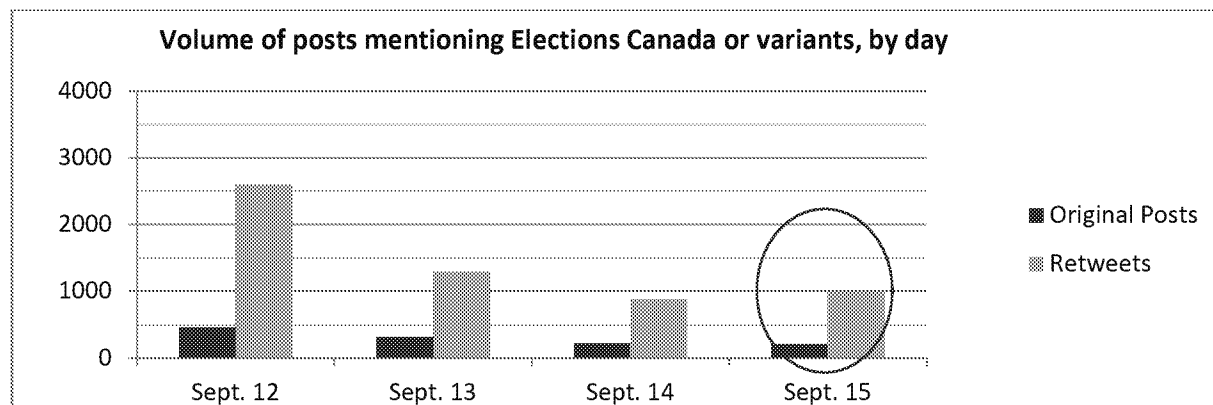


## Rapport de repérage des médias sociaux : midi 15 septembre à midi 16 septembre, 2019

### Social Media Monitoring Report: noon September 15 to noon September 16, 2019

#### Observations principales / Key observations

- Anti-Racist Canada publishes names and cities of two CNP signees as a “teaser”; says it will release the rest of the 250 names soon, but will not disclose signees’ street addresses
- Recent podcast on election security featuring the CEO shared six times on Twitter
- Social media users show continued interest in expat voting
- Decline in volume of posts calling on EC to “review” allegedly false claims by or about party leaders



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

#### Sujets principaux / Key topics<sup>1</sup>

- ↻ CNP members object to their information being released
- ↑ Articles and posts on expat voting draw interest
- → Social media users call on EC to “review” allegedly false claims by or about party leaders
- ↻ Third party advertising and climate change

#### Éléments sous observation / On the radar

- **Attention Control** podcast featuring the CEO shared six times: A recent podcast by journalist Kevin Newman (35K followers), in which the CEO is interviewed, was shared six times on Twitter. Newman’s two tweets promoting the podcast received a total of 13 engagements.
- **Twitter user with 30K followers claims LPC Leader Justin Trudeau has “corrupted” EC:** In one high-engagement tweet, a user claimed Trudeau had “corrupted” nine different government institutions and agencies, not including EC. In a later tweet, the user retweeted their original

<sup>1</sup> Most prominent EC-related stories over the report’s time period; arrows indicate the intensity of the interest relative to last week: ↑ = increased interest → = continued interest ↓ = decreased interest ↻ = revived topic NEW = new topic



tweet adding “I need to add: 10. Elections Canada.” In total, the two tweets received 631 engagements.

- **Twitter user claims fraud in GE42:** A Twitter user with 2.5K followers tweeted that former Prime Minister Stephen Harper was “installed by fraudulent voting machines” and called on EC to use “paper ballots with a tear off receipt of actual choice.” The tweet received six engagements.
- **Timing of GE43 and Jewish holidays:** In a reply to a tweet by Senator Linda Frum alleging anti-Semitism in LPC ranks, a Twitter user with 452 followers stated, “This is why Election Canada didn’t want to change the election date,” adding that GE43 is scheduled to take place on October 21 since “JT and liberal goons” are hoping for a low Jewish turn out at the polls. The tweet received one engagement.
- **Twitter users confused about lack of candidates’ lists on EC’s website:** A number of low engagement tweets wondered why EC did not have a list of confirmed candidates on its website. A Twitter user with 325 followers claiming to be “a former EC manager,” replied to a number of tweets on this topic. In one tweet the user stated that candidates’ names will be available on EC’s website once the “already-sanctioned candidate files their paperwork with the local Returning Officer.” This tweet received 3 engagements.
- **Twitter user states that EC staffing up for GE43 “spells trouble”:** A user with 8.7K followers tweeted that EC is looking to fill 235,000 paid positions in time for GE43 and stated that this “spells trouble.” The tweet garnered six engagements.



