



Annual Report 2010

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original news and columns

in-cahoots: featured links to social
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the day

issue pages: an aggregate of stories, links and
news on specific issues

public polls to check the pulse of
rabble visitors

the book lounge: a multi-featured book
section with original reviews, book events
and more

special features: short-term sections that
focus on a range of issues

blogs from writers and activists
across Canada (and beyond)

daily and weekly e-newsletter with
links to our hot stories

progressive newswire and news from
around the world

babble: our famous moderated
discussion board

video commons: where people can
talk news and views face to face

Welcome

from Publisher Kim Elliott & President Duncan Cameron

“rabble is a crucial resource for achieving media democracy in Canada,
in this era of increasing corporate media centralization”.

Maude Barlow

2010 represents without doubt the biggest year in *rabble.ca*'s history as Canada's most visited progressive independent media site. Boasting big numbers despite a small budget, *rabble.ca* continued to make it mark in 2010. How big? In 2010 rabble averaged almost 140,000 unique visitors a month with approximately 2 million page views a month from over 2000 locations in Canada alone. How small is our budget? We admit to some budget envy, as what we have to work with is less than the annual salary of some public TV hosts.

No matter how big or small rabble is, we will always be 100% free to access as we always have been since our launch in 2001. Like most independent community media sites we exist because of support from a wide range of people and organizations, in particular our sustaining partners, and our very broad community of contributors.

In the following pages you'll find a taste of some of our major thematic coverage from the year: ranging from our extensive Vancouver Olympics coverage (the kind you didn't see on CTV!), to the Cochabamba Climate conference, to a series on Maker Culture curated by Wayne MacPhail in conjunction with students at Western, to our comprehensive coverage of the G20, which included a team of rabblers reporting live throughout the G20 - from the streets, and from the other side of the fence, reporting from inside the accredited media areas, and continuing coverage once the fences went down.

In 2010 we welcomed award-winning journalist Cathryn Atkinson as our news and features editor, and within these pages you'll get a taste of her journalism, including the story we broke on Jason's Kenney's political interference in stopping a sitting British MP's visit to Canada (and of course that is just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to the Harper Regime's crimes against democracy, as Murray Dobbin outlined in his 2010 series "Harper's Hitlist"). Canadian politics is and will always be the core of our features, but as you'll see in these pages rabble contributors covered a wide range of topics - from the environment to the Oscars, from labour issues to indigenous news, from politics to arts and books, and so much more, and in formats ranging from articles, to blogs, to podcasts, to video, to livestreams, to twitter, Cover It Live and more. All this coverage perhaps resulted in rabble being a finalist in the Canadian Online Publishing Awards for best on-line only website and for best news site.

In 2010 we also said “good bye” to long-time babble moderator and in cahoots editor Michelle Langlois, as well as babble co-moderator, Oldgoat. Michelle worked hard to promote rabble and its mission and she is missed. Oldgoat remains on the boards as a volunteer moderator. *rabble.ca* welcomed Michael Stewart and Maysie, both long-time babblers to the fold. Matthew Adams, rabble Director of Special Projects, became the new in cahoots editor.

As we celebrate our 10th anniversary on April, 18 2011, we look towards another ten years of innovative, open, grassroots coverage. Join us.



Kim Elliott
Publisher



Duncan Cameron
President

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The importance of the community of unions and civil society organizations that support rabble is hard to overstate. These are crucial partnerships with organizations that value independent media and who see the issues they support on *rabble.ca*.

Sustaining partners are thanked in a special section of our site's front page and also receive free advertising on *rabble.ca*. In addition, all sustaining partners are in cahoots members, meaning stories from their website are featured on our front page in a special section. If your organization would like more information about becoming a sustaining partner, please contact business@rabble.ca



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Covering more **issues** that matter in 2010

The essential fight against Harper's economics

BY MURRAY DOBBIN | OCTOBER 12, 2010

Protest culture: How's it working for us?

BY ZAINAB AMADAHY | JULY 20, 2010

Migrant workers at greater risk of injury and death

BY JANE WILLIAMS | OCTOBER 1, 2010

Food allowance for the poor under attack

BY LIISA SCHOFIELD BY JOHN CLARKE | FEBRUARY 4, 2010

Harper's UN debacle shows how his disrespect for foreign affairs was noticed

BY YVES ENGLER | OCTOBER 18, 2010

Writing about conditions in Suncor's tar sands work camps got me fired

BY MIKE THOMAS | OCTOBER 15, 2010

Bolivia's climate summit: Moments of joy, levity and absurdity

BY NAOMI KLEIN | APRIL 23, 2010

The Liberals' Employment Insurance shame

BY DUNCAN CAMERON | OCTOBER 5, 2010

An Anishinaabe dream for the future

BY ROBERT ANIMIKII HORTON | SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

Gun registry is not a threat to freedom

BY LINDA MCQUAIG | SEPTEMBER 21, 2010

G20 activist's bail conditions violate free-speech rights: CAJ

BY CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF JOURNALISTS | OCTOBER 19, 2010

Happy Labour Day: Brace yourselves for an anti-labour onslaught

BY DAVID J. CLIMENHAGA | SEPTEMBER 6, 2010

Police ethics update: Mocking the Charter

BY DAVE COLES | JULY 28, 2010

Algonquins of Barriere Lake fight for self-determination and environmental protection

BY RABBLETV | DECEMBER 20, 2010

Court documents put spotlight on minister in banning of British MP

BY CATHRYN ATKINSON | APRIL 19, 2010

Human trafficking and The Games

BY MARA KARDAS-NELSON | FEBRUARY 25, 2010

We were in Copenhagen for the climate conference

RABBLE.CA'S STAFF BLOG



This is rabble.ca's staff blog. Visit this blog regularly for updates about rabble, and comments and observations from staff members, with occasional visits by board members and volunteers. Our staff blog is represented by our website "mascot" Ruckus, the sock monkey, who joined us in 2006. Ruckus cheers us on through fundraising campaigns and membership drives, and reminds us to keep perspective in the midst of the challenges of running an independent media website.

