

Rapport de repérage des médias sociaux : midi 24 septembre à midi 25 septembre, 2019

Social Media Monitoring Report: noon September 24 to noon September 25, 2019

Observations principales / Key observations

- Some social media users allege American Youtube talk show host Dave Rubin's offer to pay for his security detail at a PPC event violates the CEA
- Users respond to MP Adam Vaughan's complaint to CCE that "gun lobbyists are skirting" election laws
- Users continue to discuss defacement of lawn signs; some claim that "all CPC signs" in Toronto–Centre have been vandalized

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Sujets principaux / Key topics¹

- **NEW** Concern that American talk show host Dave Rubin's PPC event appearance "flouts" CEA
- **NEW** Calls for sport shooting and gun rights groups to register as third parties
- **NEW** Calls for Alberta's United Conservative Party to register as a third party
- → Concerns over the integrity of special ballots
- ↓ Concerns over threatening, defaced or misleading lawn signs
- ↓ Twitter users call on EC to investigate *Time* magazine's "brownface" photo as foreign interference

Éléments sous observation / On the radar

- **Twitter user plans to report the Canadian Anti-Hate Network to EC for "election tampering"**: In a series of tweets, the user (1.4K followers) stated that they would report the "hateful" "fascist" group to EC and the RCMP for "election tampering," "intimidation of PPC members," and "doxing"; in a later tweet the user claimed that they had called Vancouver police who "made it very clear that this was against the law." The tweets received 50 engagements in total.
- **Facebook user warned fellow Hamiltonians of sexual offender working for EC**: A Facebook user who appears to be in the Hamilton area posted a warning about the convicted sexual offender working as a revising agent; it seems she made the post public sometime on September 24, a day before the *Hamilton Spectator* story broke. As of September 25, the post had received 37 engagements; this has not increased since. One user commenting on the post expressed shock that EC would employ a sexual offender so well known to the community.

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

Beware answering door to
Elections Canada they have a
Sex offender going door to
door collecting names for
their voting list

- **Twitter user claimed “machines” are “infiltrating” Canada’s elections:** Commenting on an October 2018 *Star Tribune* article about election security in the U.S., the user (4.2K followers) claimed that machines are “infiltrating” Canada’s “hand marked, handcounted ballot elections” and added that three voting machine companies accused of “skimp[ing] on security” in U.S. elections are “all cozy in Toronto.” The tweet received 10 engagements.
- **Twitter user expressed distrust in EC’s collaboration with Facebook on voter registration:** The user (3.5K followers) claimed that EC’s collaboration with Facebook on voter registration was “not real” and deemed it a “deliberate attempt to undermine” Canadian democracy; the user added that the campaign “smacks of the Conservative robo-call incident” and suggested that it might be “voter suppression.” The user’s three tweets on the topic received a total of 10 engagements.
- **Twitter users discuss whether EC guidelines on third parties will put a chill on climate change-related events at universities:** A user with 1.4K followers tweeted a general question to “Canadian academics,” asking if EC’s guidelines would lead universities to hold off on public events about climate change. A York University professor said “no, or at least not reasonably,” and that EC’s rules on advertising during the writ period are “quite clear.” However, he also expressed shock that some groups couldn’t “discern between paid ads and everything else.” The exchange received two engagements.



Sujets principaux – en profondeur / Key topics – in depth

NEW Calls for sport shooting and gun rights groups to register as third parties
Articles les plus partagés; nombre de partages / Most-shared articles; number of shares

- [Liberals allege gun group's election ads break law, ask for investigation](#), *Chatnewstoday.ca*, *Canadian Press*, September 25, **979 shares**
- [Gun lobbyist brushes off Liberal complaint over election ads](#), *iPolitics*, September 25, **70 shares**
- [Liberals file complaint with Elections Canada about Canada Shooting Sports Association](#), *Liberal Party of Canada*, September 25, **68 shares**

Fait saillants sur les médias sociaux / Social media highlights

Following reports that LPC Spadina–Fort York candidate Adam Vaughan had filed a complaint with the CCE that the Canadian Shooting Sports Association (CSSA) had not yet registered as a third party for GE43, social media users both opposed and supportive of gun control, made their voices heard. While most directed their comments at Vaughan and the LPC, a number of users suggested they were “disappointed” that CSSA had not registered as a third party at “such a serious time in history for gun owners” and noted that the Canadian Coalition for Firearm Rights (CCFR) had already registered.

