitter user	Advance polls being open for 4 days over a long weekend and for 12 hours each day was great. I don't usually vote at advance polling but it was a no brainer this time.	Oct. 14

↑ Users react to advance polls

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

- [Calgary voter files complaint with Elections Canada about accessibility at advance poll](#), *Global News*, October 14, **117 shares**
- [Manitoba voters lining up for advanced vote marred by snowstorm](#), *CBC News*, October 15, **79 shares**



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Please note: all actionable issues listed here were flagged to the appropriate personnel in real time.

On Day 7, users reported long lines in the following EDs:

- #12005 Halifax
- #12006 Halifax West
(École Beaubassin or École secondaire du Sommet)
- #12009 South Shore—St. Margarets
(Hebb’s Cross Fire Hall)
- #35018 Davenport
(Wallace Emerson Community Centre)
- #35030 Flamborough—Glanbrook
- #35088 Carleton
(Paul Desmarais Catholic High School)
- #35108 Toronto Centre
- #46009 Saint Boniface—Saint Vital
- #59007 Cloverdale—Langley City
- #59011 Delta (North Delta Secondary School)
- #59012 Fleetwood—Port Kells
- #59039 Vancouver Quadra
(Kitsilano Community Centre)

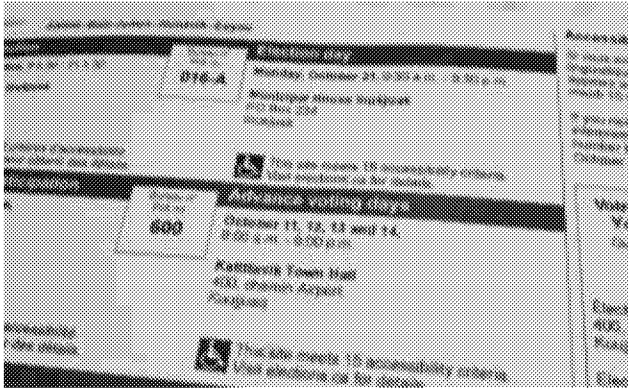

Some users reported issues with the accessibility of their advance voting location, while a handful of users stated they had issues with their IDs being accepted. On Instagram, one user suggested that “voter suppression exists in Canada” since they had not received a VIC and had trouble using E-registration, adding that they were “not able” to register on the spot at their advance polling location. The user stated that in the end they were able to vote due to the “wonderful” poll workers “jump[ing] through a few loops.”

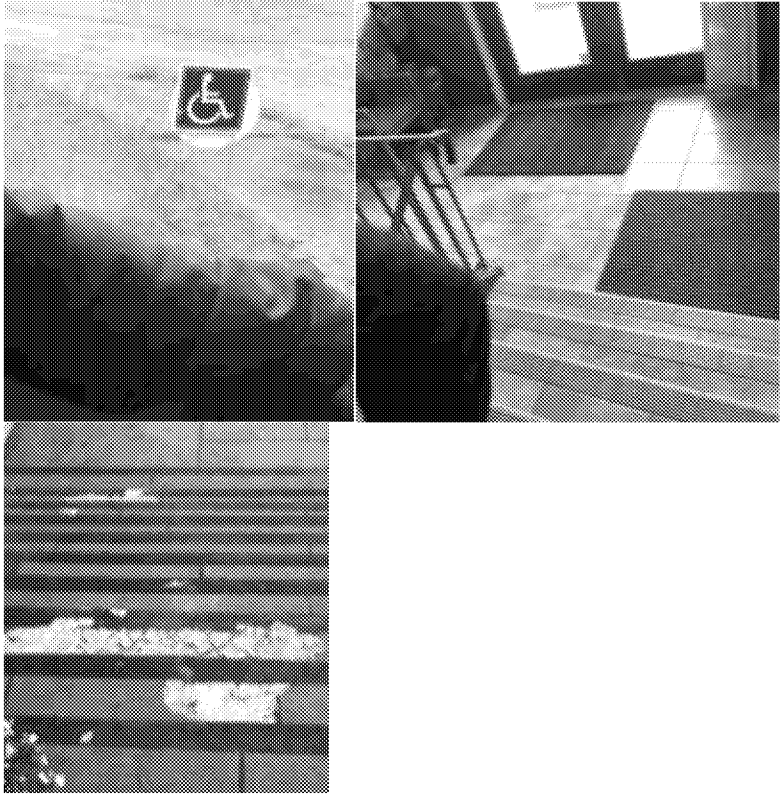
A handful of users reported issues with accessibility, ranging from no wheelchair ramps to lack of public transport to their polling station. One user reported that their polling location’s accessible signage was covered by EC’s yellow “VOTE” posters, making it difficult to find the accessible entrance, while another user shared video of a non-accessible disabled parking spot at their polling location which claimed to “meet 15 accessibility criteria,” calling it a “facepalm fail.” A third user noted that VIS and their VIC gave different polling locations for election day, adding that both locations have “ZERO wheelchair access,” and concluding that “I guess if you are wheelchair bound you stay home.” A third user in Montreal stated that they might submit a complaint due to their polling location being in a building that is under renovation and with no wheelchair access [#24077 Ville-Marie—Le Sud-Ouest—Île-des-Soeurs]. The LPC candidate for the riding, Marc Miller, also tweeted about lack of accessibility at the same polling location.



