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## List of Democracy Watch's 2023 Media Appearances

### Please see listed below links to almost all of Democracy Watch's Media Appearances in 2023

(NOTE: some TV and radio interviews are not in the list because they have not been archived online by the media outlet, and some links may not work if the media outlet has changed the link, or the link may require you to subscribe to see the article)

#### 562 media appearances in 2023 (including 69 national appearances)

August 28, 2023

<https://nationalpost.com/news/politics/judges-may-have-paid-to-meet-trudeau-before-appointments>

and

<https://theijf.org/high-level-judges-may-have-paid-to-meet-trudeau-before-their-appointments>

August 28, 2023

<https://www.hilltimes.com/story/2023/08/28/lack-of-meaningful-consultation-over-search-for-new-ethics-commissioner-incredibly-problematic-says-tory-ethics-critic/395752/>

August 25, 2023

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-greenbelt-development-opp-rcmp/>

August 24, 2023

[https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/contracts-toronto-signed-to-host-world-cup-2026-to-be-kept-secret/article\\_c22194ad-8620-58f4-8c7d-5e72dd91a6a0.html](https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/contracts-toronto-signed-to-host-world-cup-2026-to-be-kept-secret/article_c22194ad-8620-58f4-8c7d-5e72dd91a6a0.html)

August 23, 2023 – *Ottawa Citizen*, *Calgary Herald*, *North Bay Nugget* and 60 other media outlets (all publishing Postmedia.com wire article)

<https://www.nugget.ca/news/national/six-month-vacancy-of-federal-ethics-commissioner-role-raises-concerns>

August 22, 2023

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-ottawa-access-to-information-reforms/>

August 22, 2023 – *Victoria Times Colonist* and 12 other media outlets in B.C. (all publishing Glacier News wire article)

<https://www.timescolonist.com/economy-law-politics/federal-energy-minister-former-bc-premier-subjects-of-conflict-of-interest-complaints-7438983>

August 21, 2023

<https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/breakingnews/2023/08/21/response-to-deadly-crash-raising-red-flags>

August 16, 2023

<https://globalnews.ca/news/9899694/manitoba-election-attack-ads/>

August 14, 2023

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/auditor-general-greenbelt-lobbying-1.6934275>

August 10, 2023

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/politics/article-champagne-competition-bureau-meta/>

August 9, 2023

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-ontarios-auditor-general-report-says-fords-greenbelt-plan-unnecessary/>

August 7, 2023

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-ontario-greenbelt-auditor-general-report-critics/>

July 26, 2023

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/politics/article-poilievre-confirms-his-leadership-campaign-paid-legal-expenses-of/>

July 26, 2023

[https://www.thestar.com/politics/federal/pierre-poilievre-defends-paying-legal-fees-for-courageous-whistleblower-who-took-down-rival-patrick-brown/article\\_6c24cd39-cf84-506a-88de-b2c2d700912d.html](https://www.thestar.com/politics/federal/pierre-poilievre-defends-paying-legal-fees-for-courageous-whistleblower-who-took-down-rival-patrick-brown/article_6c24cd39-cf84-506a-88de-b2c2d700912d.html)

July 26, 2023

<https://theijf.org/doug-ford-only-held-pricey-fundraisers-in-past-year-despite-claims-of-low-cost-events>

July 18, 2023

<https://www.jdsupra.com/legalnews/federal-court-provides-insight-into-6478202/>

July 10, 2023

<https://www.hilltimes.com/story/2023/07/10/a-gag-on-mps-no-comment-period-for-mp-ethics-complaints-extended/392287/>

June 28, 2023

<https://globalnews.ca/news/9797982/ontario-integrity-commissioner-annual-report-health-lobbying/>

June 27, 2023

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/lobbying-ottawa-record-1.6889981>

June 26, 2023

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/politics/article-prime-ministers-office-key-target-of-record-ottawa-lobbying-watchdog/>

