

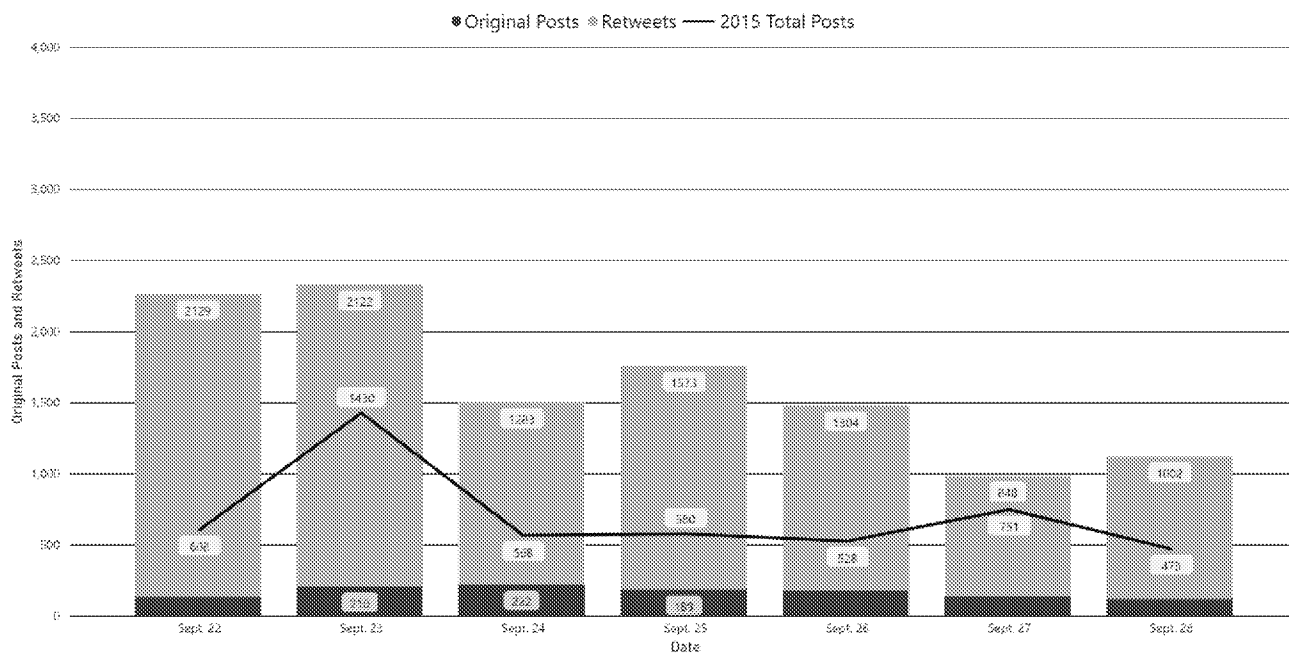
Rapport de repérage des médias sociaux : midi 27 septembre à midi 29 septembre, 2019

Social Media Monitoring Report: noon September 27 to noon September 29, 2019




Observations principales / Key observations

- Many social media users expressed relief at reports that the CNP could face deregistration, while some claimed that deregistration would only force CNP supporters “underground”
- Some users called on EC to “investigate” Greta Thunberg’s participation in the Montreal climate march, claiming “foreign interference”
- Following a CPC tweet featuring the LPC Leader on the cover of *Time* magazine, users rallied each other to “report” the post to EC, claiming it was “altered” to appear more negative
- Users discussed voting with face coverings; some expressed concerns over voters’ identity, voting multiple times in an election, and security

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







Sujets principaux / Key topics¹

-  Reactions to possible CNP deregistration
- **NEW** Calls for EC to “investigate” Greta Thunberg’s appearance in Montreal as “political interference”
- **NEW** Calls for EC to review CPC tweet featuring “altered” *Time* magazine cover of LPC Leader
-  Concerns over voting with face coverings, voter ID requirements and non-citizens on the NROE
-  Concerns over vandalized or missing lawn signs, campaign materials

