



**Rapport de repérage des médias sociaux: du 16 septembre 17h au 17 septembre 17h 2021**  
**Social Media Monitoring Report: September 16, 5pm – September 17, 5pm, 2021**

**Observations principales / Key observations**

- Volume: **Last 24h: 1.19 k posts/day; Previous 7 days average: 1.62K posts/day; Previous 30 days average: 1.32K posts/day; pre-campaign average: 100 posts/day**
- The lack of voting alternatives for COVID positive electors is still a major source of concern and frustration fueled by several news article on the issue.
- There is still a lot of confusion about mask mandates and proof of vaccination related to voting. Additionally, concerns about election day operations based on bad experiences at advance polls are generating discussion and will likely continue to election day.
- New high visibility tweets by US politicians expressing their support to Canadian politicians or parties led to increased accusations of foreign interference, some include accusations of election rigging by the LPC.
- Vote by mail and potentially delayed results are gaining in popularity. Pre-election narratives like dead voters and DVS re-surfaced and gained momentum in the previous 24h.

**Sujets principaux – Environnement numérique externe / Key topics – External Digital Information Ecosystem**

- **↑ Vote by mail, lockdowns as an election tactic, and machine voting**
- **→ Elections during a pandemic – voting in person**
- **↑ Concerns about individual level foreign interference**
- **→ Electors unable to vote due to COVID-19**

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

Narrative	September 16-17 (5pm)	September 15-16 (5pm)	September 14-15 (pm)	September 13-14 (5pm)	September 12-13 (5pm)
Vote by mail	90	78	79	49	65
Machine voting	31	15	15	11	12
Voter ID	21	23	4	17	19
Rigged / fraudulent elections	26	39	32	25	45
EC corrupt / partisan / incompetent	47	38	30	41	44
Voting with pencils	2	11	6	27	19
Masks in polling places	8	20	49	65	19
Vaccine requirements	12	21	18	9	14

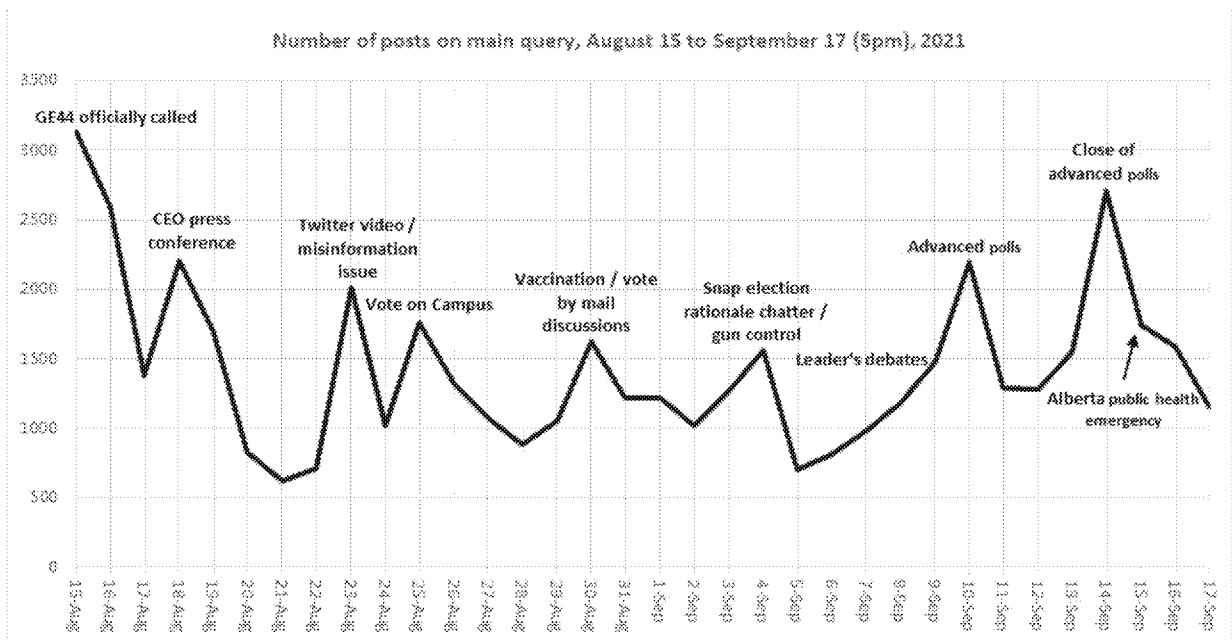
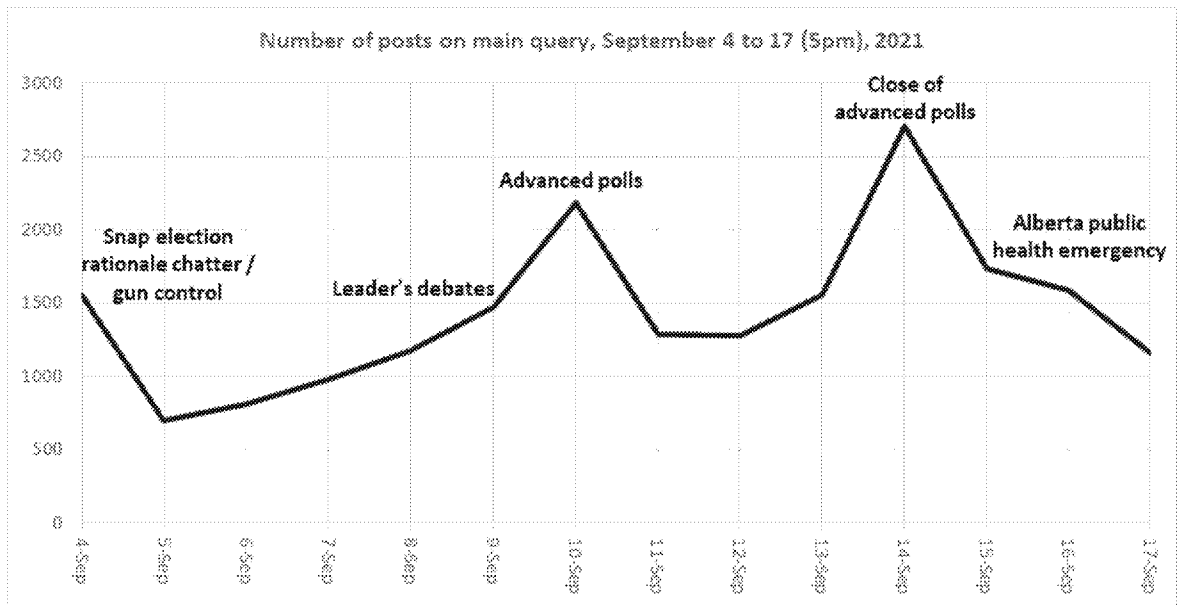
These are approximations based on keyword mentions in collated content