June 25, 2023 – DWatch Co-founder Duff Conacher on TheBreaker.news podcast with Bob Mackin re: RCMP misleading DWatch about PM Trudeau/SNC-Lavalin investigation (interview begins at 5 minute, 24 second mark and ends at 20 minute, 12 second mark)

<https://thebreaker.news/opinion/podcast-296/>

June 23, 2023 – CBC.ca, *National Post*, *Toronto Star*, CityNews.ca and 50 other media outlets across Canada, all publishing Canadian Press wire article:

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/fortier-access-to-information-1.6886865>

June 23, 2023

<https://nationalpost.com/opinion/remedy-for-ottawas-information-deficit>

June 23, 2023

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/politics/article-federal-court-upholds-lobbying-watchdogs-ruling-that-cleared-two/>

June 23, 2023

<https://news.yahoo.com/mounties-not-pursuing-charges-against-204116204.html>

June 22, 2023

<https://www.secretcanada.com/news/foi-democracy-watch-rcmp>

June 22, 2023

<https://edmontonsun.com/opinion/columnists/gunter-chance-of-smith-ethics-breach-charges-slim-in-light-of-trudeau-snc-lavalin-affair>

June 21, 2023

<https://nationalpost.com/news/canada/rcmp-admits-it-wrongly-denied-releasing-records-on-snc-lavalin-affair>

June 21, 2023

[https://www.westernstandard.news/news/rcmp-says-it-misspoke-about-the-liberals-and-snc-lavalin/article\\_a167cf56-1062-11ee-9100-1f541e781a70.html](https://www.westernstandard.news/news/rcmp-says-it-misspoke-about-the-liberals-and-snc-lavalin/article_a167cf56-1062-11ee-9100-1f541e781a70.html)

June 20, 2023 – CityNews piece re: RCMP's contradictions about PM Trudeau/SNC-Lavalin investigation that was aired by 10 CityNews stations across Canada

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q8XSZ5vL7uU> or at

<https://halifax.citynews.ca/video/2023/06/20/confusion-over-snc-lavalin-rcmp-investigation/>

June 20, 2023 – DWatch Co-founder Duff Conacher on CHML Hamilton Today show with Scott Thompson re: RCMP misleading DWatch about PM Trudeau/SNC-Lavalin investigation (interview begins at 1 hour, 2 minute mark and ends at 1 hour, 10 minute, 15 second mark)

<https://podcasts.apple.com/ca/podcast/could-ai-wipe-out-all-of-humanity-plus-more/id710836439?i=1000617777159>

June 20, 2023

[https://www.theepochtimes.com/watchdog-calls-for-clarification-after-rcmp-denies-investigation-of-pm-over-snc-lavalin-affair\\_5342455.html](https://www.theepochtimes.com/watchdog-calls-for-clarification-after-rcmp-denies-investigation-of-pm-over-snc-lavalin-affair_5342455.html)

June 20, 2023

<https://nationalpost.com/opinion/carson-jerema-rcmp-obfuscations-come-to-justin-trudeaus-rescue-in-snc-lavalin-scandal>

June 20, 2023

<https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/rcmps-utter-incompetence-leads-to-claims-of-snc-investigation>

June 20, 2023

<https://www.iheartradio.ca/580-cfra/audio-podcasts/tmr-brian-lilley-interview-no-investigation-of-political-interference-allegations-in-snc-lavalin-affair-1.19800469>

June 20, 2023

[https://www.westernstandard.news/news/rcmp-now-denies-investigation-of-trudeau-regarding-snc-lavalin/article\\_bd82bbfa-0f7d-11ee-8df0-ffb907b33193.html](https://www.westernstandard.news/news/rcmp-now-denies-investigation-of-trudeau-regarding-snc-lavalin/article_bd82bbfa-0f7d-11ee-8df0-ffb907b33193.html)

June 20, 2023

<https://thedeepdive.ca/rcmp-confirms-no-investigation-into-alleged-political-interference-in-snc-lavalin-affair-no-sufficient-evidence/>