A voter in Inukjuak, Quebec [#24001 Abitibi—Baie-James—Nunavik—Eeyou] posted a photo of their VIC listing their advance polling station as located in Kuujuaq, and stated that they “wanted to be like every other person with the opportunity to go to an advance poll” but that it would require them to spend “thousands of dollars for [the] privilege,” adding that EC was “crappy.” The VIC showed the user’s election day polling station to be located in Inukjuak, Quebec.

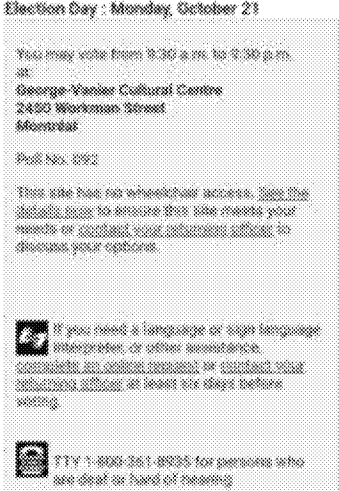
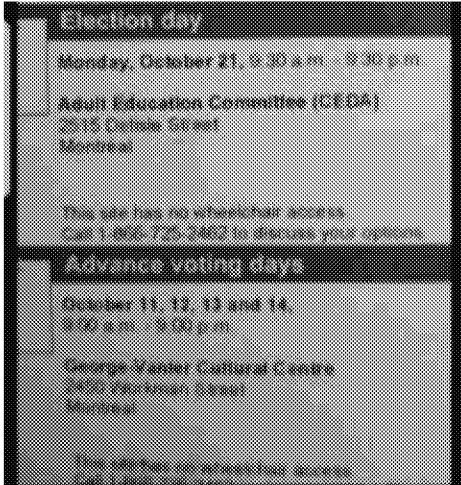


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Engagement	Followers, platform	Account	Post	Date
392	137.5K, Facebook	CTV Vancouver	<p>Over the first two days of advance polling, approximately two million Canadians cast their ballot, according to Elections Canada</p> <p>**Sample replies**</p> <p>Facebook user 1 I voted took me 2.5 hrs due to the line ups .Elections canada u need to add more line ups and add seating for the disabled that cant stand long .</p> <p>Facebook user 2 Just got back from voting, was getting busy.</p>	Oct. 14
80	19.7K, Twitter	Tim Bousquet , journalist, <i>Halifax Examiner</i>	<p>Long lineup at advance polls at the Sportsplex. Good to see! Poll worker says there's been a long line all day.</p>	Oct. 14
49	N/A, Facebook	Facebook user	<p>30 min wait at Advanced polls for poll 601. (1310 hrs Monday Oct 14)</p> <p>**Sample replies**</p> <p>Facebook user 1 No wait sunday in and out in 5 min</p> <p>Facebook user 2 no wait for 602, only empty line up</p> <p>Facebook user 3 Just left. I was 604 and walked right in.</p> <p>Facebook user 4 Easy peasy for 603</p> <p>Facebook user 5 We were there at 930. 601 was empty. Walked and and out within 5 min</p> <p>Facebook user 6 Busy today! Was there at 2pm with line up out the door</p> <p>Facebook user 7 Wow. Saturday we were in and out in 2 min</p> <p>Facebook user 8 There was no wait at Seaquam an hour ago [#59011 Delta (North Delta Secondary School)]</p>	Oct. 14

<p>32</p>	<p>Fewer than 500, Twitter</p>	<p>Twitter user</p>	<p>We wanted to be like every other person with the opportunity to go to an advance poll, but it was only possible if we spent thousands of dollars for this privilege. #elxn43 #Nunavik (Northern Quebec). Crappy @ElectionsCan_E</p> 	<p>Oct. 15</p>
<p>23</p>	<p>Fewer than 500, Instagram</p>	<p>Instagram user</p>	<p>Hey @liberalca @cpc_hq @greenpartyofcanadaofficial @ndpcanada You think voter suppression isn't a thing in Canada? Well I didn't receive a voter card (despite the fact that I've voted in multiple elections, federal and provincial). Whatever right? I'll register online? Nope! Won't let me, says I'm not eligible. I'm over 18, and a Canadian citizen. So today I go into an early polling station to register/vote. The system said I wasn't registered, and I wasn't able. Luckily the women working the station were wonderful and figured out how to jump through a few loops. I was able to vote today, after having to fight for my democratic right. Voter suppression exists in Canada and that's why we need a new system. People please vote. I was privileged enough to fight for my right, not everyone is- so vote for them.@justinpjtrudeau @jagmeetsingh @andrewjscheer #elections #vote #voterregistration #oursystemisfucked #fight #privilege #democracy #electionscanada</p>	<p>Oct. 14</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>1K, Twitter</p>	<p>Twitter user</p>	<p>Went to vote, parked in disability parking to take my wife to the poll which meets '15 accessibility criteria' #elx43 #ElectionsCanada a facepalm fail.</p> 	<p>Oct. 14</p>