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

<b>Sur nos comptes officiels / On our official accounts</b>	
Sujets principaux, interactions avec l'auditoire / Key topics of interactions with our audience	Présence des sujets provenant de l'externe / Topics stemming from the external infosystem
(286/2527) Concerns of individual level foreign interference (259/2527) Vote by mail (63/2527) Ways to vote	(286/2527) Concerns of foreign interference (259/2527) Vote by mail (26/2527) Electors unable to vote due to COVID-19



(12/2527) Machine voting/DVS  
(8/2527) Elections during a pandemic - voting in person



### Éléments sous observation / On the radar

#### Misleading narratives on false options for electors with COVID-19

As news articles and online discussions about the lack of options for electors quarantining because of COVID-19 gain traction, many users expressed concerns about vote accessibility. We noticed posts sharing four false options for quarantining electors in the environment. First, the option of a curbside style of voting sometimes called “car ballot”. In this narrative, all polling stations allegedly have special ballot kits ready for electors to vote in their car if they are quarantining. The second, based on users sharing advance polls experience, claims that if requested, ROs can set up outdoor tables for people to cast their ballots. The third claims that EC offers the



option to come to quarantined individuals' home for them to cast their ballot without breaking quarantine. The fourth alleges that a neighbor can bring a quarantined person's ballot to the polling place. Although all these options are non-existent, local election workers should be made aware of what procedure to follow in the event they receive such requests in the upcoming days or on election day.

### **A day after ex-president Obama tweeted support for a party leader, Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders announce who they support in the Canadian federal election, leading to more calls of interference**

On September 17, Senator Bernie Sanders and former Secretary of State Hilary Clinton showed support for two different party leaders in very high engagement tweets. A large number of users commented under each of the posts to condemn what they described as illegal foreign interference, inappropriate behavior, or a lack of restraint. The fact that Bernie Sanders is a sitting Senator caused many to question the legality of the statement.

### **Anti-election post produces high-engagement on Qanon follower and self-proclaimed "Queen of Canada" Romana Didulo's Telegram Channel**

On September 16, a user shared a video of 2 VICs with "I AM NOT A BAR CODE" written on them being set on fire and fully burnt on the Telegram Channel of Qanon follower and self-proclaimed Queen of Canada Romana Didulo. The video generated close to 300 comments, most of them claiming the election to be "illegal" or "illegitimate". Other users shared giving their VICs similar treatment as some of them seem to see the VIC as a symbol of tyranny.

## **↑ Vote by mail, pandemic/lockdowns as an election tactic, and machine voting**

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

- De nombreux électeurs déçus par le vote postal – Radio-Canada (**Total shares: 40/ Total engagement: 136**)
- Elections Canada 'clerical error' leaves Ontario man questioning vote-by-mail system – City News (**Total shares: 37 / Total engagement: 105**)

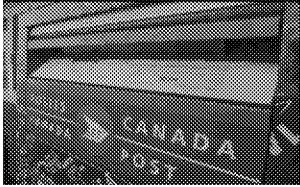
### **Faits saillants sur les médias sociaux / Social media highlights**

Concerns over the integrity of special ballots and EC's announcement that results may be delayed are still popular topics. A journalist's Twitter post casting doubt on the EC integrity in regard to the delayed results from September 15 is still having an impact in the environment as it is still actively discussed (see below, the tweet shared by an Instagram user and generated more than 220 comments). Moreover, extensive coverage of the upcoming election day and articles on the impact of vote by mail on results generated an increase in activity around familiar narratives (three narratives are more prominent: dead voters, LPC using vote by mail to rig the election, and alleged use of DVS machines.) Mentions of the 2020 U.S. Presidential election are currently common. Other posts on this topic express concerns over ballots not arriving in time or electors not receiving their special ballot kit in time, usually sharing frustration or concerns about not being able to vote or alleging the pandemic is an election rigging tactic.