June 19, 2023

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/rcmp-snc-lavalin-charges-1.6881779>

June 19, 2023

<https://nationalpost.com/news/canada/snc-lavalin-obstruction-of-justice>

June 19, 2023 – CTV News piece about RCMP's contradictions re: investigation into PM Trudeau/SNC-Lavalin

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kbTA7QjDOVk>

June 19, 2023 – *Globe and Mail*, CTVNews.ca, *Toronto Star*, CityNews.ca, *Toronto Sun* and 60 other media outlets across Canada, all publishing Canadian Press wire article:

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/politics/no-investigation-of-political-interference-allegations-in-snc-lavalin-affair-rcmp-1.6447460>

June 19, 2023

<https://toronto.citynews.ca/2023/06/19/rcmp-refutes-media-reports-that-it-is-investigating-trudeau-over-snc-lavalin/>

June 19, 2023 – DWatch Co-founder Duff Conacher on CHML Hamilton Today show with Scott Thompson (interview begins at 50 minute mark and ends at 58 minute, 45 second mark)

<https://podcasts.apple.com/ca/podcast/working-towards-telling-the-whole-story-behind/id710836439?i=1000617629307>

June 19, 2023

[https://www.westernstandard.news/news/rcmp-confirms-its-investigating-obstruction-of-snc-lavalin-prosecution-by-trudeau-and-cabinet/article\\_acc6cf2c-0eba-11ee-8c0b-877641391284.html](https://www.westernstandard.news/news/rcmp-confirms-its-investigating-obstruction-of-snc-lavalin-prosecution-by-trudeau-and-cabinet/article_acc6cf2c-0eba-11ee-8c0b-877641391284.html)

June 19, 2023

<https://thedeepdive.ca/rcmp-probing-trudeau-and-aides-over-potential-snc-lavalin-obstruction-of-justice/>

June 19, 2023 – Democracy Watch Co-founder Duff Conacher on CBC Radio Windsor re: school board meetings closed to public

<https://www.cbc.ca/player/play/2229900867675>

June 12, 2023 – CBC.ca and 5 other media outlets, all publishing Canadian Press wire article

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/toronto-mayoral-election-1.6873224>

June 12, 2023

<https://globalnews.ca/video/9764289/alleged-foreign-interference-leblanc-pushes-opposition-to-come-up-with-inquiry-terms/>

June 12, 2023

[https://www.westernstandard.news/news/democracy-watch-says-johnson-fiasco-shows-trudeau-appointment-process-is-wrong/article\\_981c649c-0947-11ee-9244-3b4cd3dcfaf3.html](https://www.westernstandard.news/news/democracy-watch-says-johnson-fiasco-shows-trudeau-appointment-process-is-wrong/article_981c649c-0947-11ee-9244-3b4cd3dcfaf3.html)

June 12, 2023

<https://nationalpost.com/opinion/the-johnston-affair-serves-liberals-yet-another-hard-lesson>

June 8, 2023

<https://www.law360.ca/articles/47719/interveners-highlight-issues-with-costs-award-against-public-interest-organization-that-fundraises?category=news>

June 6, 2023 – Democracy Watch Co-founder Duff Conacher on CBC Radio Saint John's Information Morning show re: New Brunswick politicians' raising their own pay

<https://www.cbc.ca/player/play/2223491651708>

and on CBC Radio Moncton's Information Morning show on the same topic

<https://www.cbc.ca/player/play/2224219715506>

and on CBC Radio Fredericton's Information Morning show on the same topic

<https://www.cbc.ca/player/play/2223482435919>

June 5, 2023

<https://www.hilltimes.com/story/2023/06/05/more-prescriptive-lobbyists-code-of-conduct-to-come-into-force-in-july/388935/>

June 4, 2023

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/politics/article-lobbying-canada-watchdog/>