<p>13</p>	<p>N/A Facebook</p>	<p>Facebook user</p>	<p>Just voted at advanced poll. Followed what few accessible signs were available. Parked. Here was where the signs directed me to for the accessible entrance. Several flights of broken stairs. Elections Canada this is called a huge fail. The lovely young man explained the accessible entrance was at the other side but Elections Canada shorted them the signs so they were covering up the accessible signs with voting signs. Look at photo 3. We came from the other side. Completely covered by a yellow arrow.</p> <p>They ran out of signs so used handicap to denote polling. We came from Dewdney in 272 so only saw that. They did not have enough signs to send us to other side of building but used their handicapped signs to cover with yellow pill signs. Natalia the central poll supervisor was less than helpful only saying we were free to complain if we wanted. Thankfully Asher the young man was very helpful in explaining their challenges. You'd think elections Canada with their \$300 million + budget could throw a few extra accessible signs out here?</p> 	<p>Oct. 14</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>2.9K, Twitter</p>	<p>Kevin Engstrom, freelance journalist</p>	<p>There was a 40-minute wait to vote at the advance poll this afternoon in Southdale. Respect for the 50ish people patiently waiting their turn — and for the poor, overwhelmed workers trying to get everyone through as quickly as possible. [#46009 Saint Boniface—Saint Vital]</p>	<p>Oct. 14</p>

7	N/A, Facebook	Facebook user	I have to go to the advance poll because the Election Day Polling Station is very very far off the Public Transportation grid	Oct. 14
5	Fewer than 500, Instagram	Instagram user	<p>**User posted about line-up on both Instagram and Twitter</p> <p>One hour wait to vote at my advance poll this afternoon. Civic duty done. #govotecanada #elexn2019 #election2019 #oneweektogo #canadavotes2019</p>  <p>The line at my @ElectionsCan_E advance poll is at least an hour's wait long. 2x as many voters have come out this weekend than expected. Which is a) awesome and b) frustrating from a spending my day off doing this perspective. #Election2019 [#35088 Carleton (Paul Desmarais Catholic High School)]</p>	Oct. 14
4	Fewer than 500, Twitter	Twitter user	Shoutout to everyone in line 611 voting early in #Davenport for waiting 30+ minutes to #vote whole the other lines were zooming by. @ElectionsCan_E [#35018 Davenport (Wallace Emerson Community Centre)]	Oct. 14
4	Fewer than 500, Twitter	Twitter user	<p>Advanced polling station in #Calgary at 6:00 pm on Thanksgiving Day. People are motivated. This election can't happen soon enough.</p> 	Oct. 14

5	Fewer than 500, Twitter	Twitter user	<p>**User posted in both official languages**</p> <p>Well the elections Canada site gives one address to vote on the 21st and the cards give another, right across the park. Both have ZERO wheelchair access. So which is it if you are able bodied? And I guess if you are wheelchair bound you stay home ☹️</p> <p>Donc je devrais peut-etre en faire une pour avoir choisi en 2019 un immeuble qui est en rénovation majeur et qui n'offre aucun accès handicapé</p>  	Oct. 15
2	5.3K, Twitter	<u>Sheldon MacLeod</u> , Radio host, News957	Apparently, same thing at the Hebb's Cross Fire Hall. Busiest day of the long weekend. *Replying to journalist Tim Bousquet's tweet about long lines in Halifax [#12009 South Shore—St. Margarets (Hebb's Cross Fire Hall)]	Oct. 14
2	1K, Twitter	Twitter user	Would love to vote today but no advance poll in #Bamfield	Oct. 14



2	8.4K, Twitter	<u>Nighttime Podcast</u>	Same in Clayton park... lined up out the door [12006 Halifax West]	Oct. 14
1	1K, Twitter	Twitter user	Our polling station had a 45-60 minute wait, so an #ElectionsCanada employee told us to vote at the #ElectionsCanada office instead. Drove there, then found out it was PAY PARKING. Not cool, #ElectionsCanada Not cool. #stillshepersistedinvoting	Oct. 14
1	1.1K, Twitter	Twitter user	Quite busy with long lineups at the advance voting station here in the Kitsilano Community Centre. [#59039 Vancouver Quadra (Kitsilano Community Centre)]	Oct. 14
1	Fewer than 500, Twitter	Twitter user	Voted in the advance polls in Beaches-East York - very disappointed with only 1 voting screen set up & 5 poll workers processing one voter at a time v. inefficient. [#35997 Beaches—East York]	Oct. 14
0	Fewer than 500, Twitter	Twitter user	So standing outside the advanced voting station and can't figure out why it's taking so long! Get to the doorway and see one person with the record book where you get your name crossed out and one voting booth!! Really??? [#59007 Cloverdale—Langley City]	Oct. 14
0	2K, Twitter	Twitter user	Larry Uteck (604) voting station has one booth available and a current wait time of approx 30 min. Yikes. [#12006 Halifax West (École Beaubassin OR École secondaire du Sommet)]	Oct. 14
0	Fewer than 500, Twitter	Twitter user	Oddly long line-up at the advance voting station today. Nevertheless, got my vote in #cdnpoli #elxn2019 [#12005 Halifax]	Oct. 14
0	Fewer than 500, Twitter	Twitter user	#ElectionsCanada Very unorganized advance polling. Waited over 45 mins and was told the wait would be another hour. Only one booth is the reason. Making it difficult	Oct. 14
0	Fewer than 500, Twitter	Twitter user	Just voted but what a runaround! I thought we could vote (away from home) at any advance voting booth but instead we had to go to an elections canada office— middle of Chinatown Vancouver, no parking and poor to no signage.	Oct. 14



→ Some voters at advance polls questioned the use of pencils and the chain of custody for ballot boxes

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 users expressed suspicion and concern over the use of pencils to mark ballots and a handful of users questioned the chain of custody for ballot boxes. A high-engagement tweet noted that pencils can “easily be erased” adding that the use of pencils is “worrisome” since the RO takes the ballot box “HOME” at the end of the day. Another user noted that “election officials” take the ballot boxes home at the end of the day, prompting them to ask if Canada was “turning into a banana republic” like “Venezuela or Iraq,” and adding that they would vote on election day to ensure their ballot does not “go missing.”