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

<b>Engage ment</b>	<b>Followers, platform</b>	<b>Account</b>	<b>Post</b>	<b>Date</b>
356	13.3K, Instagram	Instagram user	THAT DOESN'T SOUND FAMILIAR AT AAAALLLLLLL	Sept. 15



			<p>Record number of mail-in ballot requests means 'very likely' vote result won't be known election night  <small>Source: Photo - Bob Peard / by [redacted] / 1h</small></p>  <p><b>*Sample comments*</b>  <b>Instagram user 1:</b> I wonder how many dead people will be mailing in their vote <b>(25 reactions)</b>  <b>Instagram user 2:</b> JT learned the usa us trick <b>(25 reactions)</b>          <b>Reply 1:</b> dominion <b>(4 reactions)</b>          <b>Reply 2:</b> he was part of the theft. His office space on spadina was shared with soros and the machine company listen to Julian assange he explains. In the cover of darkness those office spaces were emptied. After the election <b>(4 reactions)</b>  <b>Instagram user 3:</b> That gives them days to steel this <b>(11 reactions)</b>  <b>Instagram user 4:</b> I smell frauddddd looking real Biden like <b>(11 reactions)</b>  <b>Instagram user 5:</b> Never understood how mail in ballots can't be in before election night if given enough time. This type of nonsense allows trudeaus globalists cronies at dominion to buff the polls over the next week. <b>(8 r.)</b>  <b>Instagram user 6:</b> Alert! Incoming illegitimate prime minister! <b>(7 reactions)</b>  <b>Instagram user 7:</b> He's pulling a biden smh <b>(4 reactions)</b>  <b>Instagram user 8:</b> Mail in ballots should be illegal no proof of identity or citizenship!! <b>(4 reactions)</b>  <b>Instagram user 9:</b> It's frogging rigged already <b>(3 reactions)</b>  <b>Instagram user 10:</b> If the election is rigged then this is truly a dictatorship <b>(3)</b>          <b>Reply 1:</b> our vote doesnt matter unless its liberal. <b>(No reaction)</b>  <b>Instagram user 11:</b> Who the fuck mailed their votes in early voting polling stations were rammed. This jerkoff is about to rig the shit outta this election <b>(3 reactions)</b>  <b>Instagram user 12:</b> Honestly they stole the election in the states. Just stole the governors election in California. Justin is a globalist shit head puppet. Gonna see a spike of liberal votes at 2am I bet <b>(1 reaction)</b>  <b>Instagram user 13:</b> We aren't voting our way outta this . If voting did anything we wouldn't be allowed to do it. its an illusion. I suggest people get stocked up on ammo and supplies while they still can . <b>(1 reaction)</b>  <b>Instagram user 14:</b> I really don't understand why you would mail in a ballot. I took my 88 year old father to advanced polling. No line ups at all <b>(No r.)</b>  <b>Instagram user 15:</b> Here's the beginning of a scam election at its finest <b>(No r)</b>  <b>Instagram user 16:</b> It's called get george soros and the cpc to being in the filled in ballots. Can you say stolen election <b>(No reaction)</b></p>	
222	1.9K, Instagram	Instagram user	Might see something real shady go down. And if it does, my guess is nothing will be done about it no matter how much evidence surfaces after the fact.	Sept. 16