## Sujets principaux – en profondeur / Key topics – in depth

 ↻ **CNP members object to their information being released**
**Articles les plus partagés; nombre de partages / Most-shared articles; number of shares**

- The CNP is eligible for official party status part 1, *Anti-Racist Canada Blog*, September 15, **27 shares**

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

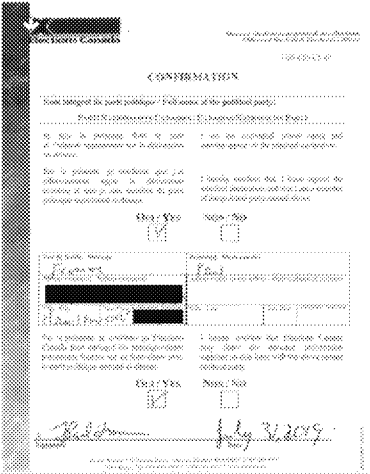
On September 15, The Anti-Racist Canada Collective (ARC) published an article on its [website](#) outlining its plan to publicize the names of 250 CNP members who endorsed the party's establishment. The article notes in screenshots from various CNP Twitter accounts that CNP members are "terrified of having their membership revealed." The article argues that documents signed by people supporting the creation of the CNP are "the property of all Canadians" and are thus "subject to public scrutiny," like all other parties' registration documentation. The article includes scans of EC-branded documents signed by two members of the CNP, showing their full names and cities of residence. ARC has opted not to publish the street addresses of CNP signees and is instead choosing to only publish CNP signees' names and cities/towns. ARC is planning to publish a full list of names and cities/towns of CNP signees in the "next few days."

Soon after the ARC tweeted out its newly published article, the CNP Twitter account responded that it is "worthwhile to note" that just because an individual endorsed the creation of CNP does not mean they endorse the party's views. Although ARC was not tagged in the tweet, SMMU finds it likely that the CNP's tweet was an indirect response to ARC's article.

The Canadian Anti-Hate Network (CAN) – who had previously stated that they would reveal the names of CNP members – showed their support for the ARC by retweeting the September 15 blog post. ARC is believed to be working with CAN on releasing the full list of 250 CNP signees.

**Publications reliées au sujet / Related posts**

Engagement	Followers, platform	Account	Post	Date
68	5K, Twitter	<a href="#">Anti-Racist Canada</a>	<b>**Thread**</b> 1/The CNP Eligible For Official Party Status Part I: This Article is the Teaser. ;) #elxn43 #cdnpoli <b>*Sharing</b> link to own website 2/In August the Canadian Nationalist Party (@NationalistC) became eligible for party status with Elections Canada. Founder and leader Travis Patron (@TravisPatron ) was quite happy. 3/Still, he is very concerned the identities of supporters will be revealed. #elxn43 #cdnpoli 4/Getting back to his fear of members' information being released, these are now public documents. Any citizen can access them. #elxn43 #cdnpoli 5/So that is exactly what ARC and @VestsCanada plan to do in our next co-article n the blog.	Sept. 15

Engagement	Followers, platform	Account	Post	Date
			<p><b>**Thread continued**</b></p> <p>6/Here is a preview. First we have Paul Fromm. #elxn43 #cdnpoli</p>  <p>7/Second we have Jody Issel who once tried to start his own Aryan Nations chapter in Saskatchewan as well as the one time head of the Soldiers of Odin chapter in Moose Jaw #elxn43 #cdnpoli <b>*Sharing</b> screengrab of a scanned EC confirmation document featuring Issel's signature</p>	Sept. 15
37	Fewer than 500, Twitter	Twitter user	In the next few days you will learn more about your local supporters of the neo Nazi party known as the CNP. Here's a little teaser article from @ARCCollective <b>*Retweeting</b> Anti-Racist Canada	Sept. 15
11	700, Twitter	<a href="#">Canadian Nationalist Party</a>	The most recent @ARCCollective article is thoroughly unconvincing and makes numerous false/exaggerated claims. This is fake news in action. To date we have said nothing hateful and done nothing illegal. All policies are listed on our website	Sept. 15
5	700, Twitter	<a href="#">Canadian Nationalist Party</a>	Worthwhile to note: anybody can mail a declaration in to Elections Canada in support of our party. We have no ability to prevent them from doing this nor does it imply endorsement of their actions/beliefs. #cdnpoli	Sept. 15
3	700, Twitter	<a href="#">Canadian Nationalist Party</a>	Anybody is free to mail in a membership declaration to Elections Canada's office. We have no ability to deny them.	Sept. 15



## ↑ Articles and posts on expat voting draw interest

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

- [How to vote for Canadians living abroad](#), *Liberal Party of Canada*, September 11, **1.6K shares**
- [Processus de vote pour les Canadiens vivant à l'étranger](#), *Liberal Party of Canada*, September 15, **284 shares**
- [Voting from Hong Kong](#), *Conservative Party of Canada*, September 16, **73 shares**
- [Élections Canada lève le voile sur la liste des pays étrangers où résident des Canadiens](#), *La Presse*, September 16, **39 shares**