One Facebook user found the use of pencils “unacceptable,” adding that they would bring a “pen or sharpie” when voting, to which other users replied that they would do the same. On Reddit, a user copied and pasted s. 161 (2) of the *Canada Elections Act*, noting that ballots can be marked with something other than a black pencil, and adding that everyone should vote with a pen since the scrutineers were likely to be “leftist women” who would alter ballots since “they believe CPC and PPC are Nazis.”

On Tumblr, two users discussed the reliability of advance voting, with one user expressing fear that advance ballots could be “lost” or “thrown away” since “at the end of the day it’s still a box of paper” which, according to the user, makes ballot boxes “essentially untraceable.” Another user engaging on the thread questioned the user’s concern and noted that advance votes are “listed in the vote counts from Elections Canada in every election.”

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Engagement	Followers, platform	Account	Post	Date
306	500, Twitter	Twitter user	<p>Dear @ElectionsCan_E, why are we voting in PENCIL? This is worrisome also considering Returning Officers take the Ballot Box HOME at the end of the day. So yes, ballot numbers will match but with a pencil it can easily be erased. This needs to be fixed ASAP!! Please retweet!!</p> <p>**Sample replies**</p> <p>Twitter user 1 I also thought this was very weird.</p> <p>Twitter user 2 I wondered that as well, I was very heavy handed when marking my ballot. The whole system needs an overhaul.</p> <p>Twitter user 3 Ha ha, just voted, theres no erasing my X, it’s scored hard into the paper, not enough to break through but just about! Scar into paper people!</p> <p>Twitter user 4 YES!!! This has irked me for years! I will NEVER use a pencil.</p> <p>Also, that is why I only vote on the very last day of voting.@ElectionsCan_E</p>	Oct. 14



49	1.7K, Twitter	Twitter user	~ election officials taking the ballots home 🙄😬 WTF is this? Iraq? Venezuela? This is NOT the Canada we built. It's been completely turned into a banana republic. Maybe I'll wait until election day to vote, just so my ballot doesn't go missing. #ElectionFraudCanada	Oct. 13
42	N/A, Facebook	Facebook user	<p>I went to vote early this time. At the polling booth PENCILS were provided to mark the ballot. I told the polling station staff that pencils were unacceptable as any person could erase my vote! When you vote during this or any election make sure you have a pen or a sharpie to mark your ballot! I don't when we'll move to a digitized system of voting, but until then - NO PENCILS should be allowed in the booths!!!</p> <p>**Sample replies**</p> <p>Facebook user 1 That is rather frightening actually. Anyone could alter ballots</p> <p>Facebook user 2 Never seen this before. Unbelievable! Thanks for sharing Sue!</p> <p>Facebook user 3 That's right! We had pencils too!!! This is the scariest election ever! 😬</p> <p>Facebook user 4 I've worked at polling stations too. Pencils are unacceptable to me.</p>	Oct. 14
27	30.5K, Reddit, r/metacana	Reddit user	<p>Mark your ballot with a pen. 161(2) No ballot paper shall be rejected pursuant to subsection (1) by reason only that (a) it has on it any writing, number or mark placed thereon by any DRO; or (b) it has been marked with a writing instrument other than a black lead pencil or with a mark other than a cross, if the mark does not constitute identification of the elector Pencils cannot be trusted. The people counting your ballots are most likely going to be leftist women who seriously believe that Cpc and PPC are Nazis. While they could just chuck your ballot into the trash, that's far more difficult compared to using an eraser and re-marking ballots.</p> <p>A paid liberal shill on another thread was saying marking your ballots in anything other than pencil will spoil it. This is false. Take your sharpie with you. Don't use a fucking pencil</p> <p>**Sample replies**</p> <p>Reddit user 1 LMAO. Scrutineers will be tossed out for being Nazis. I guarantee that some SJW is going to have a meltdown during ballot counting seeing all the votes for PPC and having a racist Nazi PPC scrutineers standing over her I trust nobody.</p> <p>Reddit user 2 Just checked name. This is the liberal shill that wants everyone to use pencils. Make of it what you will</p>	Oct. 14



22	Tumblr	Tumblr user	<p>Why wouldn't advanced polls be counted? They're listed in the vote counts from Elections Canada in every election.</p> <p>*Replying to Tumblr user <i>This may be a bizarre thing to be paranoid about, but I always vote early, and I constantly wonder - what if the advance votes get lost, or thrown away, or otherwise removed from the total count? I know Elections Canada is decently responsible, but at the end of the day it's still a box of paper, and is essentially untraceable - I still have concerns. Is there anyone who can explain this in a way that ends my worries?</i></p>	Oct. 14
17	17.6K, Reddit, r/londono ntario	Reddit user	<p>Is using pencils at advanced voting stations normal?</p> <p>**Sample replies**</p> <p>Reddit user 1 Who cares really? As soon as they scan your card it's registered in the system. Doesn't matter if they use a pencil or pen. No one is erasing your vote from your 10' walk over to the computer where your vote is being submitted.</p> <p>Reddit user 2 There was no computer. It's all done on paper. At least to the one I've been to.</p> <p>Reddit user 3 It's done by paper but they scan them and then drop them in the bins</p>	Oct. 14

→ Users continued to share variants of an unfounded viral story of alleged selective ballot tampering

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

- [Election2019-fraud-exposed – News Networks Unreleased Footage From Across The Country, Broadcasting-Live.com](#), October 14, **518 shares**



Fait saillants sur les médias sociaux / Social media highlights

Social media users continued to share variants of an unsubstantiated and implausible account which first appeared on October 11 on the Reddit board r/metaCanada. In the post, a user claimed that at their Toronto-area polling place, poll workers “who barely spoke English” were looking at marked ballots and “spoiling” those not marked for the “ruling party.” Over the past 24 hours, two new Reddit users have posted the story into more than a dozen Reddit threads, many related to conspiracy theories and to U.S. President Donald Trump.