			<p>  <b>Keanan Bexte</b>                   @TheRealKeanan             </p> <p>                 Elections Canada has plans to delay the results of the election for up to 5 days. I wonder why that could be.             </p>  <p>                 thecountersignal.com                  Elections Canada says results may take five days to be release...             </p> <p> <b>*Sample comments*</b>  <b>Instagram user 1:</b> Trudeau: Well if Biden can do it, I'm doing it. For the good of Canadians. I really hope he's gone. But when things are rigged... <b>(7 r.)</b>  <b>Instagram user 2:</b> Definitely setting up to be a fraudulent election!! No doubt! <b>(5 reactions)</b>  <b>Instagram user 3:</b> Fraud maybe <b>(3 reactions)</b>  <b>Instagram user 4:</b> Frauddd there gonna rig it for Justin the clown with help from China <b>(2 reactions)</b>  <b>Instagram user 5:</b> All part of the plan so that that pos can fudge the numbers <b>(2 reactions)</b>  <b>Instagram user 6:</b> Dominon bout to be busy <b>(1 reaction)</b>  <b>Reply 1 (Original poster):</b> Canada doesn't do dominion but we have mail in voting this time. Zero chance of tamper, right?! <b>(4 reactions)</b> </p>	
<p>70</p>	<p>4.6K, Twitter</p>	<p>Twitter user</p>	<p>                 How can CTV run with "mail-in-ballots" will ensure a LPC win? Can't wait to see the actual results of a) total mail in ballots received, b) how many are counted because many will be incorrectly filled out, and c) actual results. Asking people in a poll about this now? Jokers             </p> <p> <b>*Sample comment*</b>  <b>Twitter user 1:</b> The delivery deadline is exceptionally tight - anyone in BC who didn't have it in the mail by Tuesday may be SOL <b>( 1 reaction)</b>  <b>Twitter user 2:</b> They need to be returned by Election day which is Monday. Mail in can be dropped off at the local Elections Canada office which are open until 9:00 <b>( 1 reaction)</b>  <b>Twitter user 3:</b> Went to drop off a mail in ballot for family member at Georgetown Market Place Elections Cda office. Didn't inspire any confidence. The Election Official office across from them was a scene from hell. Open boxes stacked up, literally tripping over them. They looked bewildered <b>(1 reaction)</b>  <b>Reply 1:</b> Don't know. Maybe mail-in ballots? Halton Hills has a very high elderly demographics. But honestly, it looked bad. They're in two units of the Marketplace Mall, a weird place to have an Elections Canada office, I think <b>(2 reactions)</b>  <b>Reply 2:</b> I know the mall. I agree it's a not very secure place to be holding ballots. <b>(1 reaction)</b>  <b>Twitter user 4:</b> Rigged elections are now part of the landscape. <b>(1 r.)</b> </p>	<p>Sept. 17</p>



			<p><b>Twitter user 5:</b> Based on the data provided by the elections canada website only 2/3 of the 1.25 mil mail in ballots have been returned, if 200k of those votes ultimately make it back/are disqualified it probably hurts the Liberals right? <b>(No reaction)</b></p>	
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→ Elections during a pandemic – voting in person

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

- *Canada's 2021 election: Here's your last minute voter's guide* – Global **(Total shares: 80 / Total engagement: 2.7K)**
- *Voters could see longer wait at polls amid COVID-19, staff shortage: Elections Canada* – Global **(Total shares: 38 / Total engagement: 330)**

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

Confusion about EC's stance on mask and vaccination requirements at polling places (or over differences/incoherences between how it is applied across the country depending on local requirements) continues to be a factor in discussions of voting in person, though news about lack of alternatives for COVID positive electors stuck at home has taken the spotlight with a series of news articles on the 16th and 17th of September. Concerns of physical security and spread of COVID-19 at the polls continue to be present in the environment at low levels. Discussions of things that went wrong at the polls during advance polls continue and many assume they will be magnified on election day.

**Publications reliées au sujet / Related posts**

Engage ment	Followers, platform	Account	Post	Date
219	1.1M, Twitter	CTV News, News outlet	<p>Refuse to wear a mask? You will be turned away from voting in some provinces, Elections Canada warns</p> <p><i>Refuse to wear a mask? You will be turned away from voting in some provinces, Elections Canada warns</i></p> <p><b>*Sample comments*</b>  <b>Twitter user 1:</b> Its not the responsibility of the unvax'd to keep the vaccinated safe. Thats the job of the vaccine. <b>(9 reactions)</b>  <b>Twitter user 2:</b> Election Canada also says you don't need one with a medical exemption and they won't ask you to prove it. Their words <b>(3 r.)</b>  <b>Twitter user 3:</b> No.This is wrong. If a nurse in full PPE can get up close and personal taking swabs from a person in a car, then an elections Canada official can be safely trained how to obtain a ballot from someone in a car. Does NOBODY RECOGNIZE A SLIPPERY SLOPE WHEN THEY SEE ONE? <b>(3 r.)</b></p>	Sept. 16
102	8.7K, Twitter	Twitter user	<p>Will the critical thinking unvaxxed be allowed to vote??</p> <p><b>*Sample comments*</b>  <b>Twitter user 1:</b> Elections Canada says yes, but they also said that about no face diapers and changed lanes 2 days later. <b>(1 reaction)</b>  <b>Twitter user 2:</b> Allowed to vote or forced to revolt! <b>(1 reaction)</b>  <b>Twitter user 3:</b> I wondered this. Can they turn people away from the polls because they are held in public indoor facilities? <b>(No reaction)</b></p>	Sept. 16