June 3, 2023 – Democracy Watch Co-founder Duff Conacher on Roy Green Show re: the layer cake of conflicts of interest in David Johnston's investigation of Justin Trudeau's Cabinet and foreign interference in Canadian politics by China

<https://podcasts.apple.com/ca/podcast/june-3-duff-conacher-democracy-watch-to-file-a/id1133980565?i=1000615552748>

June 1, 2023 – Democracy Watch Co-founder Duff Conacher on Toronto AM 640 Alex Pierson show re: ways in which Toronto's mayoral by-election is undemocratic and unfair

[https://dcs.megaphone.fm/CORU7453226029.mp3?key=1469eba915c697f970946d620e78aa9a&request\\_event\\_id=83f954e1-5011-4dc8-987c-b5a19f394ccc](https://dcs.megaphone.fm/CORU7453226029.mp3?key=1469eba915c697f970946d620e78aa9a&request_event_id=83f954e1-5011-4dc8-987c-b5a19f394ccc)

May 30, 2023

<https://www.hilltimes.com/story/2023/05/30/post-employment-waivers-for-staffers-stalled-until-new-ethics-commissioner-is-chosen/388701/>

May 26, 2023

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/david-johnston-conflict-of-interest-1.6854592>

May 25, 2023

<https://biv.com/article/2023/05/government-watchdog-lodges-second-complaint-against-johnston-report>

May 24, 2023

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/politics/article-public-inquiry-would-restore-trust-in-ottawas-handling-of-beijing/>

May 24, 2023

<https://nationalpost.com/news/conflict-allegations-david-johnston-legal-adviser>

May 24, 2023

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/new-brunswick/legislature-fixed-date-flaw-1.6852443>  
and <https://ca.news.yahoo.com/n-b-legislature-close-loop-hole-100000451.html>

May 23, 2023

[https://www.westernstandard.news/news/democracy-watch-trudeau-friend-should-not-investigate-alleged-chinese-election-interference/article\\_da5a1406-f97c-11ed-8a76-773994ed8c79.html](https://www.westernstandard.news/news/democracy-watch-trudeau-friend-should-not-investigate-alleged-chinese-election-interference/article_da5a1406-f97c-11ed-8a76-773994ed8c79.html)

May 18, 2023 – Five Black Press Media outlets published this article

<https://www.abbynews.com/news/bc-united-fundraiser-charges-the-maximum-allowable-donation-down-to-the-cent/>

May 11, 2023

<https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/ontario-bill-that-would-change-gift-rules-amid-stag-and-doe-controversy-defeated-1.6394886>

May 10, 2023

<https://lobbymonitor.ca/2023/05/10/proc-hears-calls-for-extra-registration-requirements-for-lobbying-on-behalf-of-foreign/18832>

May 9, 2023

[https://www.theepochtimes.com/loopholes-in-lobbying-ethics-rules-facilitate-foreign-interference-mps-hear\\_5255781.html](https://www.theepochtimes.com/loopholes-in-lobbying-ethics-rules-facilitate-foreign-interference-mps-hear_5255781.html)

May 1, 2023

<https://www.hilltimes.com/story/2023/05/01/lobbyists-anticipate-revisions-to-lobbyists-code-of-conduct-following-ethics-committee-recommendations/385635/>

April 29, 2023

[https://www.westernstandard.news/news/democracy-watch-says-trudeau-broke-ethics-rules-by-appointing-friend-to-investigate-chinese-interference/article\\_57999374-e37a-11ed-aae6-ff319badb830.html](https://www.westernstandard.news/news/democracy-watch-says-trudeau-broke-ethics-rules-by-appointing-friend-to-investigate-chinese-interference/article_57999374-e37a-11ed-aae6-ff319badb830.html)

April 26, 2023

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/editorials/article-when-the-fox-chooses-the-watchdog-ottawa-needs-to-fix-how-it-appoints/>

April 20, 2023

<https://lobbymonitor.ca/2023/04/20/groups-await-ocls-final-plan-for-lobbyists-code-following-ethi-recommendations/18799>

