



democracy Watch
émocratie en surveillance

P.O. Box 821, Stn. B, Ottawa K1P 5P9
Tel: 613-241-5179 Fax: 613-241-4758
Email: info@democracywatch.ca Internet: http://democracywatch.ca

List of Democracy Watch's 2020 Media Appearances

Please see listed below links to almost all of Democracy Watch's Media Appearances in 2020

(NOTE: some TV and radio interviews are not in the list because they have not been archived online by the media outlet, and some links may not work if the media outlet has changed the link or the link may require you to subscribe to see the article)

564 media appearances in 2020 (including 81 national appearances)

August 28, 2020

<https://ipolitics.ca/2020/08/28/democracy-watch-wants-rcmp-to-investigate-we-charitys-lobby-registration/>

August 27, 2020 – GlobalNews.ca and 7 other media outlets, all publishing Canadian Press wire article

<https://globalnews.ca/news/7302183/covid-19-human-rights-tribunal-ontario/>

August 26, 2020

<https://thetyee.ca/News/2020/08/26/Conservative-WeChat-Ad-Trudeau/>

August 24, 2020 – Interview with DWatch co-founder Duff Conacher, first 12 minutes of this podcast

<https://www.unpublishedottawa.com/cafe/299485/proroguing-parliament>

August 19, 2020

<https://pauldaly.openum.ca/blog/2020/08/19/prorogation-constitutional-principles-and-judicial-review/>

August 15, 2020

<https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2020/08/15/extendicare-subsidary-gets-taxpayer-funded-wage-subsidy-while-dividends-paid-to-shareholders.html>

August 13, 2020

<https://thepostmillennial.com/breaking-we-charity-laying-off-dozens-in-canada-and-uk-citing-recent-events>

August 12, 2020

<https://www.hilltimes.com/2020/08/12/we-charity-highlights-loopholes-for-celebrity-and-secret-lobbying-warn-observers-who-call-for-long-overdue-review/259594>

August 10, 2020 – TVA and 4 other media outlets

<https://www.tvanouvelles.ca/2020/08/10/affaire-we-charity-une-occasion-de-resserrer-les-lois-en-matiere-dethique-et-de-lobbyisme-1>

August 10, 2020

<https://www.hilltimes.com/2020/08/10/sliding-scale-of-penalties-necessary-for-ethical-breaches-says-watchdog/259572>

August 10, 2020

<https://thepostmillennial.com/democracy-watch-leader-grades-justin-trudeau-an-f-when-it-comes-to-ethics>

August 9, 2020

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/politics/article-tories-urge-finance-panel-to-study-pmos-outsourcing-of-commercial/>

August 9, 2020

<https://winnipeg.sun.com/opinion/letters/letters-aug-9-2020>

August 5, 2020

<https://www.hilltimes.com/2020/08/05/we-scandal-underlines-need-to-review-lobbying-rules/258761>

August 2, 2020 – Singtao.ca and two other outlets

<https://www.singtao.ca/4401915/2020-08-02/post-%e6%8c%87%e7%82%ba%e4%b8%ad%e5%9c%8b%e5%85%ac%e5%8f%b8%e5%b7%a5%e4%bd%9c-%e5%8f%8d%e5%b0%8d%e9%bb%a8%e4%bf%83%e6%9f%a5%e9%ba%a5%e5%ae%b6%e5%bb%89/?variant=zh-hk>

August 1, 2020 – Duff Conacher on Roy Green show re: WE Charity scandal

<https://omny.fm/shows/roy-green-show/on-min-of-education-prov-drops-association-with-we>

July 31, 2020

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/politics/article-critics-call-for-ethics-probe-of-ex-ambassadors-work-at-chinese/>

July 30, 2020

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/07/30/world/canada/justin-trudeau-we-charity.html>