			<b>Twitter user 4:</b> I went and voted the day special ballot opened. No mask, no vax, no vaxpassport... I hope you have an easy time voting! <b>(No r.)</b>	
20	111.9K, Facebook	CTV Toronto, News outlet	<p>Two Mississauga-area high schools will send all students online on Election Day so that the schools can be used as polling places, the schools board says.</p> <p><i>Two Mississauga high schools going virtual for a day so schools can serve as polling sites</i></p> <p><b>*Sample comments*</b></p> <p><b>Facebook user 1:</b> What a joke this country is ..... closing schools because they are afraid someone will get Covid from the people in a massive gym with open doors. Give us a break.. 1032 People can go to a Costco or Walmart, walk around each other, bumping into people but we can;t have a School keep kids in school while people VOTE in a huge GYM....TOTAL FEAR MONGERING 100%. Stop with the idiotic procedures and just let people do their thing and keep the kids in school. What a bunch of crap. <b>(3 r.)</b></p> <p><b>Reply 1:</b> put covid aside. Schools never allow strangers into the building any other time but ok during an election. This has always been a head shaker. Plenty of church halls, legion halls, empty retail spaces which can be used <b>(4 reactions)</b></p> <p><b>Facebook user 2:</b> I remember Dr. Moore saying schools wouldn't be used as polling stations. <b>(2 reactions)</b></p> <p><b>Facebook user 3:</b> Why cant Elections Canada use other public buildings. Schools have been closed enough <b>(2 reactions)</b></p> <p><b>Facebook user 4:</b> So once again the government thinks they are more important than a child getting an education how about the do this in outdoor places like a park or field. So many other places to do this <b>(No r.)</b></p> <p><b>Facebook user 5:</b> More liberal hypocrisy, because of a slef called early federal election, it's ok to have thousands of visitors in and close the school from students. <b>(No reaction)</b></p>	Sept. 16

### ↑ Concerns about individual level foreign interference

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

- Obama, Hillary Clinton endorse Trudeau ahead of federal election – 680 News **(Total shares: 86 / Total engagement: 4.7K)**
- Obama, Hillary Clinton endorse Trudeau ahead of federal election – City News 1130 **(Total shares: 42/ Total engagement: 2.8K)**

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

A day after former US President Obama expressed support for a Canadian party leader, three major US political figures, Senator Bernie Sanders, former Secretary of State Hilary Clinton, and former US Ambassador to Canada Bruce A. Herman, all showed support for two parties' leaders in very high engagement tweets. A large number of users commented under each of the posts to condemn what they described as illegal foreign interference, inappropriate behavior, or a lack of restraint. The fact that Bernie Sanders is a sitting Senator caused many to question the legality of the statement. Obama's September 16 tweet is still a major topic of discussion. Adding to accusations of foreign interference, many users describing his tweet as a "sign of a rigged election" or accusing the LPC of paying Obama to offer Justin Trudeau support close to Day 0.



Publications reliées au sujet / Related posts				
Engage ment	Followers, platform	Account	Post	Date
24.1K	15.3M, Twitter	Bernie Sanders, U.S Senator	<p>Canada goes to the polls Monday. There's one party that stood up for working people in the pandemic. One leader who has the courage to make the wealthy pay their fair share so everyone gets the medication they need. That's why I support the @NDP and @theJagmeetSingh</p> <p><b>*Sample comments*</b></p> <p><b>Twitter user 1:</b> OMG dude this is inappropriate just like it was when @HillaryClinton and @BarackObama did it. Stay in your lane and out of Canadians' business <b>(210 reactions)</b></p> <p><b>Twitter user 2:</b> Is it legal for @BernieSanders to interfere in other countries politics or influence the poll?? <b>(112 reactions)</b></p> <p><b>Reply 1:</b> But what about Canadian law? Is that considered foreign interference? <b>(5 reactions)</b></p> <p><b>Reply 2:</b> Doesn't section 331 of the elections Canada Act make it illegal for a non Canadian to influence a Canadian on how to vote? Just like taking a photo of your ballot is illegal but people do it. <b>(3 reactions)</b></p> <p><b>Twitter user 3:</b> You rock Mr. Sanders! <b>(33 reaction)</b></p> <p><b>Reply 1:</b> You're ok with a foreign elected official interfering with our election? <b>(No reaction)</b></p> <p><b>Twitter user 4:</b> BERNIE NO - stop - what is this? No. Foreign politicians should stay out of our election. STOP. <b>(23 reactions)</b></p> <p><b>Twitter user 5:</b> Is it appropriate for a sitting senator to endorse foreign political parties? <b>(11 reactions)</b></p> <p><b>Twitter user 6:</b> AGH. Stop. No more foreign interference in our election please. <b>(11 reactions)</b></p> <p><b>Twitter user 7:</b> The US is just about the most screwed up country in the world at the moment, can we please stop having US politicians weigh in on our elections. <b>(8 reactions)</b></p> <p><b>Twitter user 8:</b> Influencing foreign elections is cringe. <b>(8 reactions)</b></p> <p><b>Reply 1:</b> As a Canadian, I welcome Bernie Sanders' election interference. Our people yearn for the sweet air of freedom. (And frankly, I wish that more Canadian politicians would show the kind of intestinal and spinal fortitude Bernie has.) <b>(24 reactions)</b></p> <p><b>Twitter user 9:</b> More foreign interference in a Canadian election. <b>(4 r.)</b></p> <p><b>Twitter user 10:</b> Isn't this foreign election interference? <b>(2 reactions)</b></p> <p><b>Twitter user 11:</b> I hear they must show ID to vote. <b>(1 reaction)</b></p> <p><b>Reply 1:</b> Nope. U can get someone like your neighbour to vouch for you if u don't have an I'd <b>(2 reactions)</b></p> <p><b>Reply 2:</b> I do that already for my dead grandfather <b>(1 reaction)</b></p> <p><b>Twitter user 12:</b> Mêlez-vous de vos affaires ! Mind ur own business ! <b>(1 r.)</b></p> <p><b>Twitter user 13:</b> So, do you think it would be acceptable for Putin to interfere in the American election and endorse Trump ? I think not ! So PLEASE don't interfere in the Canadian election.....! Unlike America WE have a multi party system ! <b>(1 reaction)</b></p>	Sept. 17