Éléments sous observation / On the radar

- **Kingston poll worker says she is “proud to be Liberal” during “2020 elections”:** A user (20 followers), claiming to work for the Kingston and the Islands RO, incorrectly stated that GE43 takes place in 2020, and added that they could “pre-pre vote since [they are] working the elections!” The user later tweeted that they “support Justin Trudeau and in Kingston Mark Gerretsen” and “Yes Liberals!!!” suggesting their vote was for an LPC candidate. The user’s multiple tweets on the topic received zero engagements.
- **Freelance journalist Amy MacPherson completed “investigation” into 2001 photos of LPC Leader Justin Trudeau, urged followers to file complaints with EC:** In a series of tweets, MacPherson shared an updated version of her September 23 *Free the Press* article detailing “dirty tricks” behind 2001 photos of the LPC Leader ending up in *Time* magazine, and added that she believed Alberta Premier Jason Kenney was behind *Time* magazine accessing the photos. The journalist shared EC’s “Contact us” web page and urged her followers to file a complaint. MacPherson’s tweets on the topic received over 1K engagements.
- **Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation calls on community to vote, lists wrong election date:** A Facebook post by NCN advised the group’s 2.1K followers to “make sure [they’re] registered” at their current address and informed of the kinds of identification accepted when voting, but listed the election day as October 19. The post was shared once.
- **Twitter user claimed Canadians abroad can “vote online”:** The user (109 followers) erroneously claimed that Canadian expatriates can “now vote online,” and shared a link to EC’s voter registration web page. The tweet garnered zero engagements.
- **Former minister Sheila Copps called on EC to “follow up” on United Conservative Party’s bumper sticker campaign:** Commenting on a tweet by Alberta’s United Conservative Party that included a link to order free “Friends don’t let friends vote Trudeau” bumper stickers, Copps (23.7K followers) replied that it was a “clear violation of spending laws” and requested EC to “please follow up” on the matter. Copps’ tweet received ten engagements.

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



- **Twitter user claimed EC is “sabotaging” the People’s Party of Canada:** The user (1.5K) accused EC of “deliberately sabotaging” the party, adding that EC is a “bunch of Nazis,” and stating that there was “more to follow.” The tweet received two engagements.
- **Twitter user called for a law suit against EC for “lack of objectivity, mandate ineptitude and not adhering to portfolio laws”:** The user (275 followers) encouraged followers to sue EC, the RCMP and CBC for a variety of reasons and received three engagements.



Sujets principaux – en profondeur / Key topics – in depth

🔗 Reactions to possible CNP deregistration				
Articles les plus partagés; nombre de partages / Most-shared articles; number of shares				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> White nationalist party at risk of being deregistered for filling out wrong address, Elections Canada says, <i>Press Progress</i>, September 28, 3.8K shares 				
Fait saillants sur les médias sociaux / Social media highlights				
<p>Social media users reacted to a <i>Press Progress</i> article on the CNP facing potential deregistration due to inconsistencies with the party's registered address. Users were unsympathetic to the CNP's problems and many called the party's deregistration "good news," though some expressed dissatisfaction with the CNP being a registered party to begin with. A handful of users stated that the CNP should be allowed to participate in politics "out in the open" rather than being forced "underground" where the party's "hate can spread unseen and unchecked." Some noted that the party's membership list was also recently published online.</p> <p>On September 28, CNP Leader Travis Patron replied to <i>Press Progress</i> on Twitter and expressed dismay at the media outlet for labeling the CNP as a "white nationalist" party. The CNP's official account has yet to make a reference to the <i>Press Progress</i> article or any issues with its registered address.</p>				
Publications reliées au sujet / Related posts				
Engagement	Followers, platform	Account	Post	Date
1,649	144K, Press Progress Facebook page	Press Progress	<p>Womp womp *Sharing Press Progress article on CNP</p> <p>**Sample replies**</p> <p>Facebook user 1 Thoughts and prayers to all those mouth breathers. Next time read the instructions. Although, thanks for the laugh. (116 engagements)</p> <p>Facebook user 2 And their members names have already been published online. 😊 (12 engagements)</p> <p>Facebook user 3 Why on earth should they be listed as a federal party anyway? Last time I checked this was still Canada where we don't accept such racism. (14 engagements)</p> <p>Facebook user 4 Best part is they doxxed themselves filing. (8 engagements)</p> <p>Facebook user 5 I think they deliberately fill out the wrong address and hope the election Canada wouldn't catch it. Good that election Canada caught it. The extreme right party has no place in Canada (no engagement)</p>	Sept. 28
107	2.4K, Twitter	Twitter user	<p>Do these abhorrent people even deserve an address? We need new laws that prevent such vile groups from forming political parties. Disgusting!</p> <p>*Sharing Press Progress article on CNP</p>	Sept. 28



