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REBEL NEWS NETWORK LTD.

Applicant

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**CANADA (LEADERS' DEBATES COMMISSION/COMMISSION DES
DEBATS DES CHEFS) and THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF CANADA**

Respondents

**RESPONDING MOTION RECORD OF THE RESPONDENT, CANADA (LEADERS'
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Are vaccine passports suppressing participation in civic life?

By Lindsay Shepherd - September 4, 2021



A handful of provinces have introduced COVID-19 vaccine passports in the midst of a federal election, which means unvaccinated individuals could be prevented from fully engaging in our democracy.

True North fellow Lindsay Shepherd has gathered some examples of how we already see this happening.

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Lindsay Shepherd

Lindsay holds an M.A. in Cultural Analysis and Social Theory from Wilfrid Laurier University. She has been published in The Post Millennial, Maclean's, National Post, Ottawa Citizen, and Quillette.

Money policy is your job, Justin!

By **Candice Malcolm** - August 19, 2021



On Wednesday, Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau smugly shrugged off a question about inflation and admitted that he doesn't think about money policy. Yes, you read that right — Justin Trudeau doesn't think about money! It's literally his job to think about the fiscal policy of this country.

This is the same guy who racked up hundreds of billions of dollars in debt over the past five years. In fact, under Trudeau's watch, Canada's national debt currently sits at \$1,136,864,100,000.00.

Unsurprisingly, the legacy media is pretending this didn't happen. They don't want Canadians to see how arrogant and clueless Trudeau is.

Candice Malcolm discusses Trudeau's latest gaffe, why inflation matters and how the media is treating Trudeau with kid gloves. Tune into The Candice Malcolm Show.

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Founder and Editor-In-Chief of True North.



FACT CHECK: Media outlets falsely claimed O'Toole wants to keep Liberal gun ban

By **Cosmin Dzsurdza** - September 3, 2021



Several media outlets gave the false impression that Conservative Party Leader Erin O'Toole wants to maintain the Liberal government's sweeping firearms ban.

The claim was spread by both the [Canadian Press](#) and [Global News](#) following several statements made by O'Toole during Thursday night's French-language leader's debate which were taken out of context.

"We will maintain the ban on assault weapons. And we will make sure that we work with police and we work to make sure there's a transparent process to keep people safe and to make sure that we tackle rising gun violence," said O'Toole.

In response, the media interpreted O'Toole's statements as claiming support for the Liberal order in council which banned 1,500 types of rifles — used for hunting and sport shooting — from being owned by law-abiding Canadians.

However, O'Toole has always been unequivocal about planning to repeal this order in council. In reality, O'Toole was referencing maintaining a ban on actual assault weapons, which has been in effect since 1977.

According to the federal 1977 Criminal Law Amendment Act, fully automatic weapons and sawed-off shotguns and rifles are [banned from possession](#) by

everyone in Canada except the police and military.



"We will start by repealing C-71 and the May 2020 Order in Council and conducting a review of the Firearms Act with participation by law enforcement, firearms owners, manufacturers, and members of the public," the Conservative platform claims.

"We will then update legislation by introducing a simplified classification system and codifying it in law so that it is clear what types of firearms fit into each category and classification decisions can be made quickly, and with the public and firearms owners having confidence that they are not arbitrary."

Additionally, when O'Toole was confronted by Liberal Party Leader Justin Trudeau on whether he would maintain the gun ban, O'Toole replied in the negative saying that this was "not the case."