The new Reddit users shared a modified version of the October 11 r/metaCanada story, providing a link to a tweet that reads “Caution when voting: SOMETHING EVIL IS GOING ON IN TORONTO!” and “Crooked Liberal Elections Canada.” The tweet then urges users to “DON’T GIVE THEM YOUR BALLOT,” and to “PUT IT IN THE BOX YOURSELF.” The message then relays the original r/metaCanada story, but adds that it comes from “Linda H,” and not from Reddit. The Reddit poster went on to say that it’s “1st hand proof that Canada is drowning in tyranny. NWO is pulling all stops to keep Canadian citizens enslaved.” SMMU has found the story shared in the following Reddit boards: r/Conservative, r/conspiracy, r/trump, r/DrainTheSwamp, r/TheNewRight, r/conspiracyundone, r/Election, r/Canada_First, r/Liberate_Canada, r/PeoplesPartyofCanada and r/MetaCanadaTwo. The two Reddit users urged others to share said news across all social media platforms. Each post received between two and twenty engagements. The two Reddit users appear to be relative novices to posting Canadian-related content, and have mostly posted content that supports views expressed by U.S. President Trump.

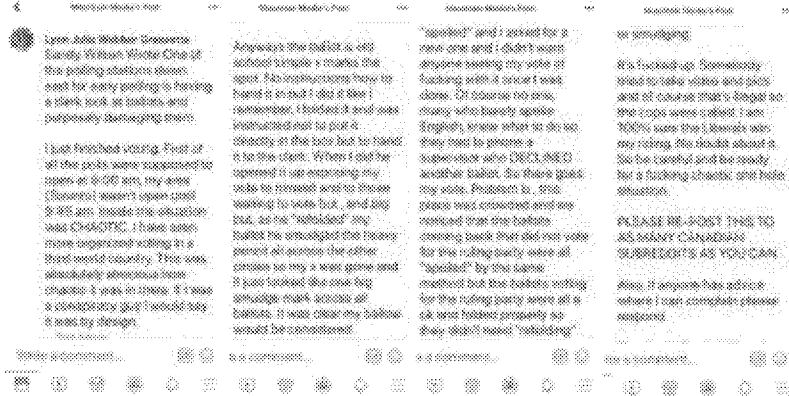
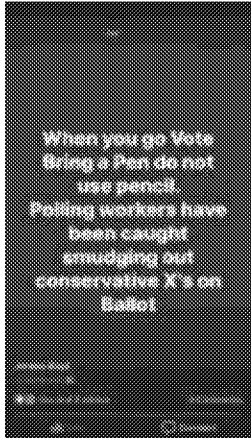
In addition, a citizen news website called *Broadcasting-Live* that specializes in “unreleased, unedited, and suppressed news from major networks” has taken the original text from r/metaCanada and compiled it into a low-quality article. Groups like Yellow Vests Canada are now sharing the article frequently (518 times on Facebook). Users commenting on the article mentioned their suspicions about EC, and suggested ways to avoid ballot tampering, such as using a “sharpie marker,” “placing your ballot in a sealed envelope,” not allowing poll workers to rip off the counterfoil, and placing the ballot into the ballot box themselves.

Since the release of the October 11 r/metaCanada post, SMMU has observed a sharp rise in Facebook users urging others to “bring a pen” or “sharpie marker” to polling stations, citing rumours that poll workers were “caught smudging out Conservative X’s on ballots.”

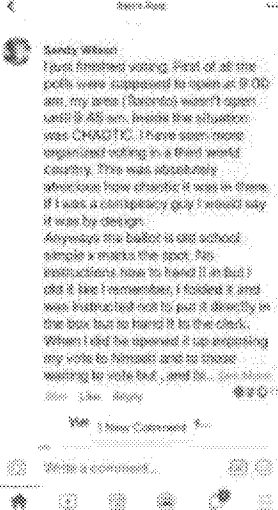
Please note: In the items below, “ Sharing text from r/metaCanada post” refers to the user sharing text from the Oct. 11 r/metaCanada post in any form, including but not limited to screengrabs, copy-and-paste form, and tweet form.*