147	66K, Reddit, r/onguard forthee	Reddit user	**Sample replies on thread sharing <i>Press Progress</i> article** Reddit user 1 They also cried about having their names listed, which is standard for all political parties. What kind of ideology makes them wish to remain anonymous? Hm Reddit user 2 The superior race, but can't even manage paperwork...	Sept. 28
9	1.5K, Twitter	<u>Travis Patron</u> , CNP Leader	"Some media outlets have used the term 'white nationalist' and that is simply not correct. We do not exclusively serve one race of people." *Replying to <i>Press Progress</i> on Twitter	Sept. 28
3	1.5K, Twitter	Twitter user	But not because they're bigots, @ElectionsCan_E? Wow what a fucking country we live in.	Sept. 28
1	Fewer than 500, Twitter	Twitter user	Galaxy brain take: 'Travis Patron' is a CSIS creation. The members list has been published. The 'Canadian Nationalist Party' has served its purpose in naming, shaming, and collecting info on the nationalist right #cdnpoli#elxn43	Sept. 28
0	Fewer than 100, Twitter	Twitter user	Better to let them participate in the political process out in the open than to drive them underground where their hate can spread unseen and unchecked.	Sept. 28
0	500, Twitter	Twitter user	So this my tinfoil hat idea, if they are not allowed to run but it is too late to remove names, then elections Canada will not report number of votes and they can report their own inflated numbers. Not good	Sept. 28

NEW Calls for EC to “investigate” Greta Thunberg’s appearance in Montreal as “political interference”
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 Twitter user’s comment that environmental activist Greta Thunberg’s participation in the Montreal climate march constituted “political interference” received very high engagement, leading other users to tag EC’s official account and make similar claims. Some users posited that Thunberg’s position on climate change could influence Canadians at the ballot box, and called on EC to “watch” the situation “closely.” The PPC candidate for St. John–Rochesay noted that Thunberg’s visit was specifically planned to occur in the writ period and called on EC to “monitor” her activities for “foreign interference.” Friends of Science, an organization that puts forward “alternative” theories to climate change, also suggested that Thunberg’s appearance in Montreal warranted an investigation by EC.



Publications reliées au sujet / Related posts				
Engage ment	Followers, platform	Account	Post	Date
2,137	2.2K, Twitter	Twitter user	So Greta says another reason why she came to Canada is because she knew there was an election. Is this not political interference? #TrudeauMustGo	Sept. 27
385	2.7K, Twitter	Twitter user	Hello @CBCNews, Serious Q.... Is Greta CANADIAN? A- NO How exactly is her appearance here right now not foreign election interference? Particularly since Singh, May and Trudeau are all very obviously using it for partisan campaigning? @ElectionsCan_E??	Sept. 27
57	Fewer than 500, Twitter	Twitter user	"She knew" there was an election?...wait, who *really* knew and told her there was an election and made arrangements for this newest mega millionaire from climate alarmism to come here...?	Sept. 27
33	25K, Twitter	<u>Friends of Science</u>	How about Greta in Montreal? #HowDareYou #SwedishInquisition *Replying to Lorrie Goldstein (<i>Toronto Sun</i>) CBC reports some people (I wonder who) have complained to Elections Canada that Trudeau's blackface scandal set off by the TIME story may constitute undue influence by foreigners in a Canadian election... (1,353 engagements)	Sept. 28
24	Fewer than 500, Twitter	Twitter user	Also, Greta just said she's in Canada now because of the upcoming election. She's not a Canadian citizen and she's being partisan as a global influencer. That's election interference. @ElectionsCan_E needs to watch this closely.	Sept. 27
9	500, Twitter	<u>Adam J.C. Salesse,</u> PPC candidate St. John- Rothesay	@GretaThunberg admitted she is in Canada today because of the Canadian Federal Election. She is not a Canadian. She is not allowed to vote in this election. She is a FOREIGN SOCIAL MEDIA INFLUENCER and her activities should be monitored by @ElectionsCan_E FOREIGN INTERFERENCE.	Sept. 27
5	Fewer than 500, Twitter	Twitter user	Elections Canada is as corrupted as our current government.. PC's will be challenged to clean the swamp. *Referring to Greta Thunberg's appearance in Montreal	Sept. 27