Update: Copenhagen conference coverage at rabble.ca

BY RABBLE STAFF | DECEMBER 16, 2009

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We've assembled an exciting roster of writers and bloggers to share the latest scoop and analysis of the Copenhagen climate conference.

In addition to feature pieces, such as Oscar Reyes' "**Plan B: Protect the Rich**", and insight on the happenings in Denmark by our regular **columnists**, look to rabbletv and rabble blogs for daily coverage by **Tor Sandberg, Program Director of rabbletv**, who is on the ground in Copenhagen with his

SIMILAR ENTRIES

Where? Vancouver. What? Olympics. We've got you covered.

Cochabamba World People's Conference begins: Follow coverage on rabble

Help us report on the world and we can open up new ones for you

Ruckus is back! It's that membership time of year!

Why is a right-wing student group being promoted on rabble?

TOP PICKS ON RABBLE

Torontonians demand candidates respond to their issues and needs
by *Nora Loreto*


'Most famous woman in Afghanistan' speaks at Canadian Boat to Gaza fundraiser tonight in Vancouver
by *Canadian Boat to Gaza*

The essential fight against Harper's economics
by *Murray Dobbin*

Ten points in Canada's real economic update
by *Duncan Cameron*






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We had on the ground Olympic coverage before, during and after the big show

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Olympics

Don't miss a moment
of our Olympics
coverage.


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-  Olympics on rabble.ca
-  2010 Homelessness Hunger Strike Relay
-  Word of the Rings blog
-  Chris Shaw's blog
-  Redeye Podcast


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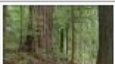
Naomi Klein and Harsha Walia on activism in Canada

Naomi Klein and Harsha Walia speak about the culture of social activism in the context of the Olympics and the G20 Summit.

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NEWEST STORIES ON RABBLE.CA

Naomi Klein and Harsha Walia on activism in Canada OCTOBER 12, 2010 | By *rabbleTV* | Naomi Klein and Harsha Walia speak about the culture of social activism in the context of the Olympics and the G20 Summit.

 **Olympic host town of Whistler logging old growth trees** SEPTEMBER 7, 2010 | By *Shirley St. John* | WHISTLER

ON BABBLE

Canada's Post Olympic 2010 Real Estate Collapse Projected?! last comment by *ReeferMadness*

At the **G8/G20** we called
out for coverage and
people delivered



We were inside and outside the fence at the **G20** (and lots of places in-between)

issues on rabble.ca G8/G20

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alternative coverage of
the G8 and G20
meetings

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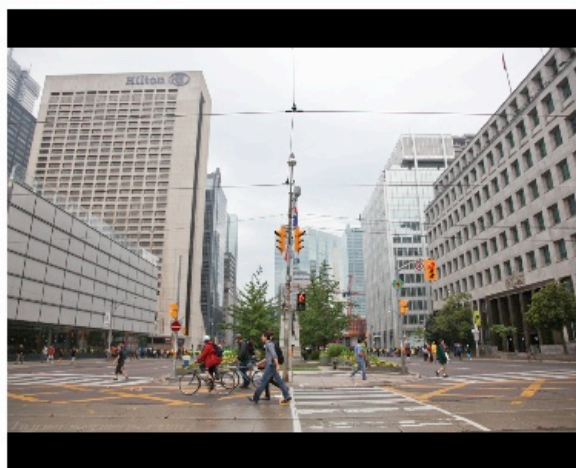
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G8/G20 Communiqué: 'Don't Wear Black' SEPTEMBER 17, 2010 |

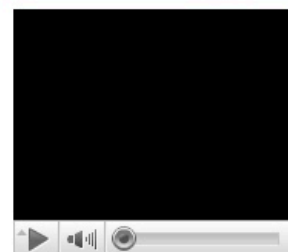
By *Krystalline Kraus* | Art as resistance to
the G20. Information on how to get involved.



G8/G20 Communiqué: Friday - Strengthening Our Resolve after the G20 SEPTEMBER 17, 2010 | By *Krystalline*

Kraus | Post G20 event in Toronto on
movement building and ongoing resistance to the G20

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- G8/G20 rabble feed
- Council of Canadians
- Fred Wilson
- John Bonnar
- Murray Dobbin
- Krystalline Kraus

IN CAHOOTS

- Council of Canadians
- CEP
- United Steelworkers

We presented exclusive live video coverage of the Council of Canadians' "Shout Out For Global Justice"

(Mainstream media didn't cover the event at all)



We brought the boot to Mr. Harper's policies with our ten part series “Harper's Hitlist” by Murray Dobbin

(sponsored by the Council of Canadians)

RABBLE SERIES

Harper's hitlist: Thirteen months, two prorogations of Parliament

BY MURRAY DOBBIN | MARCH 4, 2010

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*rabble.ca columnist Murray Dobbin details the harm Prime Minister Stephen Harper is doing to the political and social fabric of Canada in a new essay commissioned by **The Council of Canadians**. This article is an excerpt taken from the essay, the second in a 10-part series on Harper's assault on democracy.*