Publications reliées au sujet / Related posts

Engagement	Followers, platform	Account	Post	Date
991	13.5K, Twitter	Adam Vaughan , LPC candidate, Spadina–Fort York	I was on CP24 to talk about a complaint we've issued against gun lobbyists skirting Elections Canada laws to help elect Conservatives. US style gun lobbying has no place in Canada, and handguns have no place in our cities.	Sept. 25
238	25K, CCFR Facebook page	Canadian Coalition for Firearm Rights (CCFR)	Well this is unfortunate ☹️ our friends at the CSSA have had a complaint filed against them by the Liberals for violating the Elections Act. 🗣️ Any advocacy group that spends more than \$500 during the campaign on political activity is required to register as a third party with Elections Canada. *Sharing Chat News Today article **Sample replies** Facebook user 1 This is no laughing matter. How could CSSA not be aware of this issue? This is not the time to over-look anything that can help firearms owners beat the Liberals. (one engagement) Facebook user 2 Let them file their complaints. It's free advertising for the cause. (three engagements)	Sept. 25



220	21K, Facebook	<u>Calibre Magazine</u>	<p>In case you needed more reasons to get out there, check your local polls, and start working with the candidate most likely to defeat the Liberal candidate in your riding... Adam Vaughan, the rabidly anti-gun and generally despised graduate of the same school that also hosted Wendy Cukier, has reported television ads produced by the CSSA to Elections Canada.</p> <p>Editor's note: Adam Vaughan reporting the CSSA to Elections Canada doesn't mean Elections Canada will find merit in his complaint. It just means he's Adam Vaughan doing what Adam Vaughan does. Also, Adam Vaughan reporting the CSSA to Elections Canada hardly means anything besides Adam Vaughan hates us all. It doesn't mean the CSSA actually broke any rules.</p> <p>*Sharing <u>Chat News Today</u> article</p> <p>**Sample replies**</p> <p>Facebook user 1 Seriously, how could CSSA not be aware of this issue at such a serious time in history for gun owners?! I'm a CSSA member and if they really didn't register, I'm extremely disappointed in the organization. I'm also a CCFR member and I know they registered. (two engagements)</p> <p>Facebook user 2 Sadly his complaint has merit and our gun orgs should know better. (six engagements)</p>	Sept. 25
32	20.8K, r/Canada Guns	Reddit user	<p>Liberals file complaint with elections Canada against CSSA? Saw on CP24 but can't find any links. Apparently the complaint is for them not registering as a 3rd party and having ads.</p> <p>**Sample reply**</p> <p>Reddit user 1 CSSA says they're in the process of filing the required paperwork.</p>	Sept. 25

NEW Concern that American YouTube talk show host Dave Rubin's PPC event appearance "flouts" the CEA
Articles les plus partagés; nombre de partages / Most-shared articles; number of shares

- Mohawk College should have declined to rent space to Maxime Bernier, the Hamilton Spectator, September 25, 2.5K shares
- BREAKING: Activists threaten to shut down Dave Rubin and Maxime Bernier event at Canadian college, The Post Millennial, September 26, 2.3K shares


Fait saillants sur les médias sociaux / Social media highlights

A few social media users alleged the PPC leader and an organizer would be doing something illegal if they accepted an offer from Dave Rubin, an American Youtube talk show host .

The Hamilton Spectator published an opinion column on PPC Leader Maxime Bernier's plans to have an event with Rubin in Hamilton. Guest columnist Evan Balgord, head of the Canadian Anti-Hate Network, decried the event and the college that accepted to host it. Soon after, Rubin tweeted that "The school is now demanding 10 times the original security costs and could demand more before showtime" and offered to pay for the security costs out of his own pocket. Some Twitter users said the PPC could not accept such a donation from a non-Canadian, accusing a PPC organizer and PPC Leader Maxime Bernier of "soliciting foreign donations." Two users noted that "political contributions from foreigners are illegal in Canada" and stated that they would be reporting any such solicitations to EC.