			<b>Twitter user 14:</b> Why 3 americans want to influence the canadian votes. Please, take care of your own country...it deeply needs being taken care of. Canadians will take care of there's. <b>(1 reaction)</b>	
3.9K	84.9K, Instagram	Instagram user	<p>barack obama publicly endorsed justin trudeau on twitter today and wished him luck in the upcoming election. [...]</p> <p><b>*Sample comments*</b></p> <p><b>Instagram user 1:</b> Probably first sign of a rigged election. <b>(141 reactions)</b>  <b>Reply 1:</b> Canada uses a different system than the US. The closest Canada came to voter fraud was when Harper's people fake called 100's of people. Most of them got caught and it was fixed. <b>(12 reactions)</b>  <b>Reply 2:</b> bro if Canada or the United States Left rigged elections, how in the ever loving fuck do you think trump got elected [...] <b>(5 reactions)</b>  <b>Reply 3:</b> different system doesn't mean it can't be rigged. I voted couple of time, I like the two envelopes system but mail-in voting is new and it creates a lot of issues. <b>(No reaction)</b></p> <p><b>Instagram user 2:</b> Rigged election coming your way! <b>(63 reactions)</b>  <b>Reply 1:</b> Just because you don't like who gets voted in, doesn't make it rigged. <b>(4 reactions)</b></p> <p><b>Instagram user 3:</b> How much money did Trudeau fork out to Obama for "support"? <b>(23 reactions)</b></p> <p><b>Instagram user 4:</b> Obama must be sharing secrets with JT how to rig an election <b>(2 reactions)</b></p> <p><b>Instagram user 5:</b> im pretty sure thats illegal in some way <b>(1 reaction)</b></p> <p><b>Instagram user 6:</b> That is from the last election and us called election interference. <b>(No reaction)</b></p> <p><b>Instagram user 7:</b> Um, not a big fan of foreign interference in our election. Obama can piss off. <b>(No reaction)</b></p>	Sept. 16

→ Electors unable to vote due to COVID-19

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

- *Canadians isolating due to COVID-19 will be unable to vote on election day* – CBC **(Total shares: 39 / Total engagement: 266)**

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

Following initial reactions to news that electors who test positive for COVID-19 will have no recourse to vote, deeper discussions of the topic are proliferating on online forums. The major discussion was over whether it was legal for EC to not provide additional measures to vote on election day considering advance polling and requests for voting kits are now closed. Many social media commenters stressed that these additional methods to vote were previously available, and the need to protect public safety overrides an individual who chose to vote on election day and happened to be placed under an isolation order. Other people suggested or erroneously believed other methods of voting to be provided to electors caught in this predicament; many believe EC's stance will force people into voting while infected and not disclosing symptoms.