July 30, 2020

<https://pressprogress.ca/who-invited-a-top-saskatchewan-party-donor-to-a-meeting-with-craig-kielburger-in-premier-scott-moes-office/>

July 30, 2020

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/new-brunswick/nb-donations-incorrectly-accepted-1.5668119>

July 30, 2020

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/trudeau-telford-finance-committee-1.5668305>

July 30, 2020

<https://observerxtra.com/2020/07/30/we-charity-decision-was-poor-and-consequences-are-required/>

July 28, 2020

<https://www.cbc.ca/radio/thecurrent/the-current-for-july-28-2020-1.5665445/we-charity-worker-says-organisation-sacrificed-ethical-integrity-to-serve-as-vessel-for-corporate-interests-1.5665495>

July 27, 2020

<https://ipolitics.ca/2020/07/27/supreme-court-to-decide-this-week-whether-to-hear-challenge-of-ethics-lobbying-commissioners-appointments/>

July 26 – Duff Conacher on the Roy Green show re: WE Charity scandal

<https://omny.fm/shows/roy-green-show/roy-green-show-podcast-07-26-20>

July 23, 2020

<https://pressprogress.ca/scott-moes-saskatchewan-party-accepted-tens-of-thousands-of-dollars-from-alberta-oil-companies-in-2019/>

July 23, 2020

<https://omny.fm/shows/kelly-cutrara/understanding-the-morneaus-testimony>

July 22, 2020

https://www.theepochtimes.com/we-scandal-normal-parliamentary-sittings-vital-for-scrutiny-say-democracy-advocates_3432804.html

July 21, 2020 – *Epoch Times* and 5 other media outlets

https://www.theepochtimes.com/making-a-political-scandal-stick_3433173.html and <https://thedailyreformer.com/what-determines-whether-a-political-scandal-will-stick/>

July 21, 2020

<https://globalnews.ca/news/7199917/we-charity-trudeau-money/>

July 21, 2020

<https://thepostmillennial.com/trudeau-government-admits-to-injecting-5-5-million-into-we-charity-since-2015>

July 20, 2020

<https://www.lawtimesnews.com/practice-areas/litigation/democracy-watch-asks-superior-court-to-cancel-new-tribunal-appointment-system/331640>

July 17, 2020

<https://thetyee.ca/Analysis/2020/07/17/Vape-Smoke-Rona-Ambrose/>

July 16, 2020

<https://www.thestar.com/politics/provincial/2020/07/16/democracy-watch-starts-legal-fight-with-doug-ford-over-appointments-to-tribunals.html>

and

<https://www.nationalobserver.com/2020/07/16/news/democracy-watch-starts-legal-fight-doug-ford-over-appointments-tribunals>

July 16, 2020

<https://ipolitics.ca/2020/07/16/democracy-watch-files-legal-challenge-of-ford-governments-tribunal-appointment-process/>

July 16, 2020

<https://torontosun.com/news/provincial/ford-govt-appointment-process-challenged>

July 16, 2020

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/parliamentary-committee-probe-we-charity-deal-1.5651211>

July 15, 2020 – *National Post* and 14 other Postmedia outlets

<https://nationalpost.com/news/politics/trudeau-government-contributed-1-18-million-to-we-day-event-in-2017-during-which-pms-mother-was-likely-paid-to-speak/>

July 15, 2020

<https://ici.radio-canada.ca/nouvelle/1719803/affaire-unis-justin-trudeau-critique-mary-dawson>

July 14, 2020

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/mary-dawson-trudeau-we-charity-blind-spot-1.5649752>

July 14, 2020

<https://www.straight.com/news/trudeaus-we-charity-apology-lays-foundation-for-demonstrating-a-lack-of-criminal-intent> and

<https://nowtoronto.com/news/breaking-down-justin-trudeau-we-charity-apology>

July 13, 2020 – National Post and other Postmedia outlets

<https://nationalpost.com/news/canada/justin-trudeau-apologizes-we-charity-not-recusing/wcm/1d01b290-c5b5-4e08-a1df-1e8930ef55b9/>