NEW Calls for EC to review CPC tweet featuring “altered” *Time* magazine cover of LPC Leader
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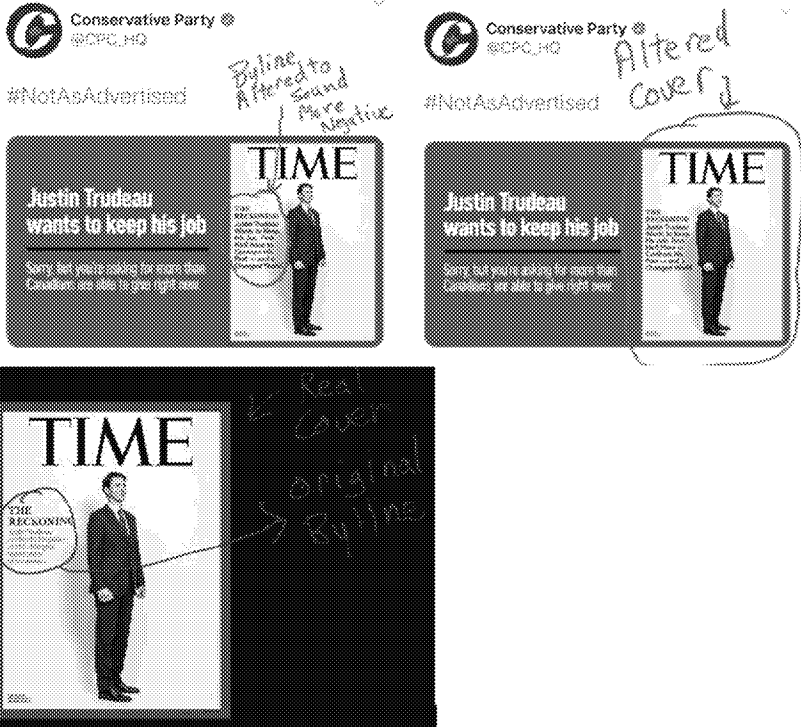
Fait saillants sur les médias sociaux / Social media highlights

A tweet by the CPC featuring the image of LPC Leader Justin Trudeau on the cover of *Time* had some Twitter users crying foul, leading some to claim the cover was “photoshopped” and a violation of the *Canada Elections Act*. Users believed that the CPC added the additional line “Justin Trudeau wants to keep his job. First he’ll have to confront his past...” to the cover’s byline; the cover byline that appeared on newsstands only read “Justin Trudeau confronts his past – and a changed world order.”

The CPC did not alter the magazine cover; rather the CPC tweeted out the cover of the edition of *Time* that appeared in European and Middle Eastern markets. The U.S. edition of that week’s *Time* magazine featured the shorter article title, while the edition sold in Europe and the Middle East featured the longer title, later tweeted by CPC. Nevertheless, users continued to call on each other to report the issue, and shared the CCE’s complaint page.

Publications reliées au sujet / Related posts

Engagement	Followers, platform	Account	Post	Date
725	173K, Twitter	Conservative Party of Canada	#NotAsAdvertised *Sharing 	Sept. 27

421	1K, Twitter	Twitter user	<p>FFS, Hamish Marshall Are you this desperate that you resort to making a FAKE TIME MAGAZINE cover You altered the byline to make Trudeau appear in a worse light You do realize attacks and faking like this will only backfire on you, eh SHAME ON YOU, @CPC_HQ *Sharing screengrabs of a @CPC_HQ tweet</p> 	Sept. 27
24	1K, Twitter	Twitter user	<p>Hey, Canada Andrew Scheer's campaign filed a misleading statement, an altered @time cover that is meant to sway voter This is a blatant violation of the Elections Canada Laws Please file your complaint at *Sharing CCE's complaint page It takes a few minutes Thanks</p>	Sept. 27
23	500, Twitter	Twitter user	<p>#NotAsPublished. When will @CPC_HQ be held to account? Isn't CPC directly supplying this to a foreign media outlet a violation of the @ElectionsCan_E Act anyway? So many unnecessary, petty violations, it makes you wonder if they have any respect for the law at all?</p>	Sept. 27
11	3.4K, Twitter	Twitter user	<p>.@ElectionsCan_E this is a serious violation of the federal electoral law. #DoBetter. @CPC_HQ always breaking electoral laws. Always convicted. Always criminals. So desperate they doctor magazine covers now. Like Trump's fake TIME cover.. Morons. #ChooseForward #elxn43</p>	Sept. 27