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

The volume of posts on this topic declined. Twitter users had mixed reactions to the LPC tweeting out a [form](#) that gives Canadians living abroad “all the information” they need to request a special ballot “to vote for Justin Trudeau.” Many expat Canadians chimed in on the topic, and expressed excitement that they can vote in GE43. Some also shared EC’s website on voter registration for Canadians residing abroad. A handful of users thought it inappropriate that people who do not reside in Canada are allowed to cast a ballot. Some users were of the opinion that expatriates are “citizens of convenience” who should not be allowed to vote. One Twitter user suggested that restoring expat Canadians’ right to vote “weakened voting laws,” while another user wondered how much the LPC had paid EC to “enact” the *Canada Elections Act* to allow expats to vote.

**Publications reliées au sujet / Related posts**

Engagement	Followers, platform	Account	Post	Date
940	286K, Twitter	<a href="#">Liberal Party of Canada</a>	Thanks to an updated Elections Canada Act, Canadians living abroad can now apply to vote by special ballot in 2019. Get the info: <b>*Sharing <a href="#">How to vote for Canadians living abroad</a></b> <b>*Sample replies:</b> Twitter user 1: If you haven't been a participating citizen, you shouldn't be allowed the privilege to vote. Your allowing people to help mould a country that they don't reside in. This is wrong. (22 engagements) Twitter user 2: What kind of money did you pay @ElectionsCan_E, we cannot even vote out of district ffs. (7 engagements) Twitter user 3: Thanks to liberal corruption of the Elections Canada Act, Canadians living abroad can now apply to vote just for liberals by special ballot in 2019. Get the shaft Canadians: #TrudeauMustGo (7 engagements)	Sept. 15



Engagement	Followers, platform	Account	Post	Date
407	144K, Twitter	<a href="#">Chrystia Freeland</a> , Liberal candidate	Thanks to an updated Elections Canada Act, all Canadians, even those living abroad, can now apply to vote by special ballot. *Sharing <a href="#">How to vote for Canadians living abroad</a> *Sample replies: Twitter user 1: Yaaay so that's one way to steal the election ... (6 engagements)	Sept. 15
11	313, Facebook	<a href="#">Canadian Conservatives on Hong Kong</a>	Our friends over at The Canadian Club of Hong Kong are hosting another voter registration party on Sept. 20th at Hunter and Chase! Remember to bring your passport or Canadian Citizenship card. Its a great chance to get some assistance with the voting process and meet other Canadians interested in the election. See you there! *Sharing <a href="#">Voter registration party</a>	Sept. 15

#### ↓ Social media users call on EC to “review” allegedly false claims by or about party leaders

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

- N/A

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

The volume of social media posts on this topic declined. Some Twitter users continued to comment on a high-engagement tweet on September 15 that outlines “allegations” about “the Liberal candidate in Papineau.” Users tweeted copies of the original tweet to which other users stated that they would report “each and every one” to EC. Some Twitter users also reacted to a campaign video by CPC candidate Candice Bergen, claiming that she was “lying” and stating that they would report the video to EC. Users had similar reactions to a video featuring CPC leader Andrew Scheer. One user shared a link to the CCE’s complaint form, but the tweet received no engagement.

A Twitter user with 1.1K followers noted that the *Canada Elections Act* does not prohibit “any and all false statements” and urged users to check the Act prior to “inundating” EC with reports. This tweet received four engagements.

##### Publications reliées au sujet / Related posts

Engagement	Followers, platform	Account	Post	Date
403	6.6K, Twitter	Twitter user behind “Liberal candidate in Papineau” tweet	Today trolls threatened to report me to the law society, complain to elections Canada, and insulted my children (and husband but that happens everyday about 100 times a day). God bless this election.	Sept. 15



Engagement	Followers, platform	Account	Post	Date
93	20K, Twitter	<a href="#">Stephen Lautens</a> , freelance journalist	Out of town and just saw this. It is illegal under the Elections Act to falsely accuse a candidate of being under investigation. Serious penalties. <b>*Sharing</b> screengrab of s. 91 (1) (2) of the <i>Canada Elections Act</i>	Sept. 15
30	Fewer than 500, Twitter	Twitter user	lol And now to @ElectionsCan_E for their comment <b>*Replying to</b> Candice Bergen	Sept. 15
7	1K, Twitter	Twitter user	This tweet is an exact copy of three others all by different posters. Report each and every one to Elections Canada. These are clearly a violation of the elections act. Hope the penalties are astronomical <b>*Retweeting</b> Twitter user <i>The Liberal candidate in Papineau: Is an alleged sexual groper Has been found guilty of breaking the law twice</i> <i>Is presently being investigated for obstruction of Justice by the RCMP</i> <i>Will Trudeau stand by this candidate??? Oh wait.....</i>	Sept. 16
4	1.1K, Twitter	Twitter user	Before you inundate elections Canada with reports please note that the new provisions of the elections act do NOT prohibit any and all false statements - it prohibits a narrow set of statements regarding false allegations of "criminality" or birthplace, citizenship etc	Sept. 16