July 13, 2020

<https://www.straight.com/news/democracy-watch-calls-for-rcmp-probe-and-second-ethics-inquiry-into-trudeaus-dealings-with-we>

July 13, 2020

<https://globalnews.ca/video/7173173/trudeau-apologizes-for-not-recusing-himself-over-we-charity-talks/>

July 13, 2020

<https://globalnews.ca/video/7169930/a-closer-look-at-the-we-charity-scandal>

July 12, 2020

<https://globalnews.ca/news/7167775/we-charity-trudeau-morneau-conservatives/>

July 10, 2020

<https://globalnews.ca/news/7161679/tories-call-for-criminal-probe-we-contracts-trudeau-family-fees/>

July 10, 2020 – 9 media outlets across Canada (all publishing Canadian Press wire article)

<https://www.burnabynow.com/conservatives-say-police-should-be-called-in-to-investigate-we-charity-scandal-1.24168173>

July 10, 2020

<https://www.citynews1130.com/2020/07/10/conservatives-criminal-investigation-we-charity/>

July 9, 2020

<https://www.thestar.com/politics/federal/2020/07/09/trudeaus-family-members-received-282000-in-speaking-fees-from-we-charity-report-says.html>

July 9, 2020

<https://pressprogress.ca/one-fifth-of-the-saskatchewan-partys-corporate-donations-came-from-outside-saskatchewan/>

July 7, 2020

<https://albertapolitics.ca/2020/07/bill-30-the-ucps-health-care-omnibus-bill-is-bad-but-not-as-bad-as-it-could-have-been/>

July 7, 2020

<https://lobbymonitor.ca/2020/07/07/trudeau-brand-likely-to-survive-we-charity-ethics-investigation-say-lobbyists/17370>

July 6, 2020

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/edmonton/ethics-commissioner-finds-no-conflict-with-justice-minister-appointing-political-supporter-to-inquiry-post-1.5639789>

July 7, 2020

<https://ici.radio-canada.ca/nouvelle/1717834/loi-infraction-delit-initie-influence>

July 6, 2020 – *Globe and Mail*, *Calgary Herald* and 12 other media outlets (all publishing Canadian Press wire article)

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-albertas-ethics-commissioner-clears-justice-minister-in-case-tied-to/>

July 6, 2020 – *National Post* and 6 other media outlets, all publishing Postmedia.com wire article

<https://www.thechronicleherald.ca/news/canada/federal-government-wont-say-which-organizations-other-than-we-charity-it-considered-to-run-900-million-student-volunteer-grant-program-470281/>

July 6, 2020

<https://omny.fm/shows/580-cfra/the-morning-rush-trudeau-under-ethics-investigatio>

July 4, 2020

<https://omny.fm/shows/roy-green-show/duff-conacher-of-democracy-watch-on-trudeau-we-deb>

July 3, 2020

https://www.huffingtonpost.ca/entry/justin-trudeau-we-charity-ethics-investigation_ca_5effb266c5b612083c5c5b85?utm_hp_ref=ca-politics

July 2, 2020

<https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/goldstein-we-charity-scrutiny-trips-up-trudeau>

July 2, 2020

<https://omny.fm/shows/on-point-with-alex-pierson/we-charity-900-million-grant-from-trudeau-governme>

June 30, 2020 – *National Post* and 14 other Postmedia outlets

<https://nationalpost.com/news/politics/we-charity-boss-said-pmo-called-to-award-900m-student-grant-program-day-after-it-was-announced>

June 30, 2020

<https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/goldstein-we-contract-puts-trudeau-in-another-charity-controversy>

June 30, 2020

<https://thepostmillennial.com/trudeau-has-provided-charity-closely-linked-to-family>