April 19, 2023

[https://www.theepochtimes.com/highly-unusual-that-government-can-appoint-directors-to-trudeau-foundation-board-charity-expert\\_5203235.html](https://www.theepochtimes.com/highly-unusual-that-government-can-appoint-directors-to-trudeau-foundation-board-charity-expert_5203235.html)

April 19, 2023

<https://www.vancouverislandfreedaily.com/news/b-c-ndp-outhustle-political-opposition-combined-in-donations/>

April 15, 2023

[https://www.westernstandard.news/news/democracy-watch-requests-ethics-rulings-about-facebook-we-charity-snc-lavalin-imperial-oil/article\\_39d8ab08-dad4-11ed-b71a-9f95f87f131e.html](https://www.westernstandard.news/news/democracy-watch-requests-ethics-rulings-about-facebook-we-charity-snc-lavalin-imperial-oil/article_39d8ab08-dad4-11ed-b71a-9f95f87f131e.html)

April 11, 2023

<https://www.hilltimes.com/story/2023/04/10/controversial-appointment-of-top-ethics-watchdog-with-family-ties-to-cabinet-minister-holds-merit-say-public-policy-experts/383949/>

April 8, 2023

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/politics/article-plan-to-water-down-political-lobbying-rules-provokes-backlash/>

April 6, 2023

<https://biv.com/article/2023/04/horgans-first-post-politics-role-teck-spin-company-unethical-says-green-leader>

April 4, 2023

<https://theijf.org/lobbying-commissioner-poised-to-weaken-ethics-rules-despite-years-of-government-scandals>

April 4, 2023

[https://www.theprogressreport.ca/not\\_only\\_inappropriate\\_but\\_also\\_unethical\\_why\\_is\\_macewan\\_university\\_paying\\_15\\_000\\_to\\_help\\_three\\_ucp\\_ministers\\_campaign](https://www.theprogressreport.ca/not_only_inappropriate_but_also_unethical_why_is_macewan_university_paying_15_000_to_help_three_ucp_ministers_campaign)

April 3, 2023

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/editorials/article-when-mps-put-lobbyists-ahead-of-a-healthy-democracy/>

March 31, 2023

<https://www.nationalobserver.com/2023/03/31/news/one-mp-remains-opposed-less-stringent-rules-lobbyists>

March 30, 2023



<https://thetyee.ca/News/2023/03/30/Damaging-Danielle-Smith-Recording/>

March 30, 2023

<https://rabble.ca/elections/ndp-alone-oppose-changes-to-the-lobbyists-code-of-conduct/>

March 30, 2023

<https://nationalpost.com/news/uproar-as-liberal-cabinet-ministers-relative-appointed-interim-ethics-commissioner>

March 30, 2023

<https://observerextra.com/2023/03/30/politicians-purported-watchdogs-eager-to-allow-unethical-lobbying/>

March 30, 2023

<https://www.hilltimes.com/story/2023/03/29/interim-ethics-commissioner-with-family-connection-to-intergovernmental-affairs-minister-leblanc-raises-red-flags-for-critics/383249/>

March 30, 2023

<https://crier.co/doug-ford-report-card-low-pass-in-populism-f-in-democracy/>

March 27, 2023

[https://www.theepochtimes.com/ethics-committee-approves-new-lobbying-rules-that-will-legalize-bribery-say-canadian-citizen-groups\\_5151621.html](https://www.theepochtimes.com/ethics-committee-approves-new-lobbying-rules-that-will-legalize-bribery-say-canadian-citizen-groups_5151621.html)

March 27, 2023

[https://www.westernstandard.news/news/liberals-conservatives-and-bloc-approve-loosening-of-ethical-lobbying-rules/article\\_e2300f18-ccaf-11ed-9c2f-7f0cd24b3f34.html](https://www.westernstandard.news/news/liberals-conservatives-and-bloc-approve-loosening-of-ethical-lobbying-rules/article_e2300f18-ccaf-11ed-9c2f-7f0cd24b3f34.html)