Publications reliées au sujet / Related posts

Engagement	Followers, platform	Account	Post	Date
10,400	622K, Twitter	<u>Dave Rubin</u>	It appears that my event with @MaximeBernier on September 29th has been cancelled due to threats from Antifa and this insane piece in the local paper. The school is now demanding 10 times the original security costs and could demand more before showtime *Sharing <i>Hamilton Spectator</i> article I have just offered to cover the 10x security fee myself. cc: @BarrettWilson6 @GadSaad @MaximeBernier	Sept. 25
2,107	94K, Twitter	<u>Maxime Bernier</u> , Leader of PPC	Thank you Dave, for your generosity and support in the battle for free speech in Canada. I look forward to our chat on Sunday! Tickets are still available here *Sharing PPC website **Sample reply** Twitter user 1 I'll be reporting you to Elections Canada for soliciting foreign donations to the PPC. Thanks for doing so publicly; when politicians do crimes in the open it makes it much easier for the public to hold them to account. God knows the state won't (3 engagements)	Sept. 25



154	500, Twitter	Twitter user	<p>Dave I am one of the organizers, you sir are a scholar and a saint. You have no idea the pushback and resistance we have had from the over bearing socialist movement in this city trying to stifle our democracy and expression at every path. Thank you for coming here sir!</p> <p>**Sample replies**</p> <p>Twitter user 1 You should acquaint yourself with Elections Canada website as you will not be able to accept a single penny from Rubin et al - political contributions from foreigners are illegal in Canada. And probably they already knew that ... their pledges are not gonna cost them a penny.</p> <p>Twitter user 1 You sure about that, bud? Tickets for the event are via PPC website. PPC website ad for the event even says "For the benefit of the PPC". But yeah, fer sure Elections Canada is going to see it your way. 😊</p> <p>Twitter user 2 Ty, I'll be reporting you and your riding association to Elections Canada for soliciting foreign donations. Can you please let me know which EDA you work with for that purpose? Thanks for doing your criminal activity in the open. It makes protecting the public much easier.</p>	Sept. 25
2	800, Twitter	Twitter user	<p>He's going to be participating in the national debate with all candidates. He was approved by @ElectionsCan_E. This is ridiculous. How much is the security, I want to contribute? @peoplespca</p>	Sept. 26
1	Fewer than 500, Twitter	Twitter user	<p>I'm far more worried about the flouting/bypassing of Elections Canada rules. Why is an American touring with a politician in the middle of an election? I don't care what you do pre or post writ.</p>	Sept. 26
0	Fewer than 100, Twitter	Twitter user	<p>Since threats of violence are unambiguously illegal in Canada, particularly any such in an attempt to influence an election, I have filed a formal complain with Elections Canada (http://elections.ca:go to the contact us page). Please do likewise.</p>	Sept. 26


NEW Calls for Alberta's United Conservative Party to register as a third party

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

- N/A

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Twitter users reacted to Alberta United Conservative Party's newly launched anti-Trudeau bumper sticker campaign; many users expressed anger over the UCP's "blatant" use of "tax dollars" to "campaign" and "advertise" for the CPC. A handful of users wondered whether the UCP was aware that its campaign was "violat[ing] Elections Canada laws."

Publications reliées au sujet / Related posts				
Engagement	Followers, platform	Account	Post	Date
73	15.8K, Twitter	<u>United Conservative Party</u>	Order your bumper sticker today: trudeaubumpersticker.ca #ableg #cdnpoli #elxn43*Sharing 	Sept. 25
23	1.5K, Twitter	Twitter user	Why is a provincial party doing this? @ElectionsCan_E	Sept. 25
5	Fewer than 100, Twitter	Twitter user	You're using tax dollars to campaign for a federal election?	Sept. 25
1	700, Twitter	Twitter user	Using taxpayer money to violate Elections Canada laws would be so very on brand for this crew. *Retweeting UCP	Sept. 26
0	1.2K, Twitter	Twitter user	Wow. Such blatant advertising for @CPC_HQ Really ignorant.	Sept. 26

➔ **Concerns over voter ID requirements, non-citizens on the NROE and the integrity of special ballots**

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

- N/A


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A few social media users continued to express concerns about voting from abroad and the potential of non-citizens being on the NROE. Vivian Bercovici, columnist and former Canadian diplomat, stated that the special ballot system in use is “prehistoric” and “obsolete” and suggested that special ballots are susceptible to “tampering”; she called for a “better” system for Canadians voting from abroad and suggested using “embassies/consulates” as polling places. One Twitter user stated that the fact that voting by special ballot is allowed before the candidate lists are finalized is “unfair” and a “type of electoral misconduct.”

Some users also voiced concerns about non-citizens voting in GE43, with one user questioning what efforts EC is making to “safeguard the integrity of the elections” and to verify that those voting are Canadian citizens. In a high-engagement LinkedIn post, one user questioned whether current voter ID requirements are enough to “ensure the integrity” of the election; one user replied that “everybody” had documents which serve as proof of Canadian citizenship, citing birth certificates and “the letter” all those who have “legally acquired citizenship” have in their possession.