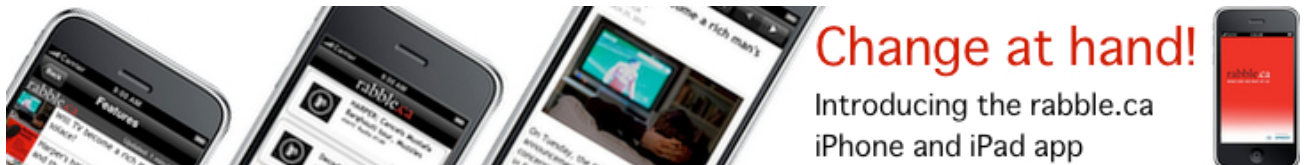
The first prorogation of Parliament, Dec. 4, 2008

On any given political issue, the majority of Canadians polled generally say they are only slightly aware of the issue and

its implications. But it is fair to say that in late 2008 when Stephen Harper first postponed a confidence vote in his government and then asked Governor-General Michaëlle Jean to shut down Parliament in order to avoid the vote entirely, the vast majority of Canadian were paying attention.

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news and features

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in news and features to
cover rabble's wide
progressive community,
providing a home for
important stories and
giving voices to those
who get ignored by
rightwing politics and
media.

Cathryn Atkinson
News and Features
Editor

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2010 was a very busy year, full of major events. rabble's new editor, Cathryn Atkinson, started in February and learned to balance rabble coverage and critiques of major domestic events such as the 2010 Winter Olympics, the Toronto G20 Summit arrests, and the municipal elections in many provinces with the other many priorities of the progressive left. There is a constant stream of good stories ideas and good writing, and rabble is their preferred outlet for many progressive writers, both known and new. Frequently, rabble was ahead of the mainstream press in breaking stories.

For the G8/G20 events rabble worked hard to cover the event from multiple angles and through various mediums. rabble did a call out for journalists (professional and citizen) and got official media credentials for a few reporters which allowed them "inside the fence" at the official press gallery. Other reporters were in the streets, at events, conducting interviews, filming, and tweeting. We put together a great collection of contributors. We hosted a gathering of contributors to exchange ideas and plans and the Ontario Public Service Employees Union offered us a meeting room to organize coverage downtown.



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Toronto Palestine Film Festival
October 2nd - October 8th, 2010



With love from
Palestine



An exhibition of Otto Dix paintings in Montreal inspires comparisons between the condemnation of 'Degenerate Art' by Hitler and the attitude to art in the war-loving neo-cons times in which we live.
Who's Degenerate now?

Mourning recent deaths of T.O. migrant workers: Part 1

SEPTEMBER 7, 2010 | By *Migrant Matters Radio* | Workplace horror: This past Christmas Eve in Toronto four migrant workers had plummeted to their deaths, and a fifth worker left in permanent critical condition.

TODAY'S TOP PICKS ON RABBLE

Ezra Levant vs. reality -- a prelude to Fox News North
SEPTEMBER 7, 2010 | By *Alheli Picazo* | By connecting Soros to the Avaaz petition, Lilley, Levant, Taylor and Tenycke aim to stoke fear in their followers who, more often than not, are avid consumers of extreme right-wing media.

Financial sector plays no role in deficit reduction
SEPTEMBER 7, 2010 | By *Linda McQuaig* | Ever since the 2008 financial crisis, Canadian banks have enjoyed almost heroic stature for not being like those bad Wall Street banks that collapsed, triggering a global recession.

G8/G20 Communique: G20 news and legal fall out
SEPTEMBER 7, 2010 | By *Krystalline Kraus* | News from the court house and other legal ramifications surrounding the G20 protests in Toronto.

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Restraint now is worse than wrong, it's dangerous
SEPTEMBER 7, 2010 | Canada's debt is much lower than most countries and the economy still needs stimulus; other countries who have instituted drastic cuts have suffered devastating consequences.



Third-party delivery of medical services in Saskatchewan
SEPTEMBER 3, 2010 | Medicare's hallowed ground, Saskatchewan, has started using a private surgical clinic for orthopedic day surgeries normally provided through the public system.



OPSEU members target Ontario Liberal fundraisers
SEPTEMBER 1, 2010 | Members of OPSEU are demonstrating at Ontario Liberal Party fundraisers across the province, in response to the serious attacks on the public sector in the 2010 Liberal budget.

ACTIVE DISCUSSIONS ON BABBLE

Girl assaulted on Calgary playground while youths watched, took pictures commented on by Calissa

The NDP & proportional representation - #2 commented on by Fidel

Latest BC Polling Results - Started July 13, 2010 commented on by mybabble

H1N1 Advisors received kickbacks from H1N1 vaccine

RECENTLY PUBLISHED PODCASTS

Mourning recent deaths of T.O. migrant workers: Part 1
Migrant Matters

Mourning recent deaths of T.O. migrant workers: Part 2
Migrant Matters

Asia Pacific Currents
Asia Pacific Currents

Nothing new in Canada's treatment of Tamil refugees
Redeye

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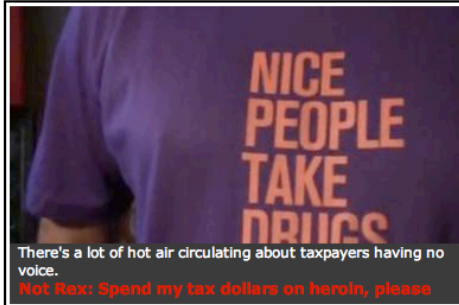
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"Dear Sun TV - You're Not Special"

Get on the record with the CRTC at openmedia.ca/notspecial



Harper's meeting with Murdoch -- the real story

SEPTEMBER 17, 2010 | By *Donald Gutstein* | The News Corp. owner is a patient man. He can offer support for a 'Fox News North', sit back as his ideas take shape in Canada, and quietly meet the prime minister when he likes.