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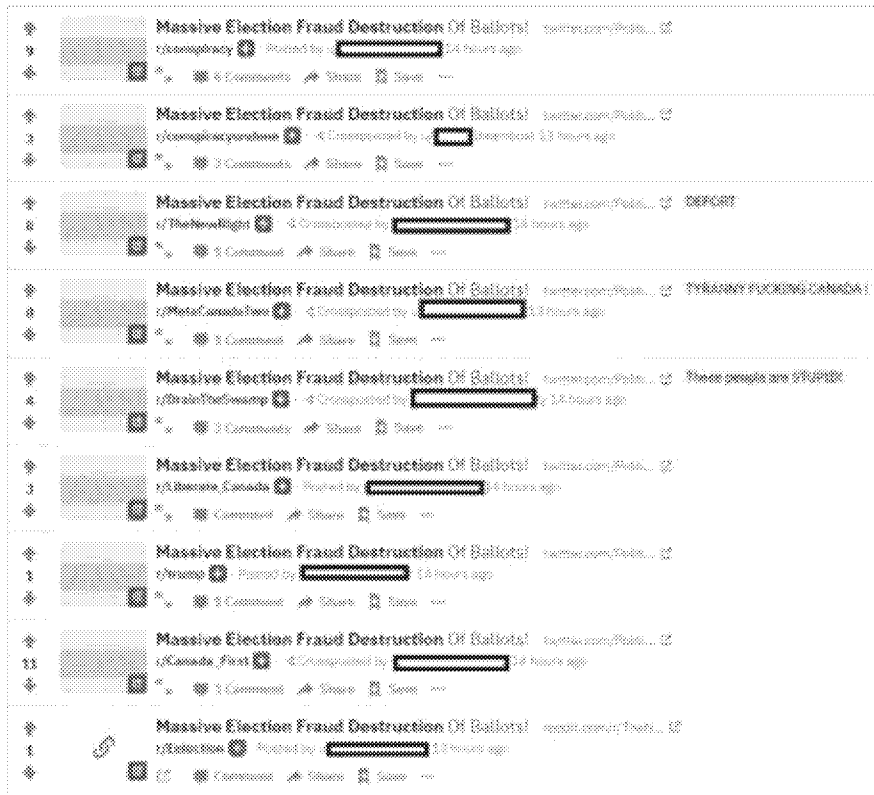
Engagement	Followers, platform	Account	Post	Date
350	N/A, Facebook	Facebook user	<p>**** ATTENTION ALL CANADIAN VOTERS**** 《 《 《 《 ELECTION FRAUD 2019》 》 》 》 *Sharing broadcasting-live.com article</p> <p>**Sample reply**</p> <p>Facebook user 1 I'm working the polling station in Carman. Deffinatly gonna keep my eye out for any funny business.</p>	Oct. 13

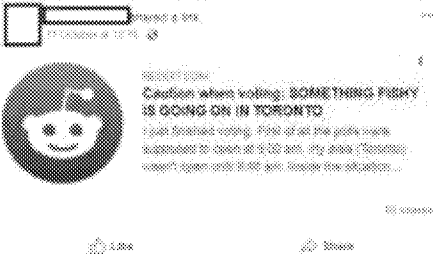
<p>215</p>	<p>104K, Facebook,</p>	<p><u>Yellow</u> <u>Vests</u> <u>Canada</u></p>	<p>*Sharing broadcasting-live.com article **Sample replies** Facebook user 1 we need to find out more. if their is real proof all of Canada needs to know *Poster replying yes we do. Heard about some shifty shit at the polling stations in Quebec FIRST hand ... that's why I believe these reports from other parts of the country . AND this shit is NOT surprising!! Hopefully more people will pay attention to this and start talking. Facebook user 2 I went to the advanced polls in my area for calgary and I left with a horrible feeling like my vote had been tampered with as well. I dont know if this is a real article but I wont be surprised when the election is over who comes out on top</p>	<p>Oct. 13</p>
<p>131</p>	<p>319, Facebook</p>	<p><u>Oh</u> <u>Canada</u></p>	<p>So it looks like Trudeau and the Liberals are already trying to rig the election with advanced polls. Here is one voters' story...</p>  <p>**Sample reply** Facebook user 1 Just observe the volunteers when you cast your ballot. Report any suspicious activity. This government is the most corrupt we've ever had.</p>	<p>Oct. 12</p>
<p>114</p>	<p>N/A, Facebook</p>	<p>Facebook user</p>	<p>Be careful at the polling stations.</p> 	<p>Oct. 14</p>



<p>83</p>	<p>13, Facebook</p>	<p>Facebook user</p>	<p>Check this from an advance pole voter in Ontario</p>  <p>**Sample replies**</p> <p>Facebook user 1 ELECTIONS CANADA has VIOLATED its NONPARTISAN POSITION several times over the past year!!!!!!!!!! ELECTIONS CANADA sent VOTER REGISTRATION CARDS to people who are ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS & FAKE REFUGEES!!!!!!!!!! These PEOPLE are NOT Canadian CITIZENS and the ONLY WAY that ELECTIONS CANADA got their NAMES & ADDRESSES is by ILLEGALLY COLLUDING with AHMED HUSSEN and the IMMIGRATION MINISTRY & REFUGEE BOARD!!!!!!!!!!!!!! THIS is BLATANT & DELIBERATE COLLUSION by ELECTIONS CANADA & the LIEberal GOVERNMENT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! ELECTION RIGGING 2019!!</p>	<p>Oct. 11</p>
<p>38</p>	<p>2K, Facebook</p>	<p>We The People - #UniteAndAct</p>	<p>SHARE SHARE SHARE!!! *Sharing broadcasting-live.com article</p> <p>**Sample reply**</p> <p>Facebook user 1 Not surprised that this is happening but where im from we didnt have the same way of voting this person had. Our votes are written in PEN with the candidate's first and last name written down not a fucking X mark in a box shit. Then we had to place our ballot nicely into an envelope and seal it. Alberta isnt fucking around. We want that treasonous piece of shit out of office.</p>	<p>Oct. 13</p>