🔍 Concerns over voting with face coverings, voter ID requirements and non-citizens on the NROE

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

- [Canadian federal party leader calls for BAN on Islamic veils when voting in upcoming election](#), Cultural Action Party of Canada, September 27, **3.5K shares**
- [Bloc Québécois calls for end to veiled voting](#), *Toronto Sun*, September 26, **1.9K shares**


Fait saillants sur les médias sociaux / Social media highlights

Social media users engaged with news of the BQ hoping to ban “veiled voting,” with many users expressing delight with the BQ’s stance on voting with face coverings. Users who engaged with a Cultural Action Party of Canada article on the topic were of the opinion that “hiding your face” when voting should be “illegal,” citing concerns over voters’ identity, voting multiple times in an election, and security. One user stated that allowing people to vote with face coverings was hypocritical since voters cannot wear “balaclavas” when voting.

Some Reddit users reacted to a screengrab of a tweet by a person who claimed to be a “non registered voter of Justin Trudeau from Pakistan”; some users suggested the tweet to be from a “troll” account, while one user stated that “the Liberal” was inviting “foreign interference.”

Publications reliées au sujet / Related posts

Engagement	Followers, platform	Account	Post	Date
233	Facebook, N/A	Facebook user	<p>Liberals support hiding your face when you vote because it helps them. They are the party of corruption. If you refuse to show your face should you be allowed to vote? How do we know who you really are. This is common sense. It is time to stand up for Canada....Vote anything but Liberal in October. *Sharing CAP article</p> <p>**Sample replies**</p> <p>Facebook user 1 If they refuse to show their face they should not be allowed to vote, drive, gets social assistance, use public transportation or have employment in any government agency including schools. We have a right to see who we are dealing with. It is not a religious requirement and therefore should not be acceptable. (13 engagements)</p> <p>Facebook user 2 No hiding your face, we have to know who votes and see the face....this is Canada not Middle East. This is our voting system. (10 engagements)</p> <p>Facebook user 3 Of course any disguise should be illegal. How do you know who votes? And if the person is voting illegally. (9 engagements)</p> <p>Facebook user 4 No mug, not vote. Simple. (7 engagements)</p> <p>Facebook user 5 THEY CAN VOTE 3 OR 4TIME HOW WOULD ANY BODY NO (4 engagements)</p> <p>Facebook user 5 No they should not be allowed to vote I will be watching. (3 engagements)</p>	Sept. 27

112	61K, Twitter	<u>Brian Lilley</u> , Political columnist	<p>The Bloc Québécois want Bill 21 to apply to federal government services in Quebec - they also want an end to veiled voting. Read & RT #cdnpoli #qcpoli #elxn43</p> <p>**Sample replies**</p> <p>Twitter user 1 uncover your face and produce govt ID to vote (0 engagement)</p> <p>Twitter user 2 Why stop there why not give into the demands and have men and women voting area in different buildings.</p>	Sept. 26
110	30K, r/MetaCanada	Reddit user	<p>The Liberal wants foreign interference *Sharing</p>  <p>**Sample replies**</p> <p>Reddit user 1 That looks like one of my troll accounts lol</p> <p>Reddit user 2 Isn't this voter fraud? Does Canada even have a rule that visitors can't vote anymore or did JT quietly get rid of it like he did with voter ID?</p> <p>Reddit user 3 This person didn't actually vote</p> <p>Reddit user 4 ... only once</p>	Sept. 27
0	1.6K, Twitter	Twitter user	<p>The Bloc Quebecois is calling for the controversial secularism law to apply to voting. We don't get to wear balaclavas, do we?</p>	Sept. 27
0	Fewer than 100, Twitter	Twitter user	<p>For security reasons as we all know men have put these outfits on to hide from police and law enforcement I totally agree with this.</p>	Sept. 28