June 30, 2020 – *National Post* and 14 other Postmedia outlets

<https://nationalpost.com/news/politics/records-show-charity-closely-linked-to-trudeau-has-received-multiple-sole-source-contracts-from-liberal-government>

June 26, 2020 – on CTV's Quibi show <https://quibi.com/shows/newsday-by-ctv-578/>
re: this story <https://www.thestar.com/politics/federal/2020/06/25/ottawa-outsources-student-grant-program-to-a-toronto-charity-that-works-with-justin-trudeaus-wife.html>

June 26, 2020

<https://www.thestar.com/politics/federal/2020/06/25/ottawa-outsources-student-grant-program-to-a-toronto-charity-that-works-with-justin-trudeaus-wife.html>

June 25, 2020

<https://www.lawsonlundell.com/Commercial-Litigation-and-Dispute-Resolution-Blog/justiciability-disputes-what-can-courts-rule-on>

June 25, 2020

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/edmonton/edmonton-habitat-international-legal-dispute-housing-mortgage-1.5627503>

June 25, 2020

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/edmonton/judge-donated-to-habitat-edmonton-1.5626235>

June 24, 2020

<https://thetyee.ca/Analysis/2020/06/24/CPC-Cheating-Party-Canada/>

June 22, 2020

<https://www.cba.org/Sections/Administrative-Law/Articles/2020/that-lobbying-commissioner-has-no-duty?lang=en-ca>

June 12, 2020

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/north/travel-restrictions-changed-nwt-1.5608909>

May 28, 2020

<https://www.thelawyersdaily.ca/articles/19247/crown-government-boards-and-commissions-jurisdiction-to-review-legislation>

May 27, 2020

<https://nationalpost.com/news/liberals-derailing-parliament-when-covid-19-spending-oversight-especially-needed-critics>

May 16, 2020 – Barrons.com and 13 other media outlets (all publishing Agence France-Presse)

<https://www.barrons.com/news/canada-parliament-goes-virtual-during-pandemic-01589681105>

May 15, 2020

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/article-report-on-illegal-election-donations-ignores-key-legal-and-democratic/>

May 12, 2020

<https://www.nationalobserver.com/2020/05/13/news/bc-prosecutor-stands-behind-decision-against-charges-political-donors-probe>

May 12, 2020

<https://thetyee.ca/News/2020/05/12/Evidence-Political-Contribution-Investigation/>

May 12, 2020 – Appeared in 6 newspapers

<https://www.prpeak.com/illegal-lobbyist-donations-not-significant-enough-to-warrant-prosecution-report-1.24133678>

May 11, 2020

<https://thebreaker.news/news/butcher-statement/>

May 11, 2020

<https://www.hilltimes.com/2020/05/11/soon-time-for-fiscal-update-to-see-feds-recovery-plan-says-past-pbo-page/247319>

May 10, 2020

<https://thebreaker.news/news/ndp-lobbyist-gcpe/>

May 4, 2020

<https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/local/national-oversight-body-chides-manitoba-qb-justice-suche-for-advising-federal-minister-husband-carr-570176682.html>

May 2, 2020

<https://bc.ctvnews.ca/scrutiny-makes-for-better-decisions-democracy-watchdog-urges-all-parliaments-to-reopen-amidst-covid-19-crisis-1.4922078>

May 1, 2020

<https://www.nationalobserver.com/2020/05/01/news/ontario-allowing-secret-lobbying-amid-covid-19-critic>

April 23, 2020

<https://business.financialpost.com/news/fp-street/why-canadas-big-banks-cant-afford-to-screw-up-their-response-to-the-coronavirus-crisis>

April 23, 2020

<https://lobbymonitor.ca/2020/04/23/lobbying-act-does-not-include-a-statutory-right-for-the-investigation-of-public-complaints-says/17260>

April 22, 2020

<https://www.lawtimesnews.com/case-law/federal-court-of-appeal/interpretation-of-consultation-required-by-statute-was-not-unreasonable/328930>