TODAY'S TOP PICKS ON RABBLE

The class struggle in Vaughan: The Sears lockout and USW

SEPTEMBER 17, 2010 | By *Jordy Cummings* | Sears' catalogue of errors in its dealings with unionized employees.

The Alberta Health Act: Are Alberta's health care 'reformers' just going through the motions?

SEPTEMBER 17, 2010 | By *David J. Climenhaga* | Don't expect to hear anything more about health care reform in Alberta until after the next election.

Is Stephen Harper a Straussian?

SEPTEMBER 17, 2010 | By *Rick Salutin* | I'm talking political philosophy here, not Viennese waltzes. People keep asking why Stephen Harper acts as he does, it looks so buttheaded.

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Land-grabbing: A new form of sharecropping?

SEPTEMBER 16, 2010 | Foreign land acquisition in Africa undermines the principle of nations' self-determination; support for sustainable local farming to ensure food security needs to be a priority.



CHC demands leadership on public Pharmacare

SEPTEMBER 14, 2010 | The Canadian Health Coalition urges the Harper government to work with provincial and territorial governments to bring in a universal, public Pharmacare program.



Dear Sun TV: You're not special

SEPTEMBER 13, 2010 | "Fox News North" is asking the CRTC for three years of mandatory access for its service, a guarantee no other digital channel has. Tell the CRTC to reject this preferential treatment.

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ACTIVE DISCUSSIONS ON BABBLE

- ⇒ **NDP Candidate Chosen in Mount Royal** commented on by Lachine Scot
- ⇒ **Predict the Future please.** commented on by alien
- ⇒ **FOX News North** commented on by Sky Captain
- ⇒ **The Ninth Anniversary of 9/11 Thread** commented on by Fidel

VISIT MORE ACTIVE BABBLE TOPICS



RECENTLY PUBLISHED PODCASTS

- ▶ **Elizabeth May on capitalism and civil disobedience against the tar sands** Alert! from Canadian Dimension
- ▶ **Nortel retirees want guaranteed pensions with inflation protection** John Bonnar Audio Blog
- ▶ **Five more names added to Homeless Memorial** John Bonnar Audio Blog
- ▶ **Water use and abuse** Needs No Introduction

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From prolific blogger [Krystalline Kraus](#), to the [Council of Canadian Blog](#) to Darren Puscas of [G20 News Blog](#), Morgan Gabereau, and many more, visitors to rabble could find all of rabble's G8/G20 coverage in a special issues section, as well as throughout the site. A new blog section was introduced called "Stories from the Summit" for readers who wanted to share their own stories of the G8/G20 summits. The issue page included the extensive live video coverage of a number of G8/G20 events that rabble represented (see rabbletv section.) rabble also launched "youtube direct" that allowed the public to load their videos directly to rabble's website (posted after editorial approval) and hosted a popular flickr photo pool of G20 issues.

Furthermore rabble also helped to build the "[Real G8/G20](#)" website that says "Our mainstream media has failed to report the real issues that have motivated thousands of people to protest the G8/G20 Summits. It has failed to critically address the intimidation, abuse and illegal actions of the police, which have resulted in the broad abuse of our civil rights. The Real G8/G20: A Civil Society Response is a political and artistic response to this failure, and a showcase of diverse concerns about global economic, social and climate injustice."



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A few news and features highlights:

Interviews

[Elizabeth May: Executing the Green master plan](#)

['They held Marc in solitary for three weeks': An interview with Jodie Emery](#)

[Kevin Neish's photos of Mavi Marmara attack published, plus full interview](#)

[Exclusive: Aristide on Haiti's earthquake, cholera, the election, reparation and exile](#)

[Evangelicals 'are here for the long term, not just Stephen Harper's term'](#)

Reporting

[Food alliance for the poor under attack](#)

[Let Haitians Take Control of their own Destinies](#)

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[Israeli apartheid by any other name still stinks](#)

[Conditions for detainees at 629 Eastern Avenue are illegal, immoral and dangerous](#)

[G20 police let rioters run amok and then struck back hard at all activists](#)

[Indian Act remedy Bill C-3 is flawed](#)

[Medics at G20 protests speak out against police brutality](#)

[University of Toronto plan decimates languages, humanities programs](#)

[Seven Myths about Tamil Refugees](#)

[Fish Lake is a test for Canadian Environmental Law](#)

[A war-free economy is possible](#)

[Will capitalism absorb the World Social Forum?](#)

[Jack Layton: 'We've had three elections in seven years... and we're making progress'](#)

Analysis

[Harper's meeting with Murdoch](#)

[The horrific Williams murders were about power not fetish](#)

[When Asians enrol](#)

[Feminist activism: White, western notions of polite discourse?](#)

[A case study in failure: the Israel lobby at Toronto Pride](#)

[Harper's oily case for ethical oil](#)

[Harpers Hitlist: The case for electoral reform and coalition](#)

Columnists

In addition to original news stories, in-depth features, provocative interviews, commentaries and more, rabble publishes columns from some of the few progressive voices in mainstream media (if we've missed anyone, let us know) and reprints articles you wouldn't want to miss from other alternative publications.