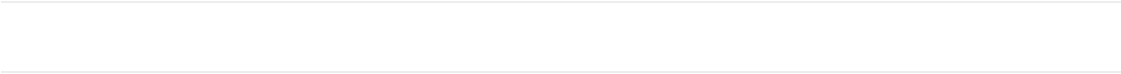
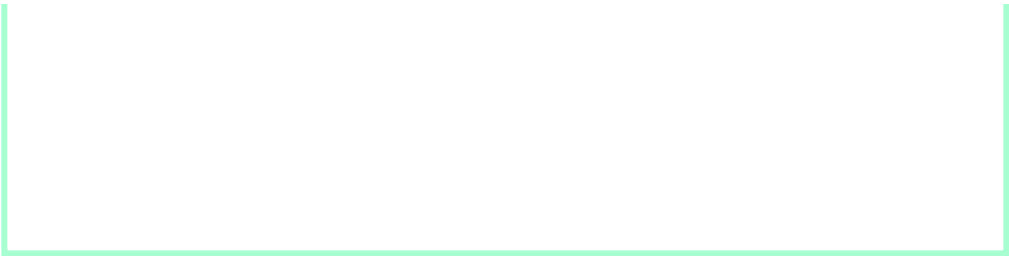
Despite this, both outlets published articles with misleading titles like "Erin O'Toole promises to keep Liberal assault rifle ban, directly contradicting his own platform" and "Conservative Leader Erin O'Toole vows to keep Liberal ban on assault-style firearms."

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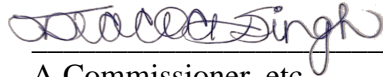
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Cosmin Dzsurdza
Journalist and Senior Research Fellow

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French Language Debate - Approved In-Person Attendance Applications

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Louis	Lacroix	98,5 FM-Cogeco Nouvelles	2	1
Philippe	Bonneville	98,5 FM-Cogeco Nouvelles	2	1
Anne-Sophie	Thill	Agence France Presse	2	1
Geneviève	Normand	Agence France Presse	3	1
Raphaël	Pirro	Agence QMI	1	1
Brett	Forrester	APTN	1	1
Jason	Leroux	APTN	1	1
John	F. Cooke	APTN	1	1
Travis	Dhanraj	CBC News	1	1
Christina	Romualdo	CBC News	1	1
John Paul	Tasker	CBC News	1	1
Olivier	Hyland	CBC News	1	1
Vincent	Gosselin	CKAJ 92.5	3	1
Josianne	Binette	Compagnie d'édition André Paquette inc.	2	1
Claude	Kazadi Lubatshi	CTMT	2	1
Annie	Bergeron-Oliver	CTV News	1	1
Michel	Boyer	CTV News	1	1
David	Ellis	CTV News	1	1
Kevin	Gallagher	CTV News	1	1
Glen	McGregor	CTV News	1	1
Ian	Mitchell	CTV News	1	1
Scott	Plante	CTV News	1	1
Omar	Sachedina	CTV News	1	1
Benno	Schwinghammer	dpa	3	1
Mélanie	Tremblay	Francopresse	3	1
Justin	Ling	Freelance	2	1
Michael	Gzowski	Freelance (most likely AFP)	1	1
Abigail	Bimman	Global News	1	1
David	Baxter	Global News	1	1
Luigi	Della Penta	Global News	1	1
Ian	Bailey	Globe and Mail	1	1
Marieke	Walsh	Globe and Mail	1	1
Kristy	Kirkup	Globe and Mail	1	1
Lina	Dib	La Presse Canadienne	1	1
Catherine	Lévesque	La Presse Canadienne	1	1
Mylène	Crête	Le Devoir	2	1
Boris	Proulx	Le Devoir	1	1
Ludovic	Hirtzmann	Le Figaro	3	1
Tomos	Lewis	MONOCLE	3	1
Jean-Michel	Clermont-Goulet	Narcity Media	2	1
Christopher	Nardi	National Post	1	1
Ryan	Tumilty	National Post	1	1
Audrey	Ruel-Manseau	Noovo	2	1
Carlo	Ciambella	Noovo	1	1
Andy	Blatchford	Politico	1	1