<p>56, total</p> <p>995K r/conspiracy</p> <p>9.9K r/conspiracyundone</p> <p>32.2K r/TheNewRight</p> <p>1.5K r/MetaCanadaTwo</p> <p>12.5K r/DrainTheSwamp</p> <p>137 r/LiberateCanada</p> <p>20.3K r/trump</p> <p>1.3K r/Canada_First</p> <p>313, r/Election</p> <p>1.9K, r/PeoplesPartyofCanada</p>	<p>Reddit users</p>	 <p>**Sample replies**</p> <p>Reddit user 1 There is literally no link or proof. It's a picture on twitter More right wing nonsense. Meanwhile the actual fraud is going on by the GOP - arrests were made...The right wing is projecting when they lie about Voter fraud.</p> <p>Reddit user 2 1st hand proof that Canada in drowning in tyranny. NWO is pulling all stops to keep Canadian citizens enslaved.</p> <p>Reddit user 3 I posted this in r/Canada and it was immediately removed.</p>	
<p>16</p>	<p>1K, Twitter</p>	<p>Twitter user</p> <p>Did you see this? * Sharing text from r/metaCanada post</p>	<p>Oct. 14</p>

10	Facebook	Facebook user who has the same name as what some describe as the originator	<p>*Sharing link to October 11 r/metaCanada post</p> 	Oct. 11
10	104K, Facebook	Yellow Vests Canada	<p>I'm seeing alot of posts alleging vote tampering in the advance polls. Bring a pen with you to ensure that your ballot isn't spoiled.</p> <p>**Sample reply**</p> <p>Facebook user 1 They're smudging PPC, CPC votes, making them *void* Certain people don't want their hand out to dry up</p>	Oct. 14
3	Fewer than 500, Twitter	Twitter user	<p>@ElectionsCan_E inform Canadian's what legal enforcement / investigations have taken place regarding the practices of Elections Canada employees willfully destroying legitimate vote and refusing them to allow to vote again. CANADA deserves a response! Not the 1st report of fraud!</p> <p>*Sharing text from r/metaCanada post</p>	Oct. 15
0	Fewer than 500, Twitter	Twitter user	<p>if you pre-vote this weekend. Make sure you are the only one who touches or sees your ballot. There are stories in the Toronto area where as you are not permitted to put your ballot in the box. THAT IS NOT RIGHT. If you experience something report it to Elections Canada.</p>	Oct. 14

➔ **Concerns about vandalized or stolen lawn signs, or signs in close proximity to polling stations**

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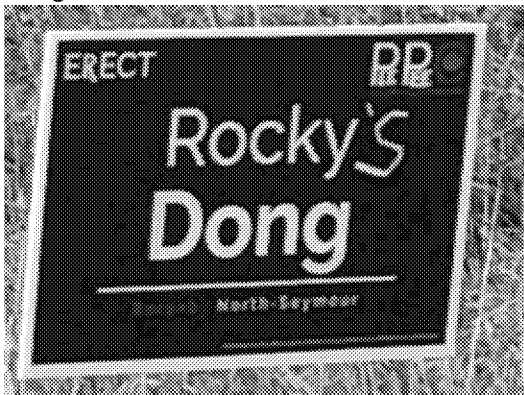

- [Londoner's Harry Potter election signs become online sensation](#), *London Free Press*, October 14, **570 shares**
- [Perth-Wellington Liberal candidate has 100 signs defaced or stolen, campaign says](#), *CBC News*, October 14, **133 shares**
- [Des pancartes du PPC volées dans Lévis](#), *Le Soleil*, October 15, **83 shares**
- [Liberal and Conservative campaigns say signs being stolen in South Vancouver](#), *CTV News*, October 13, **50 shares**

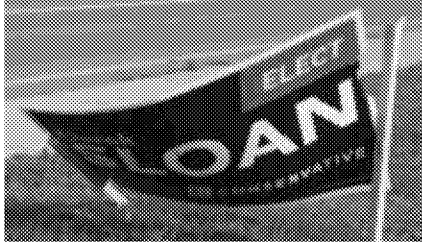

Fait saillants sur les médias sociaux / Social media highlights

Users continued commenting on broken, vandalized and stolen election signs. Vancouver Reddit users poked fun at vandalism of Burnaby–North Seymour PPC candidate Rocky Dong’s lawn sign. Vancouver South CPC candidate Wai Young claimed that over 30% of her signs have been “taken or vandalized.” On the Facebook group Canadian Conservatives United Against the Left, users discussed what political party signs they are seeing in their riding, with a handful commenting on “damaged or destroyed” CPC signs, as well as LPC signs “thrown in ditches.” In Ontario, one Twitter user reacted to Brampton South LPC candidate Sonia Sidhu’s stolen lawn signs, and accused the CPC of stealing their signs. In Napanee, a Twitter user reminded others that the penalty for damaging signs is “18 months behind bars.”

A Facebook user on Yellow Vests Canada shared an image of the back of his car, which featured a self-made bumper sticker. The user wrote: “voted in the advance polls and hung out in my van for 20 minutes after. No one complained about my 'JUSTIN TRUDOPE IS AN IDIOT' sign on the back of my van! And it was busy.”