March 27, 2023

<https://www.hilltimes.com/story/2023/03/27/better-communication-needed-with-critical-election-incident-public-protocol-says-rosenberg/382656/>

March 26, 2023

[https://www.westernstandard.news/news/lobbyists-want-more-freedom-to-wine-and-dine-mps/article\\_03d9a0a2-ca58-11ed-a2fe-b70a21953228.html](https://www.westernstandard.news/news/lobbyists-want-more-freedom-to-wine-and-dine-mps/article_03d9a0a2-ca58-11ed-a2fe-b70a21953228.html)

March 17, 2023

<https://www.canadianlawyermag.com/cl-talk/lobbying-rules-restrictive-covenants/374468>

March 16, 2023

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/editorials/article-this-is-really-not-the-time-to-weaken-ottawas-lobbying-guidelines/>

March 16, 2023

<https://globalnews.ca/news/9556922/ontario-integrity-commissioner-pauses-ford-stag-and-doe-probe/>

March 13, 2023

<https://www.canadianlawyermag.com/news/general/lawyers-law-profs-call-on-house-committee-to-reject-proposed-changes-to-lobbying-rules/374360>

March 13, 2023

[https://www.westernstandard.news/news/profs-lawyers-tell-ethics-committee-to-reject-proposed-lobbying-code-changes/article\\_b51415e0-c108-11ed-8064-437307702bb4.html](https://www.westernstandard.news/news/profs-lawyers-tell-ethics-committee-to-reject-proposed-lobbying-code-changes/article_b51415e0-c108-11ed-8064-437307702bb4.html)

March 11, 2023

<https://www.lexology.com/library/detail.aspx?g=88410804-1426-4030-b857-20392149ba95>

March 8, 2023

<https://www.hilltimes.com/story/2023/03/08/greater-regulation-of-political-party-nomination-contests-needed-to-prevent-foreign-domestic-election-interference-democracy-watch/380757/>

March 7, 2023

<https://lobbymonitor.ca/2023/03/07/b%C3%A9langer-letter-responds-to-ethi-witnesses-on-proposed-code-changes/18733>

March 6, 2023

<https://www.thestar.com/news/investigations/2023/03/06/we-asked-the-ontario-government-about-its-controversial-license-suspensions-staff-prepared-answers-then-they-were-told-to-withhold-them.html>

March 6, 2023

<https://canadiandimension.com/articles/view/who-really-benefits-from-ontarios-bill-23>

March 6, 2023

<https://www.lawtimesnews.com/news/general/ontario-court-rules-provinces-law-restricting-third-party-election-spending-is-unconstitutional/374171>

March 5, 2023 – Democracy Watch Co-founder Duff Conacher on CBC's The Sunday Magazine show re: alleged interference by China-government sponsored groups in Canada's elections and influence activities over MPs (interview starts at 12 minute mark and runs to 23 minute mark)

<https://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-57-the-sunday-magazine/clip/15970187-the-latest-election-interference-risk-may-pose-democracy>

March 5, 2023

[https://www.westernstandard.news/news/watchdog-warns-tabled-changes-will-make-facilitate-hidden-chinese-and-lobbyist-influence/article\\_871e448a-bb86-11ed-9258-03d86881a7d8.html](https://www.westernstandard.news/news/watchdog-warns-tabled-changes-will-make-facilitate-hidden-chinese-and-lobbyist-influence/article_871e448a-bb86-11ed-9258-03d86881a7d8.html)

March 3, 2023

<https://rabble.ca/podcast/democracy-watch-hold-dishonest-politicians-accountable/>

March 2, 2023 – Democracy Watch Co-founder Duff Conacher on TVO's The Agenda re: how to make government ethics and integrity watchdogs across Canada effective

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SNOvGr1zEFU>

March 2, 2023

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