**Publications reliées au sujet / Related posts**

Engage ment	Followers, platform	Account	Post	Date
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4.7K	504K, r/politicalcompass memes	Reddit user, 18.7K Karma	<div data-bbox="574 245 1432 1134" data-label="Image"> </div> <p data-bbox="574 1215 829 1246"><b>*Sample comments*</b></p> <p data-bbox="574 1252 1432 1282"><b>Reddit user 1:</b> This sounds like a voter suppression to me. <b>(843 reactions)</b></p> <p data-bbox="574 1289 1458 1319"><b>Reddit user 2:</b> Legitimately concerning sign for democracy <b>(359 reactions)</b></p> <p data-bbox="607 1325 1089 1356"><b>Reply 1:</b> Literally a fraud lol <b>(4 reactions)</b></p> <p data-bbox="574 1362 1453 1427"><b>Reddit user 3:</b> So you're saying infected people have no rights. That is not just tyranny that's a violation of human rights. <b>(301 reactions)</b></p> <p data-bbox="574 1433 1416 1498"><b>Reddit user 4:</b> Huh. I guess don't get tested and Lei is the only option. I thought voting was a human right. <b>(245 reactions)</b></p> <p data-bbox="607 1504 1435 1645"><b>Reply 1:</b> Yeah, that's why he announced his arbitrary dictum after the vote by mail deadline passed. And it's common knowledge that conservatives vote in person, and leftists prefer the mail. So, it's quite obvious being done on purpose. <b>(58 reactions)</b></p> <p data-bbox="574 1651 1459 1752"><b>Reddit user 5:</b> To be honest I'm confused what the alternative is here. You can't have people who tested positive for Covid coming to vote in person, especially since Canada uses paper ballots. <b>(38 reactions)</b></p> <p data-bbox="607 1759 1385 1789"><b>Reply 1:</b> They should have extended mail in voting. <b>(35 reactions)</b></p> <p data-bbox="574 1795 1459 1826"><b>Reddit user 6:</b> Require id to vote? Banning sick people from voting? <b>(22 r.)</b></p> <p data-bbox="574 1832 1248 1862"><b>Reddit user 7:</b> it's simple: don't get tested <b>(15 reactions)</b></p> <p data-bbox="574 1869 1445 2035"><b>Reddit user 8:</b> if you get covid at this point, you are banned from voting this election, there is no alternative option Wow I don't want any liberals in America complaining about how "&lt;5% of people in the US have no IDs and that means voter ID is voter suppression". What Canada is doing is legitimate voter suppression. Hope your country realizes that is turning</p>	Sept. 17
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			into an authoritarian hell hole and votes these people out. But I guess since it's a leftist haven I bet not. <b>(6 reactions)</b>	
860	1M, <a href="#">r/canada</a>	Reddit user, 115K Karma	<p><i>People recently diagnosed with COVID-19 won't be able to vote on election day</i></p> <p><b>*Sample comments*</b></p> <p><b>Reddit user 1:</b> Serious question. Is this even legal? <b>(8 reactions)</b></p> <p><b>Reddit user 2:</b> People recently diagnosed with COVID-19 who disclose their status won't be able to vote on election day. Fixed that for them. Not having some option for them to vote on election day is a major oversight as it will lead to people just lying as they feel, not unjustifiably, entitled to vote. <b>(6 r.)</b></p> <p><b>Reddit user 3:</b> Yup, and not having a viable alternative opens up the risk that polling workers and voters will be exposed to COVID positive people. <b>(4 r.)</b></p> <p><b>Reddit user 4:</b> Elections are part of the democratic process and in a minority government happen about once a year. The current federal government was longer than the average minority. If you think this election is somehow an outlier you're buying into a fairly nonsensical media (ie conservative) narrative. I truly hope most Canadians have more sense than to make voting decisions based on such things. <b>(3 reactions)</b></p> <p><b>Reddit user 5:</b> I know in another election, they allowed people with covid to vote from their car. <b>(3 reactions)</b></p> <p><b>Reddit user 6:</b> No it's absolutely legal. There's early voting and Mail in voting. Election Day is the deadline not the only opportunity to vote. It's legal because of the extraordinary discretion under the Election Act to protect the safety of those at the polls. Just because you waited until the absolute deadline and then something went wrong doesn't make it the Chief Election Officer's responsibility to... what? Let you: put fellow voters in deadly danger? put poll workers in deadly danger? vote after results are already rolling in? If you are sick stay home on Election Day and make arrangements to vote early instead <b>(3 reactions)</b></p> <p><b>Reddit user 7:</b> The US managed it in their election last year, and that was before vaccines were available. There's no excuse for us to be disenfranchising people in this way. <b>(2 reactions)</b></p> <p><b>Reddit user 8:</b> Based on my recent experiences with Canada Post, I'd estimate about a 50% probability of them actually delivering my ballot. No thanks. <b>(No reaction)</b></p> <p><b>Reddit user 9:</b> Follow protocols and wear a mask the chance of an outbreak is extremely low. The only way an outbreak happens is if some ignorant fool refuses to wear a mask <b>(No reaction)</b></p> <p><b>Reddit user 10:</b> Politicians have nothing to do with how the election is run, you know that right? Elections Canada runs it. <b>(No reaction)</b></p> <p><b>Reddit user 11:</b> I think you missed the point. Elections Canada didn't write the quarantine act and didn't set the requirement that people needed to quarantine upon a positive test result. This isn't their decision and there's nothing they can do about it. They've expanded mail in voting to address this and advance polls are available as usually but there not much else they can do. Allowing COVID positive people to break quarantine to go vote in person would disenfranchise far more people as many, particularly those who are more vulnerable, would be forced to avoid the polls. <b>(No reaction)</b></p>	Sept. 16



