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(NOTE: some TV and radio interviews are not in the list because they have not been archived online by the media outlet, and some links may not work if the media outlet has changed the link, or the link may require you to subscribe to see the article)

203 media appearances in 2023 (including 28 national appearances)

April 4, 2023

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

<https://lobbymonitor.ca/2023/03/02/orgs-ask-that-reasonable-test-not-a-dollar-figure-be-applied-to-hospitality-in/18726>

February 28, 2023

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/politics/article-report-on-2021-election-says-outcome-unaffected-by-foreign/>

February 28, 2023

<https://www.thestar.com/politics/federal/2023/02/28/ottawa-must-sharpen-its-monitoring-of-foreign-interference-in-elections-report-says.html>

February 28, 2023

<https://torontosun.com/news/national/warmington-saying-chinese-interference-was-wrong-democracy-watch-wants-investigation>

February 28, 2023

https://www.westernstandard.news/news/democracy-watch-calls-on-elections-commissioner-to-investigate-alleged-interference-by-china/article_21939a9a-b7a1-11ed-949a-0fd2e24d6c58.html

February 27, 2023

<https://www.hilltimes.com/story/2023/02/27/critics-push-back-against-proposed-changes-to-cooling-off-period-for-lobbyists/379466/>

February 26, 2023

https://www.westernstandard.news/news/experts-say-liberal-ethics-violations-beg-accountability/article_265b4d98-b5fd-11ed-9994-cb4d390099e8.html

February 25, 2023

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/prince-edward-island/pei-charlottetown-audit-council-concerns-1.6759268> and video at: <https://www.cbc.ca/player/play/2175675971641>

February 25, 2023

<https://www.ledroit.com/2023/02/25/doug-ford-ne-veut-plus-quon-lui-parle-de-ses-amis-8474691375352f4df5d4f81631d6bce5>

February 23, 2023

<https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/ndp-files-integrity-complaint-about-ford-family-stag-and-doe-event-1.6286039>

February 23, 2023

<https://ici.radio-canada.ca/nouvelle/1958549/mariage-fille-doug-ford-argent-commissaire-integrite>

February 22, 2023

https://www.theepochtimes.com/federal-ethics-failures-renew-calls-for-accountability_5074525.html

February 22, 2023

<https://lobbymonitor.ca/2023/02/22/ethi-requests-legal-opinion-on-proposed-lobbyists-code-of-conduct/18715>

February 21, 2023

<https://tfiglobalnews.com/2023/02/21/canadas-whistle-blower-protection-has-gone-from-worse-to-worst/>

February 19, 2023

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/proposed-changes-lobbying-rules-1.6752886>

February 16, 2023

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/politics/article-lobbyists-push-back-at-proposed-80-limit-for-entertaining-mps/>

February 14, 2023

https://www.theepochtimes.com/lobbyist-code-changes-will-allow-corrupt-favour-trading-in-ottawa-say-citizen-groups_5057382.html

February 14, 2023 – CityNews Ottawa piece on federal Commissioner of Lobbying's proposed changes to gut key ethical lobbying rules while strengthening others (big business and big union lobbyists mislead Ethics Committee on both sets of changes)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tECfT8W3Eec>

February 13, 2023

<https://globalnews.ca/video/9484386/ontario-premier-ford-faces-continued-questions-over-stag-and-doe-party/>

February 9, 2023

<https://thepointer.com/article/2023-02-09/muneeza-sheikh-billed-taxpayers-7-times-more-than-brampton-s-other-integrity-commissioners-new-cao-pushes-patrick-brown-s-political-spin-to-rehire-her>

February 8, 2023

<https://www.thewirereport.ca/2023/02/08/democracy-watch-calls-for-telecom-consumer-organization/>

February 4, 2023

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/rossland-meeting-transparency-court-decision-1.6735438>

February 1, 2023

<https://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-91-the-early-edition/clip/15963646-an-overturned-decision-city-council-happened-without-pandemic>

January 31, 2023

<https://cottagelife.com/general/ontarios-integrity-commissioner-and-auditor-general-launch-investigations-into-greenbelt-development/>

January 30, 2023

<https://theijf.org/lobby-groups-attended-liberal-fundraisers-while-seeking-to-influence-the-government>

January 26, 2023

<https://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-110-daybreak-south/clip/15962521-leading-transparency-advocate-calls-city-council-meetings-recorded>

January 24, 2023

<https://thenarwhal.ca/federal-rules-oil-lobbying/>

January 23, 2023

<https://globalnews.ca/news/9430260/ontario-liberals-greenbelt-investigation-request/>

January 20, 2023

<https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/doug-ford-insists-no-one-gave-anyone-a-heads-up-on-plan-to-develop-ontario-s-greenbelt-1.6239036>