Alice Klein

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Amy Goodman

Duncan Cameron

Jerry West

Jessica Yee

Jim Stanford

Jooneed Khan

June Chua

Linda McQuaig

Ms. Communicate

Murray Dobbin

Naomi Klein

Ralph Surette

Rick Salutin

Sasha Van Bon Bon

Steve Anderson

Tricia Hylton

Wayne MacPhail

Harper's pipeline nightmare JANUARY 3, 2011 | By *Murray Dobbin* | Environmental issues still take a back seat to economic ones, but it is on the environmental front that gains are made. After Fish Lake, the PM may feel the heat because of his support for Enbridge.

Tallying the costs of Obama's war in Afghanistan DECEMBER 29, 2010 | By *Amy Goodman* | The war in Afghanistan is now the longest war in U.S. history, and 2010 has seen the highest number of U.S. and NATO soldiers killed.



The growth of extreme inequality in Canada DECEMBER 28, 2010 | By *Linda McQuaig* | There was always skepticism about claims that, as the rich became richer, income would "trickle down" to others. What wasn't foreseen was that the trickling would actually be in the other direction.

Environmental sustainability is the core issue of our times DECEMBER 27, 2010 | By *Jerry West* | Sustain: to keep in existence, maintain. Sustainable: capable of being sustained. Sustainability: the property of being sustainable.

Internet freedom getting stifled in the U.S. DECEMBER 22, 2010 | By *Amy Goodman* | One of Barack Obama's signature campaign promises was to protect the freedom of the Internet. Jump ahead to December 2010, where Obama is clearly in the back seat, being driven by Internet giants.

Healthcare, education and pensions: Young and old need to join forces DECEMBER 21, 2010 | By *Duncan Cameron* | We need to support each other so the vulnerable of every generation will not be neglected by the state. Together we have more power to influence this.

Postscript on the New McCarthyism DECEMBER 20, 2010 | By *Murray Dobbin* | Stephen Harper made it de rigueur for other political parties and the governor-general to attend the recent CPCCA summit on anti-semitism, a move nearer to criminalizing criticism of Israel.

The vilification of Julian Assange DECEMBER 15, 2010 | By *Amy Goodman* | Despite being granted bail, Wikileaks founder and editor Julian Assange remains imprisoned in London, awaiting extradition proceedings to answer a prosecutor's questions in Sweden.

Bring on the Liberal Green Democrats DECEMBER 14, 2010 | By *Duncan Cameron* | Early in 2011, a budget debate in Parliament is expected to trigger an election show down. It is time the opposition parties plan together to fight the Harper Conservatives.

Vindication for G20 protesters DECEMBER 14, 2010 | By *Linda McQuaig* | What is now unmistakably clear in the aftermath of the G20 fiasco is that the vast powers of the state were unjustifiably used against thousands of innocent protesters.

Next steps for health-care reform in Nova Scotia DECEMBER 13, 2010 | By *Ralph Surette* | At last. We have the best plan ever on health care with the recent report by Dr. John Ross. And the government has accepted all his recommendations. But what now?



Winds of change in B.C. politics? DECEMBER 10, 2010 | By *Jerry West* | The Liberal leadership race is a sideshow compared to what is going on in the New Democrat Party.

Improving social well-being would reduce health-care costs DECEMBER 8, 2010 | By *Jim Stanford* | Addressing the underlying social problems that scientists now know cause so much ill health, can help to rein in health costs. Governments must be holistic in their programming and budgeting.

Wikileaks reveals U.S. 'dirty business' at climate change talks DECEMBER 8, 2010 | By *Amy Goodman* | While the stakes are high in Cancun, expectations are low, and, as we have just learned from Wikileaks, the United States is engaged in what one journalist here called

features contributors

(not including general contributors, bloggers)

500 Montreal Artists	Caroline Bond	Dylan Penner	Jamaal Bell
ACLU	Carrie Baptist	Ed Broadbent	James Clancy
Adam Vaughn	Carrie Simmons	Edward C. Corrigan	James Clark
Adam Vrankulj	Casey Yau	Elizabeth Littlejohn	James Jackson
Adriana Berlingieri	Cathryn Atkinson	Elizabeth Pickett	Janet Conway
AFN and NWAC	Cathy Crowe	Elle Flanders	Janet Newbury
Aidan MacDonald	Cathy Edwards	Ellen Russell	Jason Kunin
Al Engler	Charles Demers	Elvira Truglia	Jason Tockman
Alana Power	Chelby Daigle	Emilio Comay del	Jean Crowder
Albert Koehl	Cheryl McNamara	Junco	Jean Ellie Déralciné
Alex Hundert	Chris Arsenaault	Emily Urquhart	Jean Louis Deveau
Alex Neve	Christian Bergmeister	Emma Feltes	Jeannine M. Pitas
Alison Henderson	Christian Nathler	Environmental Justice	Jeff Conant
Alroy Fonseca	Christine Beckermann	Toronto	Jenn Ruddy
Am Johal	Christine Jones	Environmental Law	Jennifer Dales
Amanda Tattersall	Claire Tremblay	Association	Jennifer Henderson
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James Prentice steps down from cabinet to join a Bay St bank as Vice-Chair

nuclear power being a bottomless money pit. Canada is a **net** exporter of hydro-electric power to the US. We ... to run (and win). What's **news** to me, in the book, is that Harper chose to move slowly, incrementally ...

Forum topic - - Nov 4 2010 - 3:28pm - 59 comments

Anti-Semitism and free speech

gouvernements au sujet de Gaza" <http://www.ldh-toulon.net/spip.php?article4116> My translation: Amongst ... **news** release: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/departement/media/releases/2010/2010-11-10.asp> ... -record-the-full-text-of-the-ottawa-protocol.html Highly predictable Jason Kenney **news** release: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/departement/media/releases/2010/2010-11-10.asp> ...