Zi-Ann	Lum	Politico	1	1
Nick	Taylor-Vaisey	Politico	1	1
Sébastien	Desrosiers	Radio-Canada	1	1
Jean-Sébastien	Cloutier	Radio-Canada	2	1
Madeleine	Blais-Morin	Radio-Canada	1	1
Thierry	Laflamme	Radio-Canada	1	1
Louis	Blouin	Radio-Canada	1	1
Benoit	Roussel	Radio-Canada	1	1
David	Richard	Radio-Canada	1	1
Maan	Alhmidi	The Canadian Press	1	1
Jenna	Cocullo	The Wire Report	1	1
Andrew	Lawton	True North	3	1
Pierre	Parent	TVA	1	1
Olivier	Ferron-Boissé	TVA	1	1
Raymond	Filion	TVA	1	1
Vũ	Quang Thịnh	Vietnam News Agency	1	1
Dylan	Robertson	Winnipeg Free Press	1	1

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Michel	Comte	Agence France Presse	1	1
Kait	Bolongaro	Bloomberg	1	1
Sean	Michael	Globe and Mail	3	1
Charlie	Pinkerton	iPolitics	1	1
Janet	Silver	iPolitics	1	1
Jeff	Labine	iPolitics	1	1
Rachel	Emmanuel	iPolitics	1	1
Aidan	Chamandy	iPolitics	1	1
Kady	O'Malley	iPolitics	1	1
Pascal	Gaxet	Journal Métro	3	1
Lela	Savic	La Converse	2	1
Christelle	Saint-Julien	La Converse	2	1
Catherine	Charron	Les Affaires	2	1
Marie-Pier	Frappier	Les Affaires	2	1
Olivier	Demers	L'Exilé	2	1
Philippe-Vincent	Foisy	QUB Radio	1	1
Lee	Berthiaume	The Canadian Press	1	1
Stephanie	Taylor	The Canadian Press	1	1
Terry	Pedwell	The Canadian Press	1	1
Joanna	Smith	The Canadian Press	1	1
Mike	Blanchfield	The Canadian Press	1	1
Jordan	Press	The Canadian Press	1	1
Laura	Dhillon Kane	The Canadian Press	1	1
Joan	Bryden	The Canadian Press	1	1
Mia	Rabson	The Canadian Press	1	1
Christopher	Reynolds	The Canadian Press	1	1
Jim	Bronskill	The Canadian Press	1	1
Neil	Moss	The Hill Times	1	1
Mike	Lapointe	The Hill Times	1	1
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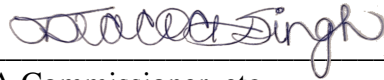
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Jason	Leroux	APTN	1	1
John	F. Cooke	APTN	1	1
Travis	Dhanraj	CBC News	1	1
Christina	Romualdo	CBC News	1	1
David	Cochrane	CBC News	1	1
Evan	Dyer	CBC News	1	1
Olivia	Stefanovich	CBC News	1	1
Christian	Patry	CBC News	1	1
Olivier	Hyland	CBC News	1	1
Xiao	Li	CityNews	1	1
Vincent	Gosselin	CKAJ 92.5	3	1
Paula	Newton	CNN	1	1
Annie	Bergeron-Oliver	CTV News	1	1
Michel	Boyer	CTV News	1	1
David	Ellis	CTV News	1	1
Kevin	Gallagher	CTV News	1	1
Glen	McGregor	CTV News	1	1
Ian	Mitchell	CTV News	1	1
Scott	Plante	CTV News	1	1
Omar	Sachedina	CTV News	1	1
Benno	Schwinghammer	dpa	3	1
Althia	Raj	Freelance	1	1
Justin	Ling	Freelance	2	1
Michael	Gzowski	Freelance (most likely AFP)	1	1
Abigail	Bimman	Global News	1	1
David	Baxter	Global News	1	1
Luigi	Della Penta	Global News	1	1
Ian	Bailey	Globe and Mail	1	1
Marieke	Walsh	Globe and Mail	1	1
Kristy	Kirkup	Globe and Mail	1	1
Jeff	Labine	iPolitics	1	1
Janet	Silver	iPolitics	1	1
Catherine	Lévesque	La Presse Canadienne	1	1
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Madeleine	Blais-Morin	Radio-Canada	1	1
Thierry	Laflamme	Radio-Canada	1	1
Louis	Blouin	Radio-Canada	1	1
Benoit	Roussel	Radio-Canada	1	1
David	Richard	Radio-Canada	1	1
Jordan	Press	The Canadian Press	1	1
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John	Bradley	TVA	1	1
Olivier	Ferron-Boissé	TVA	1	1
Raymond	Filion	TVA	1	1
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Ryan	O'Dowd	Burlington Gazette	2	1
Mélanie	Tremblay	Francopresse	3	1
Sean	Michael	Globe and Mail	3	1
Tessie	Sanci	Hill Times Research	1	1
Charlie	Pinkerton	iPolitics	1	1
Rachel	Emmanuel	iPolitics	1	1
Aidan	Chamandy	iPolitics	1	1
Kady	O'Malley	iPolitics	1	1
Marie-Pier	Frappier	Les Affaires	2	1
Stuart	Benson	Low Down to Hull and B	3	1
John	Woodside	National Observer	1	1
Christopher	Nardi	National Post	1	1
Palak	Mangat	Parliament Today	1	1
Stephanie	Taylor	The Canadian Press	1	1
Lee	Berthiaume	The Canadian Press	1	1
Terry	Pedwell	The Canadian Press	1	1
Mike	Blanchfield	The Canadian Press	1	1
Joanna	Smith	The Canadian Press	1	1
Mia	Rabson	The Canadian Press	1	1
Maan	Alhmidi	The Canadian Press	1	1
Christopher	Reynolds	The Canadian Press	1	1
Jim	Bronskill	The Canadian Press	1	1
Joan	Bryden	The Canadian Press	1	1
Laura	Dhillon Kane	The Canadian Press	1	1
Samantha	Wright Allen	The Hill Times	1	1
Stephen	Jeffery	The Lobby Monitor	1	1
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Debates Commission crafts rules to keep Rebel News out