			<p><b>Reddit user 12:</b> could we not make an exception to allow the request of mail in ballots until Election Day either for everyone or for those with proof of a recent covid diagnosis this election? Seems like something that wouldn't be too difficult to implement and would allow everyone to vote - even if we have to wait a bit longer to be confident of the election results <b>(No r.)</b></p>	
332	4chan	4chan user	<p>CANADA GENERAL - EMERGENCY IN ALBERTA EDITION</p> <p><b>*Sample comments*</b></p> <p><b>4chan user 1:</b> For any of you that voted in advance, did you use a pencil or pen to fill out your ballot? I only ask because my polling station only had pencils. I used my own pen to fill out my ballot and have always used a pen in previous elections. In fact, I recall, Elections Canada having an explicit rule that you must use a pen with blue or black ink. Pencils, red ink and markers are considered spoiled ballots <b>(No reaction)</b></p> <p><b>4chan user 2:</b> Pencils have always been okay. Some on /pol/ are concerned that a light pencil mark with EC's lowest-bidder pencils may be easily to claim is too faded to tell voting intention. <b>(No reaction)</b></p>	Sept. 15
74	137K, r/Québec	Reddit user, 249.6K karma	<p><i>Pas le droit de voter si vous venez de contracter la COVID-19</i></p> <p><b>*Sample comments*</b></p> <p><b>Reddit user 1 :</b> Sincèrement, une grosse gaffe de la part d'Élections Canada. Il y allait très clairement avoir des gens en quarantaine les jours du vote, et rien n'a été prévu spécifiquement pour eux. <b>(21 reactions)</b></p> <p><b>Reply 1 :</b> Y'a des gens qui comparent cette situation à se casser la jambe la veille des élections. Je trouve que la comparaison ne tient pas la route. <b>(6 reactions)</b></p> <p><b>Reply 2 :</b> Oui, c'est inacceptable. Je me demande s'il y a matière à poursuite. <b>(No reaction)</b></p> <p><b>Reddit user 2 :</b> Aussi les étudiants pourront pas voter sur leur campus. Cette élection est truquée d'avance. <b>(No reaction)</b></p> <p><b>Reddit user 3 :</b> C'est inacceptable. Si tu décides d'aller voter sans masque, ils n'ont pas l'autorité de t'empêcher. Le droit de vote est au dessus de beaucoup de lois. Selon moi, c'est matière à poursuites. <b>(No reaction)</b></p> <p><b>Reddit user 4 :</b> Imaginons ce que diraient nos médias si la même chose se produisait en Russie... <b>(No reaction)</b></p> <p><b>Reddit user 5 :</b> Mon gut feeling me dit que ça va particulièrement affecter les partisans du PPC <b>(No reaction)</b></p> <p><b>Reddit user 6 :</b> Asti que c'est glissant comme terrain, baswell. Une autre p'tite graine de plantée - si vous êtes un pas propre, pas le droit de vote. Hmm... <b>(No reaction)</b></p> <p><b>Reddit user 7 :</b> Pfff Prenez deux tylenol, un DayQuil, pis allez voter. Gardez vos distances, portez le masque. Ça va bien aller. <b>(No reaction)</b></p> <p><b>Reply 1 :</b> Si quelqu'un a le covid et fait ça, svp portez un n95 <b>(No r.)</b></p>	Sept. 17
44	3.1M, Twitter	CBC News, News outlet	<p>The right to vote is enshrined in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. But the spread of COVID-19 could force many Canadian voters to isolate at home on election day.</p> <p><i>Canadians isolating due to COVID-19 will be unable to vote on election day</i></p>	Sept. 16



			<p><b>*Sample comments*</b></p> <p><b>Twitter user 1:</b> They could have requested a ballot to vote by mail if they were concerned. <b>(9 reactions)</b></p> <p><b>Twitter user 2:</b> A right, not an obligation. Not one of the parties is worth taking 5min out of my day to vote. No matter who wins, the PM will have more vote against him than for him. A country run by a minority...limits the damage but still pathetic. <b>(8 reactions)</b></p> <p><b>Reply 1:</b> It is both! <b>(2 reactions)</b></p> <p><b>Reply 2:</b> No it's not. Only brainwashed Sheep would believe that. Voting = legitimizing a corrupt system favouring the rich and connected. To think electing someone will change anything is naive at best. They've all been promising change since before I was born, never delivered. <b>(No r.)</b></p> <p><b>Twitter user 3:</b> There was a weekend of advance polling and a mail in option. My son voted by mail as he was concerned he wouldn't be able to on the 20th if he was sick. <b>(6 reactions)</b></p> <p><b>Twitter user 4:</b> Canada needs e-voting. <b>(5 reactions)</b></p> <p><b>Reply 1:</b> While well intentioned, this is a horrible idea. <b>(2 reactions)</b></p> <p><b>Twitter user 5:</b> Anyone could have registered to vote by mail, the deadline was Monday. <b>(3 reactions)</b></p> <p><b>Twitter user 6:</b> I voted early and I can say that Covid precautions were taken very seriously. You'd be safer voting that's you are grocery shopping. <b>(3 r.)</b></p> <p><b>Twitter user 7:</b> Vote by mail <b>(3 reactions)</b></p> <p><b>Reply 1:</b> Lol America just went through that theft lesson. <b>(3 reactions)</b></p> <p><b>Twitter user 8:</b> If someone tests positive, they shouldn't be permitted to go to a polling station where they could infect others. If anything, this bolsters the argument for voting by mail. <b>(2 reactions)</b></p> <p><b>Twitter user 9:</b> Funny thing they said that same thing about the U.S. election last year. Yet it broke records by millions and millions of votes. <b>(1 reaction)</b></p> <p><b>Twitter user 10:</b> Can they vote by proxy? <b>(1 reaction)</b></p> <p><b>Twitter user 11:</b> What about the fact there were glitches in signing up for mail-in voting? I tagged you a few times about this but never heard back! @CBCNews <b>(1 reaction)</b></p>	
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