January 19, 2023

<https://www.nationalobserver.com/2023/01/19/opinion/canada-lobbying-ethics-laws-sad-joke-favours-corporations-over-people>

January 18, 2023 – CTV News Toronto, CP24 and 7 other Bell Media outlets across Canada

<https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/ontario-integrity-commissioner-and-auditor-general-to-investigate-greenbelt-development-1.6235819>

January 18, 2023

<https://globalnews.ca/news/9418760/ontario-integrity-commissioner-ethics-probe-greenbelt/>

January 18, 2023

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/ontario-integrity-commissioner-investigation-1.6718018>

January 18, 2023

<https://thenarwhal.ca/ontario-greenbelt-fallout/>

January 18, 2023

<https://blackburnnews.com/london/london-news/2023/01/18/ford-governments-greenbelt-plans-subject-multiple-investigations/>

January 16, 2023

<https://theijf.org/opposition-parties-slam-liberals-for-continuing-to-allow-lobbyists-at-fundraisers>

January 12, 2023

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-ontario-greenbelt-plan-opposition-leaders/>

January 12, 2023

<https://toronto.citynews.ca/video/2023/01/12/opposition-leaders-call-for-greenbelt-probe/>

January 11, 2023 – Interview on AM 900 CHML with Democracy Watch Co-founder Duff Conacher re: concerns about the Trudeau Liberal government handing more than \$65 million in contracts to McKinsey consulting company, which was formerly headed up by Dominic Barton who acted as an adviser to the Trudeau government (from the 31 minute mark of the show to the 38 minute, 45 second mark of the show)

<https://podcasts.apple.com/ca/podcast/three-amigos-summit-is-wrapping-up/id710836439?i=1000593854243>

January 11, 2023

<https://www.thelawyersdaily.ca/articles/42739/politicians-broad-power-to-pick-judges-doesn-t-breach-judicial-independence-federal-court->

January 11, 2023

<https://globalnews.ca/news/9385691/numbers-health-workers-ontario-withheld/>

January 11, 2023

<https://www.nationalobserver.com/2023/01/11/investigations/big-oil-lobbying-parliament-hill>

and

<https://theijf.org/how-big-oils-most-powerful-lobby-group-works-the-backrooms-on-parliament-hill>

January 9, 2023

<https://www.nationalobserver.com/2023/01/09/investigations/lobbyists-pushed-feds-funnel-billions-taxpayer-money>

and

<https://theijf.org/oil-giants-lobbying-the-federal-government-got-2-6-billion-in-taxpayer-dollars-over-the-past-11-years>

January 9, 2023

<https://www.tvos.org/article/whats-on-the-week-ahead-in-ontario-politics-january-9-13>

January 6, 2023 – CTV News Toronto, CP24 and 11 other Bell Media outlets across Canada

<https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/opp-looking-into-complaints-made-against-ford-government-over-greenbelt-development-1.6220617>

January 6, 2023 – CBC.ca, Globe and Mail, National Post, Ottawa Citizen and 36 other media outlets (all publishing Canadian Press wire article)

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/ont-greenbelt-1.6706779>

January 6, 2023

<https://ici.radio-canada.ca/nouvelle/1946519/ceinture-verdure-plaintes-ppo-environmental-defence>

January 6, 2023

<https://www.ledroit.com/2023/01/06/la-ppo-pourrait-enqueter-sur-le-gouvernement-ford-58e9ef8c456d32be0cde236d0e01b082>

January 5, 2023 – GlobalNews.ca and 24 other Global media outlets

<https://globalnews.ca/news/9388298/ontario-greenbelt-police-investigation-anti-rackets/>

January 5, 2023

<https://toronto.citynews.ca/2023/01/05/opp-requests-investigation-ford-greenbelt-plans/>

January 5, 2023

<https://www.qpbriefing.com/2023/01/05/opp-reviewing-whether-to-investigate-ford-governments-greenbelt-land-swap/>

January 5, 2023

<https://www.thestar.com/politics/provincial/2023/01/05/opp-anti-rackets-branch-reviewing-requests-to-investigate-ford-governments-plan-to-develop-greenbelt.html>

January 5, 2023

<https://rabble.ca/environment/stop-sprawl-groups-amalgamate-to-fight-fords-greenbelt-grab/>

January 4, 2023

<https://theijf.org/liberals-quietly-allow-lobbyists-to-attend-cash-for-access-fundraisers-despite-pledging-to-stop>

January 4, 2023

https://www.thecentersquare.com/opinion/op-ed-postal-service-can-learn-from-neighbor-to-the-north/article_002728b2-8c5f-11ed-9b5f-bff9ddc2f574.html