By Rebel News August 18, 2021





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It's happening again: the Leaders' Debates Commission is trying to keep *Rebel News* from asking questions on behalf of our audience. Last time, in 2019, *Rebel News*, along with *True North's* Andrew Lawton, had to [obtain a court order](https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/rebel-media-true-north-federal-election-debate-2019-1.5312172) (<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/rebel-media-true-north-federal-election-debate-2019-1.5312172>) to successfully be granted access into the debates.

Well, this time the Debates Commission has specifically **crafted rules** (<https://www.debates-debats.ca/en/media-accreditation/44/>) that very obviously target *Rebel News*.

On last night's edition

(https://www.rebelnews.com/ezra_levant_show_august_17_2021) of *The Ezra Levant Show* (https://www.rebelnews.com/the_ezra_levant_show), Ezra looked at how this hypocritical rule could apply to almost every news agency, and yet is only selectively enforced on Canada's largest independent media company.

After pointing to a number of accredited journalists and outlets that would violate these same rules, Ezra said:

Now I'm not sure why opinion journalists should be excluded from the elections at all, anyway. Why would that make sense? Opinion journalism is, obviously, a form of journalism.

It's just weird, it would obviously keep out half of the journalists on Parliament Hill. So they exempt them all by saying if you're already in Trudeau's press gallery, you're fine. Even foreign state broadcasters.

But if you're not already on Trudeau's friends list, you're not allowed to have editorial opinions, and just in case that doesn't stop us, you're not allowed to be involved with someone who uses crowdfunding to help poor people afford civil liberties lawyers because... reasons?

There's only one reason here: they're afraid of being asked real questions, and so they've tried to draft this in a way to ban *Rebel News* and *Rebel News* only.

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