Publications reliées au sujet / Related posts

Engagement	Followers, platform	Account	Post	Date
24	14K, Twitter	<u>Vivian Bercovici</u> , Former diplomat, columnist	<p>1. Hey. 1.8-m expats r eligible to vote in these elections. Here’s a snap of the prehistoric system we have @ElectionsCan_E. Ballot goes into series of envelopes. Then. We send by snail mail. No way to ensure no tampering or even that it arrives. 1/2 #cdnpoli</p> <p>*Sharing a picture of a special ballot</p> <p>2. Canada can & should do better for expat voters. Most democracies do. This obsolete system ensures neither that ballot is not tampered with nor that it arrives at its destination on time. Obsolete system. We should cast votes in Embassies/Consulates. Cuz it’s 2019</p>	Sept. 25
3	4K, Twitter	Twitter user	<p>I don't know who I can influence for Elections Canada to change this, but I'm tweeting it anyway. Officially, Canadians abroad *can* vote before candidates are confirmed. This is unfair to the candidates and as far as I'm concerned, is a type of electoral misconduct.</p> <p>*Replying to EC’s official account</p>	Sept. 25
1	Fewer than 100, Twitter	Twitter user	<p>@ElectionsCan_E How does Elections Canada safeguard the integrity of the elections by verify that people voting are Canadian citizens and not just Permanent Residents? #canadavotes2019</p>	Sept. 25



39	4.8K, LinkedIn	LinkedIn user	<p>Elections Canada states that eligible voters may be disenfranchised if they have to show ID proving citizenship. They justify this by stating that there is no universal piece of identification used in Canada that shows proof of citizenship. Does that make you feel confident that we have a proper system in place to ensure the integrity of our electoral process? "While we clearly communicate the citizenship requirement to vote, we depend on individuals to accurately indicate their Canadian citizenship. At the same time, there is no one piece of identification that is universally held by all Canadians to prove citizenship. Therefore, requiring documentary proof of citizenship when registering could disenfranchise many eligible electors."</p> <p>* Sample Comments*:</p> <p>LinkedIn user 1 Birth certificate, passport. Everybody has the former. Most have the latter. And anybody who has legally acquired citizenship will still have the letter.</p> <p>LinkedIn user 2 We all have birth certificates if born here or citizenship papers if becoming a Canadian.</p> <p>LinkedIn user 3 I went to double check my eligibility the other night as I will be travelling on Election Day. Their online system can't even deal with a rural route address. So much for any farmer in western Canada being able to confirm they are registered. Guess where the head office of Elections Canada is: Gatineau, Quebec.</p>	Sept. 25
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→ Concerns over threatening, defaced or misleading lawn signs

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

- [Three Liberal campaign signs in London West set on fire](#), *CTV News*, September 25, **364 shares**
- [Racist message scrawled on NDP candidate's campaign sign in Calgary](#), *Daily Hive News*, September 25, **300 shares**
- [Pancartes vandalisées : deux candidats portent plainte à la police](#), *La Presse*, September 25, **104 shares**
- [Young's NDP campaign facing sign theft and vandalism issues](#), *Mymuskokanow.com*, September 25, **74 shares**
- [Liberal candidate's election sign in B.C. vandalized with blackface](#), *Mission City Record*, September 25, **62 shares**
- [Green Party campaign says signs taken from lawns](#), *Saanich News*, September 25, **18 shares**
- [Election signs raise concerns about livability bylaw](#), *Winnipeg Free Press*, September 25, **3 shares**

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Discussion about lawn signs continued on social media. One user reacted to a CPC lawn sign being "ripped up and replaced" with an LPC candidate's sign, and urged the LPC candidate in question to "stay classy." On Reddit and Facebook, some users noted that every CPC sign in downtown Toronto had been spray painted with the word "dont" [next to the word "elect"], or otherwise vandalized. One Facebook user in London, Ontario noted that PPC signs had been vandalized; the user added "it is ugly out there," referring to the alleged assault of a GPC canvasser in the city.