↓ Concern over vandalized or missing lawn signs, campaign materials

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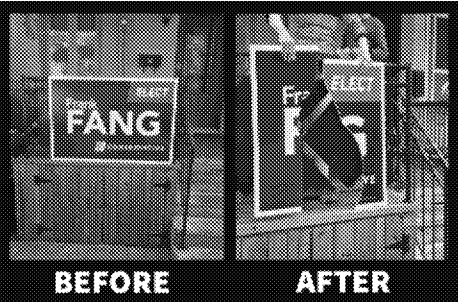
- Quebec Liberal volunteer caught disposing of Conservative campaign literature, *CBC News*, September 29, **8.2K shares**
- Election notebook: Disturbing signs, a Green legacy and a brief release, *Montreal Gazette*, September 27, **23**


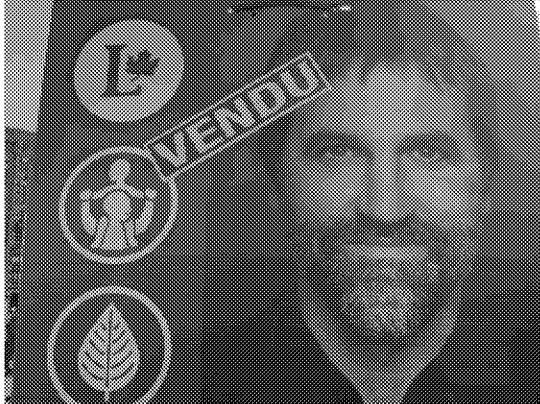
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User discussion about damaged, defaced, or missing lawn signs continued over the weekend; however, the overall volume has decreased on the topic as have calls for EC to intervene on the issue. On Reddit, r/MetaCanada users commented on a spray painted sign for Sophie Veilleux (Papineau) and suggested that media do not pay attention when CPC candidates' signs are damaged, while users r/Quebec made light of a "vendu" sticker plastered to LPC candidate Steven Guilbeault's (Laurier–Sainte-Marie) sign. Users also commented on BQ candidate Simon Marchand's damaged signs in the riding of Hochelaga. CPC candidate Frank Fang (Spadina–Fort York) and LPC candidates Catherine McKenna (Ottawa Centre) and Seamus Heffernan (Abbotsford) were also on the receiving end of damaged signs. In Oshawa, one user tweeted a photo of a truck, claiming that the photo showed the truck of a person replacing LPC signs with CPC signs.

Users reacted to a *CBC* article about a member of LPC candidate Anthony Housefather's (Mont Royal) campaign "disposing" of CPC campaign literature; most users expressed anger at such actions, noting that Canadian politics had "regressed to student council electioneering," and disappointment in Housefather, a lawyer, for not "instruct[ing] his team" on election laws.

Publications reliées au sujet / Related posts

Engagement	Followers, platform	Account	Post	Date
561	Less than 500, Twitter	Frank Fang , CPC candidate Spadina–Fort York	<p>Before and After: Our volunteers work hard everyday but our lawn signs have been constantly destroyed. We only ask for a fair competition. #cdnpoli #elx43 #Spafy</p>  <p>**Sample replies**</p> <p>Twitter user 1 Our candidate's sign was knocked down twice, we keep puttin' it back up. But it's the CPC that the media say are bullies not the Libs and their supporters.</p> <p>Twitter user 2 Saw a guy damaging signs in Sherwood Park yesterday.</p>	Sept. 26