Forum topic - - Nov 4 2010 - 2:19pm - 63 comments

Progressive Canadians must challenge Jewish National Fund's charitable status

Story Publish Date: November 4, 2010 Every Canadian who opposes racism should be embarrassed, and J.S. Woodsworth, the Winnipeg-based founder of Canada's Co-operative Commonwealth Federation, which eventually became the NDP, must be ...

News - - Nov 4 2010 - 2:29am - 0 comments

Geopolitical Dance Cards and Who's Making Nice - or Not - With Who - Now?

<http://beta.thenews.com.pk/NewsDetail.aspx?ID=4470> "Setting aside their historic rivalry, Britain" World's Sole Military World's Sole Military Superpower Extends Its Reach <http://www.radio4all.net/files/macdroe@optonline.net> ... with it and Cyprus could be one of these..." (international **news** and politics, geopolitics) ...

Forum topic - - Nov 4 2010 - 2:22am - 14 comments

Voice of Women for Peace 50th Anniversary Conference

11:00 am Challenges and Strategies: Raising Our Voices - regional **news**, youth views, advocacy skills ... , or to sponsor a student: 416-603-7915 vow@ca.inter.net For a list of billets and hotels, please call VOW ...

Event - - Nov 3 2010 - 7:30pm - 0 comments

American Mid-Term Elections Part 2

[.com/celebrity-in-national/jon-stewart-s-closing-remains](http://www.celebrity-in-national.com/celebrity-in-national/jon-stewart-s-closing-remains) The Cook Political Report: The Cook Political Report : Republicans will have a **net** gain ...). As jrootham noted in the prior thread, FiveThirtyEight : Republicans will have a **net** gain ...). The Rothenberg Political Report : Republicans will have a **net** gain of between 55 and 65 House seats ...

Forum topic - - Nov 1 2010 - 12:14pm - 118 comments

Math prof suspended for opposing relaxed PhD standards

) persistence from the dean, based on what was reported in the side bar of that **news** piece: 1) The Graduate ... an exam anxiety problem. According to that **news** story, he had not disclosed such problem to the disability ... a pitch in baseball. Couldn't we just lower the **net** for me, or pitch a gentle underhand? I'll never ...

Forum topic - - Oct 31 2010 - 11:14am - 104 comments

Woman's Head Stomped By Rand Paul Supporter -- Rise of US Fascism in General

and a draft is instituted. Some more stuff on the rise of fascism in the USA: http://thestir.cafemom.com/in_the_news ... it takes between 24-48 for the 'words' to spread all over the place because of the **net**. It's amazing ... with people who saw the STATE as the answer, providing the social safety **net**. To these folks in Florida ...

in cahoots

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In Cahoots Columnists Netted News



Understanding the McGuinty wage freeze OCTOBER 18, 2010 | Every dollar Ontario public service workers give up through the wage freeze will go to the profits of companies like the Royal Bank of Canada, Rogers, and Imperial Oil.



Why the F-35 stealth fighter is wrong for Canada OCTOBER 17, 2010 | A new report by the CCPA and the Rideau Institute says the planned purchase of 65 F-35 stealth fighter jets is the result of a "pilot error" by the Canadian government.



Harper's policies result in lost Security Council seat OCTOBER 12, 2010 | The Council of Canadians is blaming the Harper government for Canada's loss in its bid for a seat on the UN Security Council today.

In Cahoots Columnists Netted News



Restraint now is worse than wrong, it's dangerous SEPTEMBER 7, 2010 | Canada's debt is much lower than most countries and the economy still needs stimulus; other countries who have instituted drastic cuts have suffered devastating consequences.



Third-party delivery of medical services in Saskatchewan SEPTEMBER 3, 2010 | Medicare's hallowed ground, Saskatchewan, has started using a private surgical clinic for orthopedic day surgeries normally provided through the public system.



OPSEU members target Ontario Liberal fundraisers SEPTEMBER 1, 2010 | Members of OPSEU are demonstrating at Ontario Liberal Party fundraisers across the province, in response to the serious attacks on the public sector in the 2010 Liberal budget.

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Land-grabbing: A new form of sharecropping? SEPTEMBER 16, 2010 | Foreign land acquisition in Africa undermines the principle of nations' self-determination; support for sustainable local farming to ensure food security needs to be a priority.



CHC demands leadership on public Pharmacare SEPTEMBER 14, 2010 | The Canadian Health Coalition urges the Harper government to work with provincial and territorial governments to bring in a universal, public Pharmacare program.



Dear Sun TV: You're not special SEPTEMBER 13, 2010 | "Fox News North" is asking the CRTC for three years of mandatory access for its service, a guarantee no other digital channel has. Tell the CRTC to reject this preferential treatment.

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rabbletv is more than a collection of great videos. We present live internet video coverage of events (livestreaming), video commentary, Canadian music videos, and "best of the net" gems for your viewing pleasure. rabbletv is just a click away!

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It was a very busy year for rabbletv. Without doubt rabbletv's Olympics Coverage and G20 coverage were key highlights in 2010. [rabble.ca](#) made a splash at the Olympics with our video coverage, and in particular with a debate streamed live on rabbletv on the issue of [Diversity of Tactics](#), as well as video from a VIVO sponsored lecture, including commentary by [Chris Shaw](#).

G20 coverage began with a live stream of the Council of Canadians [Shout Out for Global Justice](#) –on the eve of the G20 more than a thousand gathered to hear speakers from around the world talk about global economic alternatives. The event was streamed live to thousands across the world. Yet we were the only media to cover this event.

rabble also livestreamed events it organized during the G20, including Shut the F&*k up – with speakers including [Antonia Zerbisias](#) and [Judy Rebick](#), and of our international solidarity event, including speakers [Derrick O'Keefe](#) and [Jesse Rosenfeld](#).