### 🔄 Third party campaigning and climate change

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

- N/A

#### *Fait saillants sur les médias sociaux / Social media highlights*

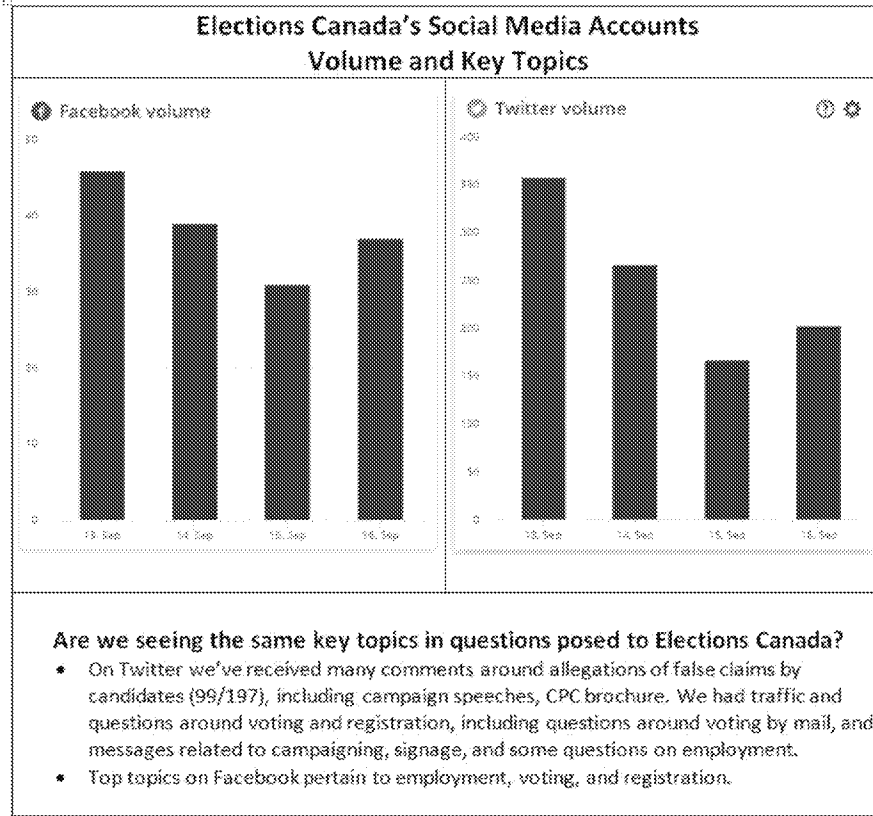
A handful of Twitter users commented on two separate topics related to third party advertising on climate change-related issues. Three Twitter users commented on climate activist Greta Thunberg's planned visit to Canada, alleging that it was "illegal campaigning" and "foreign interference." Another Twitter user took issue with a pro-carbon tax group that is allegedly engaging in political advertising but "refusing" to register with EC.

<b>Publications reliées au sujet / Related posts</b>				
<b>Engagement</b>	<b>Followers, platform</b>	<b>Account</b>	<b>Post</b>	<b>Date</b>
36	10K, Twitter	Twitter user	Trudeau is desperate for the youth.vote The UN is funding a Campaign Tour through Canada with the world most popular youth star right now Its illegal campaigning #elxn43 <b>*Sharing</b> Narcity Canada article <u><i>Teenage climate activist Greta Thunberg is finally coming to Canada this month</i></u>	Sept. 15
19	4.2K, Twitter	Twitter user	What is going on @ElectionsCan_E? Why are you not enforcing election rules - the law? First you ignore Trudeau Liberals campaigning on tax dollars, now you ignore and won't comment on this? Fair #elxn43? <b>*Retweeting</b> user's own tweet <i>Pro-Taxers Defy Election Rule Pro-carbon tax group won't register with @ElectionsCan_E despite broadcasting YouTube ads ridiculing opponents, unregulated ads for/against political issues forbidden during campaign. "Provision does not apply to us"</i> <b>*Sharing</b> link to Backlocks article	Sept. 15
11	500, Twitter	Twitter user	I tagged a tweet to @ElectionsCan_E about Thunberg's visit. It is clearly foreign NGO interference in our election. I have not had a reply.	Sept. 15
3	800, Twitter	Twitter user	Yep. <b>*Sharing</b> 	Sept. 15





**Policy and Public Affairs Corporate Social Media Accounts: September 16, 2019**



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