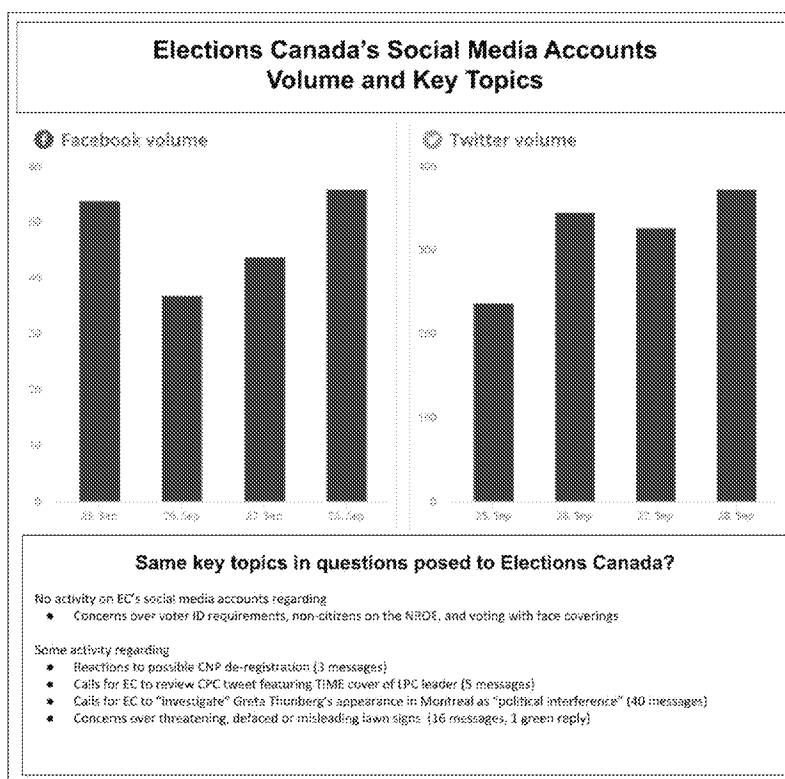
141	2K, Twitter	Twitter user	<p>**Series of tweets by the same user**</p> <p>This is the photo I was DM'd, taken yesterday at Columbus and Simcoe in N. Oshawa. Witness says this person removed Liberal sign threw it in truck and placed Conservative sign. They stand by their statement. Please speak to campaign staff. If you're going to win, play fair.</p>  <p>Been in Twitmo for 10 days but Im finally back and not a moment too soon!!!! Rumour circulating in #Durham that Conservative campaign team for @ErinOTooleMP caught red handed removing Liberal signs and replacing with his??? Say it isn't so! Simcoe/Columbus #elxn43</p> <p>**Sample reply**</p> <p>Twitter user Witness should: A) Alert the media B) Report to @ElectionsCan_E at this link *Sharing CCE's complaint form @ErinOtooleMP #ONpoli #CDNpoli @CPC_HQ (48 engagements)</p>	Sept. 28
87	49.1K, Reddit r/Quebec	Reddit user	<p>VENDU *Sharing</p>  <p>**Sample replies**</p> <p>Facebook user C'est drôle, dans le temps qu'il etait dans Greenpece avec ses cheveux long, un de ses voisins me disait qu'il etait un hypocrite qui allait se ramasser en politique.</p>	Sept. 28

69	30K, Reddit, r/MetaCanada	Reddit user	<p>Funny that if it was an NDP/Liberal election sign, it would be MSM.</p>  <p>**Sample replies** Reddit user 1 Hate crime! We don't have to take this sort of abuse, in spite of what the media says. Reddit user 2 All signs get defaced in Montreal. It never makes the news. Wtf you on about?</p>	Sept. 27
62	30K, Reddit, r/MetaCanada	Reddit user	<p>This needs to happen.</p>  <p>**Sample replies** Reddit user 1 Please think of the environment. Split the sides apart. Glue it together, white side out. Write "Fuck you Greta" on both white sides and put it back on your own lawn. Reddit user 2 Those signs are trash, not recycling.</p>	Sept. 27
23	672, Instagram	<u>Seamus Heffernan</u> , LPC candidate for Abbotsford	<p>Not a great moment for the team today as one of our signs got destroyed by vandals. Democracy is great. Mindless thuggery is not. If you have any info about those responsible, please reach out to us on 604 398 5202. Thanks, folks. Onward and upwards!</p> 	Sept. 28



17	177K, <i>Montreal Gazette</i> Facebook page	<i>Montreal Gazette</i>	A Bloc candidate called police after his car was scratched up, presumably the same ne'er-do-wells who marked up dozens of his campaign signs. **Sample reply** Facebook user Poor babies. Signs in the garbage and scratched cars, boo hoo. Doesn't even come close to what YOU puked have done in the past 30+ years. Suck it up buttercup.	Sept. 27
6	500, Twitter	Twitter user	One would think that the govt Justice Committee Chairman would proactively instruct his team on election laws, not reactively. But we are talking about same man who prematurely shut down the SNC Lavalin investigation, before all the facts were out. *Sharing CBC article	Sept. 29

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