RECENT PROGRAMMING



NOT REX

Not Rex: Fox hunt north

SEPTEMBER 10, 2010 Humberto DaSilva takes a shot at Fox News North and plans to can the long gun registry.



BEST-OF-THE-NET

Michael Moore supports war resisters at Toronto film festival

SEPTEMBER 17, 2010 Documentary filmmaker, Michael Moore, and screenwriter Paul Laverty criticize the Harper government's treatment of U.S. war resisters in Canada.



BEST-OF-THE-NET

Video: Sears continues lock out of warehouse employees

SEPTEMBER 16, 2010 500 Sears Canada warehouse employees remain on the picket lines after being locked out of their workplace in April.



NOT REX

Not Rex: Spend my tax dollars on heroin, please

SEPTEMBER 16, 2010 There's a lot of hot air circulating about taxpayers having no voice and getting no respect. Taxpayer and Not Rex, Shawn Symes, tells you what he'd like his money spent on.



BEST-OF-THE-NET

Rob Ford featured in Old Spice video parody

SEPTEMBER 10, 2010 A local Toronto group have created a YouTube parody of the notorious Old Spice commercials starring Rob Ford.

rabbletv highlights



photo: Kristen Hansen

G20 PUBLIC HEARINGS rabble.ca LIVE ON RABBLE.CA NOVEMBER 10-12

Among the highlights from G20 video coverage, rabbletv's Tor Sandberg [broke the story](#) of the segregation of gay protestors arrested at the G20, and gave us exclusive interview with [Vandana Shiva](#) outside the fence, and of [Jack Layton](#) on the other side of the fence. We also featured original commentary from our feature commentator Humberto da Silva (see "not Rex Murphy" below) and [Harper Girl](#). Regular commentary from Humberto da Silva has become among the most popular rabbletv features.

rabbletv's G20 coverage continued post G20, recording a widely viewed video of Naomi Klein telling police "[to do their job](#)", at a protest in front of police headquarters in Toronto. And in November, rabble livestreamed the [G20 Fundraiser with Naomi Klein and Hawksley Workman](#).

rabble's G20 recordings were part of a cable package show, "The Shout Out" produced by Manly Media in association with Smart Change, the Council of Canadians and the Communication, Energy and Paperworkers union. This production was shown show in more than 50 communities across Canada. Not only did this important event get broadcast on community cable, activists across Canada learned that they had access to this resource and that it is relatively easy to gain that access.

rabbletv broke more barriers, livestreaming the fundraiser for [Abdelrazik](#), and we continued our coverage of the George Galloway/Jason Kenny controversy, with a video report from Galloway's arrival at Toronto's Pearson airport, after a court decision highlighted Kenney's political interference in the outspoken MP's banning. We livestreamed Galloway's triumphant Toronto talk in October, and his lecture to Northerners in [Yellowknife](#).

rabble also livestreamed the Council of Canadians Ottawa [AGM](#), permitting their members from across the country to check in and participate while being cognizant of carbon emissions. We also livestreamed [Food Secure's Biennuel assembly](#) in Montreal, the [No Tanks](#) rally on Second Beach in Vancouver's Stanley Park, W2's event with [Georgina Beyer](#) – the world's first Trans MP, and the CCPA's 35th anniversary conference.

We also premiered the online version of Jase Tanner's "[Canadian Delegation to Palestine](#)" (which rabble organized a Canadian launch for earlier in the year).

The screenshot shows the rabbletv website interface. At the top, there's a banner for "livestream your events" with buttons for "Learn More" and "Free or Premium". Below this is a navigation bar with categories: Live Now, News, Entertainment, Music, Sports, Games, Xfire Games, and More. The main content area features several live stream thumbnails: "Wimbledon Interview Room" (June 21 - July 4), "eclipse Live Red Carpet" (AP live presents), "LIVE From the 2010 New Balance...", "WKRG.com Live Oil Spill Cam", and "Mykonos Live Webcam". A "Featured Live Channels" section is also visible. On the right, there's a "Upcoming Events" section with a prominent "rabbletv SHOUT OUT FOR GLOBAL JUSTICE!" banner, mentioning a live stream from Toronto with Democracy Now host Amy Goodman.

rabbletv highlights



rabbletv also hosted a number of original video recordings of lectures, such as the exclusive interviews with Palestinian director Michel Khelfi at the [Palestine Toronto Film Festival](#), as well as [Ken Loach](#), while he was in town for the Toronto International Film Festival, both recorded by Anita Kranjc, [Norman Finkelstein](#) and [Gideon Levy](#) Vancouver lectures, recorded by Jase Tanner, including video from Jase Tanner, of the Gaza Freedom March in Cairo. We also recorded exclusive video from the Make Media Public conference, held in May in Toronto (recorded by Ted Cooper and Anita Kranjc).

We hosted exclusive interviews with Gaza Flotilla survivor from the Mavi Marvira, [Kevin Neish](#), and shared video of Naomi Klein speaking at the [Gaza Freedom Flotilla](#) demo in Toronto.

We covered events including the [Toronto Vegetarians March to Support Farm Sanctuaries](#), and Toronto Pride events: [the Trans March](#), QUAIA's cabaret with [Haneen Maikey](#) and [Naomi Klein](#), and the [Veggie Pride Parade](#).

And lest we forget, 2010 began with anti-prorogation rallies across the country. rabble was there, as in the video of [Judy Rebick](#) exclaiming that never before has she seen such large scale organizing in Canada.