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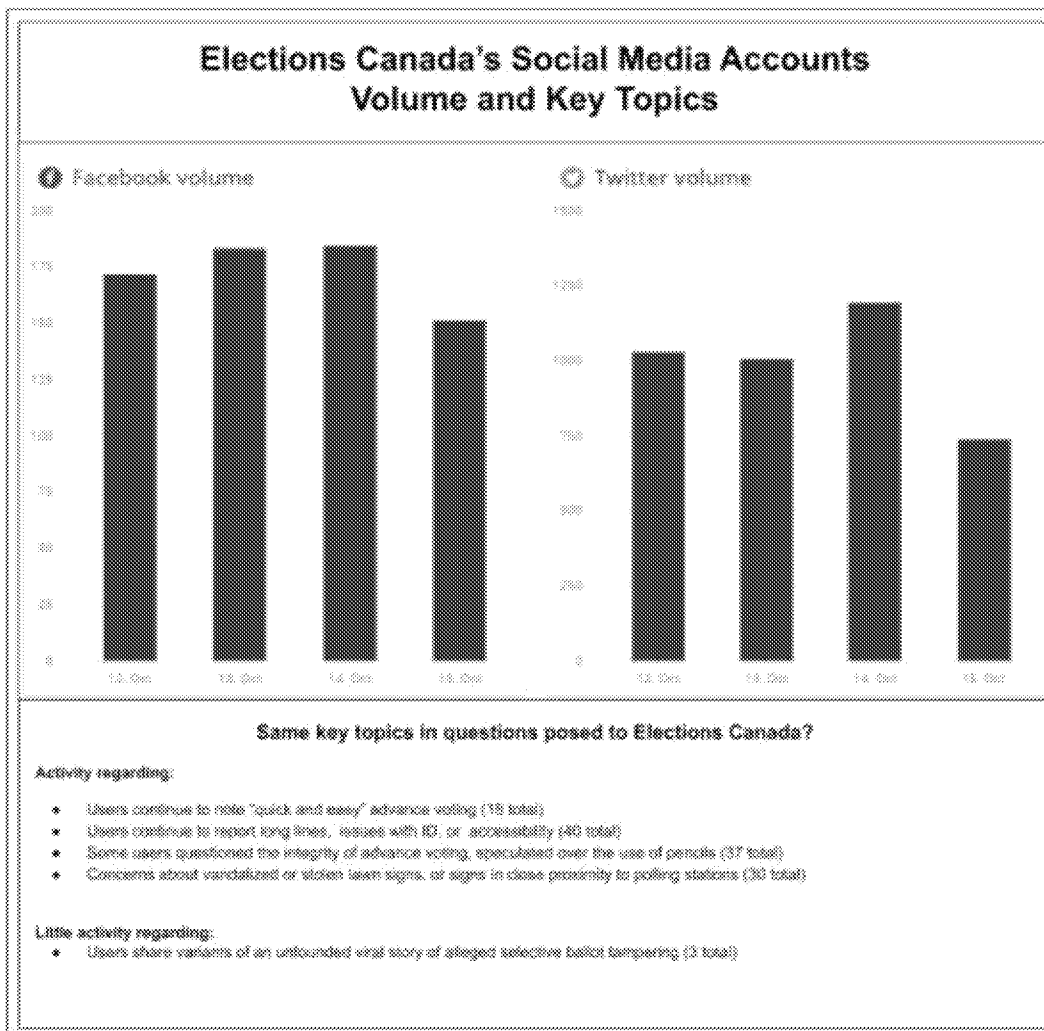
Engagement	Followers, platform	Account	Post	Date
532	147K, Reddit, r/Vancouver	Reddit user	Ok...WHO DID THIS??? Seen in North Vancouver as you get on the bridge... 	Oct. 14
276	3.8K, Twitter	<u>Wai Young</u> , CPC candidate, Vancouver South	People like our lawn signs so much that they are taking them. There’s an easier way to get a lawn sign - just request one by emailing info@waiyoung.ca ! Over 30% of our lawn signs have been taken or vandalized #cdnpoli #elxn43 #Election2019 	Oct. 14

188	2.4K, Twitter	Twitter user	Any Con ready to comment? This is normal for you, right? Two large Liberal election signs that I put out in Ontario also disappeared. Don't ever suggest that the Cons are the law and order party. They are exactly the opposite.	Oct. 14
143	14K, Facebook	<u>Canadian Conservatives</u> <u>United Against the Left</u>	<p>What are you seeing in your area for election signs?</p> <p>**Sample replies**</p> <p>Facebook user 1 I'm seeing a lot of conservative signs that have been damaged or destroyed I wonder who did that.</p> <p>Facebook user 2 Illegal liberal signs posted within 12 inches of roadway conservatives signs vandalized and a bunch of soon to be garbage left there to blow away</p> <p>Facebook user 3 a lot of blue on peoples front yards a lot of red in the ditches</p>	Oct. 14
6	Fewer than 500, Twitter	Twitter user	<p>Only Conservative signs took a beating in Napanee Thanksgiving weekend. Penalty is 18 months behind bars. If you see a perp call the OPP. If he looks like incumbent Liberal call the media, too. Liberals bracing to lose a lot of seats as mass turn-out shows this a change election.</p> 	Oct. 14
10	104K, Facebook	<u>Yellow Vests Canada</u>	<p>These are mostly CPC and some PPC votes . I voted in the advance polls and hung out in my van for 20 minutes after. No one complained about my 'JUSTIN TRUPOE IS AN IDIOT' sign on the back of my Van ! And it was busy.</p> 	Oct. 14

0	Fewer than 500, Twitter	Twitter user	<p>The lady seems unimpressed with you. Their lawn sign:</p> 	Oct. 14
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