April 18, 2020

https://www.thestar.com/news/city_hall/2020/04/18/750-for-doing-chin-ups-in-a-park-sitting-on-benches-banned-do-emergency-measures-go-too-far.html

and

<https://www.ourwindsor.ca/opinion-story/9955773--750-for-doing-chin-ups-in-a-park-sitting-on-benches-banned-do-emergency-measures-go-too-far/>

April 14, 2020

<https://calgary.ctvnews.ca/calls-growing-for-canadian-banks-to-do-more-amid-covid-19-pandemic-1.4896421>

April 13, 2020

<https://omny.fm/shows/am640-the-morning-show/they-can-afford-to-do-much-more-group-calls-on-fed>

April 11, 2020

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/business/banks-charge-interest-on-interest-for-mortgage-payment-deferral-1.5529399>

April 9, 2020

<https://vocm.com/2020/04/09/bank-fees-and-interest-rates/>

April 7, 2020

<https://montrealgazette.com/news/local-news/coronavirus-live-updates-trump-eases-mask-export-ban-amid-backlash/>

April 2, 2020 – CTVNews.ca, NationalPost.com, Canoe.ca and 83 other media outlets, all publishing Canadian Press wire article

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/politics/appeal-court-nixes-fresh-lobby-probe-of-aga-khan-in-trudeau-vacation-case-1.4879782>

April 2, 2020

<https://lactualite.com/actualites/cour-dappelil-nest-pas-necessaire-de-reexaminer-la-plainte-concernant-laga-khan/>

April 2, 2020

<https://journalmetro.com/actualites/national/2435461/cour-dappel-aga-khan/>

March 28, 2020

<https://calgaryherald.com/news/local-news/corbella-trudeaus-attempted-power-grab-an-alarmed-breach-of-trust/>

March 17, 2020

<https://thelogic.co/briefing/lobbying-commissioner-finds-tech-group-executives-didnt-break-rules/>

March 10, 2020

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/politics/article-lobbying-watchdogs-probe-of-snc-affair-on-hold-until-rcmp-finish/>

March 10, 2020

<https://omny.fm/shows/the-simi-sara-show/no-ethics-rules-broken-by-former-top-bureaucrat-in>

March 10, 2020 – CTVNews.ca, *Globe and Mail*, *National Post* and 57 other media outlets, all publishing Canadian Press wire article

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/politics/ethics-watchdog-dismisses-conflict-of-interest-allegation-against-ex-pco-boss-1.4846870>

March 4, 2020

<https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2020/03/04/why-bcs-auto-insurance-system-could-face-a-900-million-lawsuit-and-a-heap-of-public-scrutiny.html>

February 26, 2020

<https://pressprogress.ca/jason-kenneys-anti-alberta-inquiry-is-hiding-details-about-its-2-5-million-budget-internal-document-shows/>

February 23, 2020

<http://www.slaw.ca/2020/02/23/natural-justice-need-not-always-apply/>

February 20, 2020

<https://theyee.ca/News/2020/02/20/FOI-RBC-Investigation/>

February 20, 2020

<https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2020/02/19/contractors-association-withdraws-offer-to-fund-new-armoured-car-for-toronto-police-emergency-task-force.html>

February 18, 2020 – Canada.com, *National Post* and 19 other media outlets (all publishing Canadian Press wire article)

<https://o.canada.com/news/politics/new-vexatious-rules-worry-freedom-of-information-advocates-that-feds-can-abuse-the-system/wcm/787096b6-85c3-4eed-9411-9636700d9dc8>

February 17, 2020

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-pharmaceutical-company-janssen-recruits-former-doug-ford-adviser-as/>

February 13, 2020

<https://ipolitics.ca/2020/02/13/federal-court-of-appeal-dismisses-challenges-of-ethics-lobbying-commissioners-appointments/>