Publications reliées au sujet / Related posts				
Engagement	Followers, platform	Account	Post	Date
658	Fewer than 500, Twitter	Twitter user	<p>I'm not sure what game @JenOConnell_ is trying to play but a supporter in Pickering called today about their signs being ripped up and replaced against their wishes. Try to stay classy Jen. #elxn2019 #cndpoli #elxn43 *Sharing</p> 	Sept. 25
168	547K, Reddit, r/Canada	Reddit user	Yup in downtown Toronto and every conservative sign has "dont" spray painted on them. Immature people are going to act immature	Sept. 25
38	2.5K, Facebook	Saanich Gulf Island Greens' Riding association	<p>Thank you to everyone who reported sign tampering over last weekend. It is a serious criminal offence..... and seriously offensive as, our SGI Campaign Manager, Michael Strumberger points out, "It's anti-democratic and it's taking away people's voice," he said. "People don't put up these signs because we ask them to ... the lawn signs are there because people want them. You take away their sign, you take away their voice." Please report such incidences to your party's campaign office, as well as your local RCMP. *Sharing Peninsula News Review article Green Party campaign says signs taken from lawns</p> <p>**Sample reply **</p> <p>Facebook user 1 Here in London Ontario we've had PPC signs defaced, and a Green Party volunteer assaulted while going door to door. It is ugly out there. People need to get a grip and accept democracy. Also I'd love for all signs outside of ones at peoples homes to be banned. (2 engagements)</p>	Sept. 25
3	N/A, Facebook	Facebook user	Cowardly vandals defaced my campaign signs overnight in Toronto Centre.	Sept. 25
0	Fewer than 500, Twitter	Twitter user	There are a few signs in Toronto being tampered with. On early morning drives we have seen Liberal signs vandalized and Green Party signs knocked down. Haven't seen NDP or CON signs damaged. But that's on our drive.	Sept. 26


 ↓ Twitter users call on EC to investigate *Time* magazine's "brownface" photo as foreign interference

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

- There is no brownface scandal without dirty tricks, *BlogTalk Radio*, September 25, **140 shares**

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Amy MacPherson, the freelance journalist behind a September 23 *Free the Press* article claiming that *Time* magazine's discovery and coverage of the 2001 photos showing LPC Leader Justin Trudeau in "brownface" makeup is "foreign interference," discussed her story on the podcast *The View Up Here*. After her appearance on the podcast, MacPherson posted a long Twitter thread on the topic, in which she called on EC to also investigate *Global News*, *The Sun*, and *Niagara Falls Review* for "collusion" with the CPC. At the end of the thread, MacPherson shared EC's "Contact us" web page and urged others to file a complaint with EC.

One user who engaged with this topic claimed that GE43 is being "targeted" with foreign interference "on the behalf of CPC," while two others stated that they wanted to make sure EC is made aware of the "election tampering." Some users also shared the CCE's complaint form and stated that they had already filed a complaint with "Elections Canada."

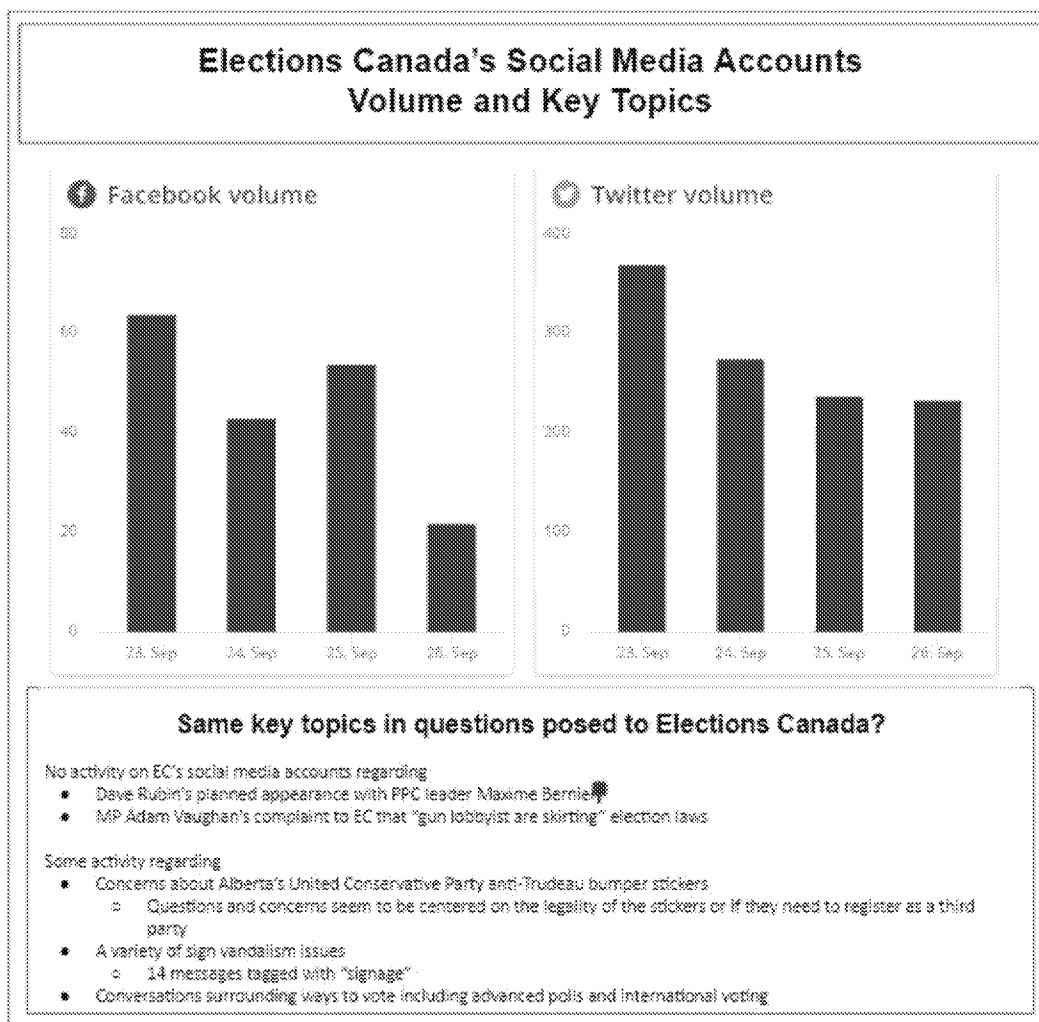
Publications reliées au sujet / Related posts