February 11, 2020

<https://www.iheartradio.ca/newstalk-1010/news/complaint-filed-against-councillor-jim-karygiannis-1.10558790>

February 11, 2020

<https://www.660citynews.com/2020/02/11/rcmp-investigating-ucp-firing-of-elections-commissioner/>

February 11, 2020

https://www.thestar.com/news/city_hall/2020/02/11/integrity-complaint-filed-against-jim-karygiannis-over-secret-recording-alleged-favouritism.html

February 10, 2020

<https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2020/02/10/rcmp-reviewing-letter-regarding-alberta-governments-firing-of-election-commissioner.html>

February 10, 2020

https://www.thestar.com/news/city_hall/2020/02/10/no-suggestion-of-preferential-treatment-in-councillors-ward-city-spokesperson-says.html

February 10, 2020

<https://www.macleans.ca/politics/ottawa/peter-mackays-powerful-ally-a-lobbyist-with-snc-lavalin-ties/>

February 5, 2020

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/dominic-barton-china-committee-1.5453779>

February 5, 2020

<https://www.hilltimes.com/2020/02/05/ambassador-bartons-financial-interests-conflict-with-canadas-interests/234061>

February 5, 2020

<https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/top-ford-government-minister-s-office-under-scrutiny-over-social-media-spending-plan-1.4797931>

February 4, 2020

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/trudeau-aga-khan-bahamas-rcmp-1.5450612>

February 4, 2020

<https://www.universityworldnews.com/post.php?story=20200204082309369>

February 2, 2020

https://omny.fm/shows/roy-green-show/bonus-duff-conacher-co-founder-of-democracy-watc-2?in_playlist=roy-green-show!podcast

January 29, 2020

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/politics/article-canadas-envoy-to-china-sets-up-ethical-screen-puts-investments-in/>

January 29, 2020

<https://ici.radio-canada.ca/nouvelle/1495895/conflit-interet-gouvernement-alberta-pcu-ministre-calgary>

January 29, 2020

<http://lobbymonitor.ca/2020/01/29/democracy-watch%E2%80%99s-challenge-to-appointments-of-federal-watchdogs-dismissed-on-appeal/17135>

January 28, 2020

<http://lobbymonitor.ca/2020/01/28/green-party-calls-for-more-funding-and-independence-for-lobbyist-watchdog/17133>

January 28, 2020

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/edmonton/doug-schweitzer-pressured-for-support-of-springbank-dam-project-emails-show-1.5442319>

January 27, 2020

<https://omny.fm/shows/ryan-jespersen-show/political-watchdog-wants-privacy-commissioner-to-i>

January 26, 2020 – Duff Conacher interviewed on Roy Green show (from 42:10 minute mark to 48 minute mark)

<https://omny.fm/shows/roy-green-show/coronavirus-dr-allison-mcgeer-immigration-lawyer-r>

January 23, 2020

<http://lobbymonitor.ca/2020/01/23/democracy-watch-to-appeal-federal-court%E2%80%99s-ruling-on-appointment-of-federal-watchdogs/17126>

January 23, 2020

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/edmonton/democracy-watch-urges-ethics-commissioner-1.5437130>

January 20, 2020

<https://www.hilltimes.com/2020/01/20/loophole-filled-weakly-enforced-lobbying-law-still-an-unethical-facade/230694>

January 20, 2020

<https://www.hilltimes.com/2020/01/20/lobby-act-review-overdue-but-court-case-could-delay-further/230805>

January 18, 2020 – CTVNews.ca, GlobalNews.ca, *National Post*, *Toronto Star* and 4 other media outlets (all publishing Canadian Press wire article)

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/politics/will-claims-of-illegal-party-financing-sink-charest-s-hopes-of-political-comeback-1.4773363>

January 6, 2020

<https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2020/01/06/albertas-30-million-energy-war-room-wont-divulge-how-it-spends-taxpayer-money.html>