Engagement	Followers, platform	Account	Post	Date
1,844 total	4.5K, Twitter	Amy MacPherson , freelance journalist	**Excerpts from 20-tweet thread** 2/20 That disingenuous story by Mercedes Stephenson was followed up by David Akin, also from Global News That same afternoon, he told PMJT to step aside & quit the election so someone else could take over LPC 7/20 Brownface A quasi-relevant sidebar (given foreign interference implications uncovered by investigation) Mercedes Stephenson is connected to the US Pentagon & used to produce news on their behalf Full defense bio 14/20 So how did Ray Spiteri (Niagara Falls Review) obtain the same photo that Robert Jago published on the same morning it was revealed? The former is in QC & latter in Southern #ONpoli, at the border crossing to NY & Time magazine 17/20 Why it matters At the very least Global News is caught red-handed doing work for the Conservatives that it tried to erase from its publication It can only be proven because I archived the original story right away	Sept. 25



1,844 total	4.5K, Twitter	<u>Amy MacPherson</u> , freelance journalist	** Continued from previous page** 18/20 Global News must report its donation of services-in-kind to Elections Canada, because it first promoted the video from an unnamed source, when Andrew Scheer confessed the Conservatives used Global News as its researcher 19/20 Then magically, all 3 stories were published on same day, staggered with impressive, coordinated unison Elections Canada will need to investigate the Niagara Falls Review, in addition to Sun News, Global News, & Time magazine 21/21 Here's where to reach Elections Canada to make a complaint *Sharing EC's <u>Contact us</u> web page	Sept. 25
50	4.5K, Twitter	<u>Amy MacPherson</u> , freelance journalist	They'll come back once I've released the new info, because it's that significant that Elections Canada won't be able to ignore it This isn't conjecture or opinion. It's relevant hard evidence of collusion in #CDNpoli #CDNmedia #Elxn43	Sept. 25
50	Fewer than 500, Twitter	Twitter user	I reported it to Elections Canada for exactly that reason. Not only a case of election tampering, involvement of a foreign country since the Times is a US media outlet partially owned by the Kochs. I smell a rat.	Sept. 25
16	2.2K, Twitter	Twitter user	I'm quite sure #electionscanada knows about this but just in case... #electionscanada, #elxn43 has been attacked by a foreign entity, @TIME. Please look into this. #cdnpoli	Sept. 25
10	Fewer than 500, Twitter	Twitter user	Ms. MacPherson's interview re #cdnmedia & CPC collusion on the Trudeau brownface controversy is long but well worth your time. If you're concerned, report this to Elections Canada at *Sharing CCE's complaint form It needs investigation. *Sharing link to BlogTalk interview	Sept. 26
8	1.4K, Twitter	Twitter user	Canada and Trudeau being targeted on behalf of CPC by foreign interference in our election. This should scare all decent Canadians. #elxn43 #cdnpoli #BeCanadianNotConservative	Sept. 26

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