Finally rabble has worked to train others in livestreaming. rabble's Tor Sandberg gave two video and livestream workshops, at the People's Summit in Toronto in June, and at Vancouver's W2 Storeyueum in November.

indie **inside**

Featuring music videos from Canadian Independent bands, rabbletv's *Indie Inside* segment highlighted 25 different artists in 2010. Indie Inside coordinator Adriana Byrne also organized 25 indie CD prize giveaways, raising this artist-focused segment of rabbletv to an integral part of the site.

Indie Inside: Kev Corbett

BY RABBLETV | MARCH 1, 2010

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Kev Corbett is one of the best of eastern Canada's bumper crop of fine young songwriters. He likes one fan's description: Like Leonard Cohen, but with a sense of humour. His lyrics are warm, earnest and hopeful. A serious guitar picker, you can tell he paid his dues playing for years as a pro sideguy. His new record *Son of a Rudderless Boat* recently hit #3 on the NCRA Folk/Roots chart, and will tour the nation from coast to coast this spring, BY TRAIN! For more info check out kevcorbett.com



Indie Inside: Ruth Minnikin

BY RABBLETV | JUNE 7, 2010

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Dartmouth musical artist Ruth Minnikin crafted her new album *Depend on This* with the vision of a tiny symphony swaying in her mind's eye. This orchestral opus spans the Atlantic Ocean and unites seventeen magical musicians, twenty-three integral instruments, a men's vocal choir, three pop producers, one sound artist, and a handful of visual artists. To learn more about Ruth and her Band Wagon, check out www.ruthminnikin.ca.



Indie Inside: Class War Kids

BY RABBLETV | FEBRUARY 15, 2010

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The album, titled *Twinkles' Last Stand*, can be downloaded from <http://theclasswarkids.bandcamp.com/>

Back in June of 2009, the St. John's-based band Class War Kids recorded several cover songs before going on tour, but it wasn't until the recent earthquake hit Haiti that it was clear what to do with those recordings. As of January 28, these tracks have been released on an EP entitled *Twinkle's Last Stand*. All proceeds from its sale are going to the **Batay Ouvriye Haiti Solidarity Network**.
-Christa Cram, *The Troubadour*



Indie Inside: Destroyer

BY RABBLETV | DECEMBER 2, 2009

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Over the course of his career as Destroyer, Dan Bejar has established himself and his band as one of the most unpredictable success stories in modern popular music. As a songwriter, Bejar is recognized as having few peers. As a musician, he is like the court jester, waiting in the wings, poking fun at those who take themselves too seriously and skewering those who would celebrate commerce as art. **Click here** to listen to "Dark Leaves Form a Thread", a song from his latest CD *Trouble in Dreams*. For more songs, go to Destroyer's **MySpace Page**.



The NOT REX contest

Rex Murphy got you seeing red?
Click here to learn how you
could be the "not Rex" video
commentator on rabble.ca



In early 2010 rabble decided it was time to give notice to the CBC that Rex Murphy's monopoly on the National had gone too far and we were going to offer some balance to his views. What we told rabblers was:

Tens of thousands agree: We have had enough of Rex Murphy and his reactionary, mean-spirited attacks on all the things that make Canada a great place to live. Since CBC hasn't put any balancing voices to Rex on their flagship news show The National, rabble.ca will do our part.

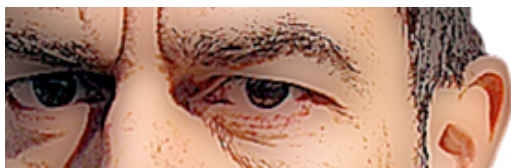
We are pleased to announce the Not Rex Murphy Contest. The winner(s) of the Not Rex contest will be featured presenting a video commentary on rabble.ca on the same nights as Mr. Murphy presents commentary on CBC.

Only those who actually share the values and aspirations of the majority of Canadians; who trust that a genuine democracy would actually deliver what Canadians want, who don't think it's a good idea to give corporations almost unlimited and totally unregulated power and who – unlike old Rex -- understand that there is no serious scientific debate about humans' role in the climate crises, need apply or be nominated.

The reaction was strong, with stories about the contest in NOW magazine and various radio programs. The contest received great video submissions.

The judges were new media journalist, consultant, video podcaster and web 2.0 guru Amber Mac, journalist, broadcaster, author and guest senior contributing editor Murray Dobbin, rabbletv Editor Tor Sandberg, publisher Kim Elliott, and rabble Director of Emerging Technology Wayne MacPhail.

The judges got the nominees down to four finalists and the rabble public voted and elected Humberto DaSilva who [one year later is going strong](#). The weekly rant includes guest commentaries from Vancouver's [Lalo Espejo](#), CAW's [Jim Stanford](#), [Shawn Syms](#) and [Muriel Wiens](#).



Rex schmex

Meet Humberto DaSilva
killer commentary rabbletv



blogs

Staff: Alex Samur, Michelle Gregus

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rabble has been hosting blogs since our redesign in 2008 and had over 60 bloggers in 2010 bringing together some of Canada's most insightful and opinionated progressive bloggers and commentators covering a huge range of issues. Blogs are highlighted on the front page and also can be found in a blog section as well as appearing in appropriate "issue pages" (see below).

In 2010, bloggers were integral in helping to cover the Vancouver 2010 Olympics, World People's Conference Cochabamba, the G8/G20 meetings in Toronto, the U.S. Social Forum in Detroit, the Cochabamba the municipal elections in Alberta, Manitoba and Ontario and the Cancun Climate Change Conference.

A new blog section was introduced called "Stories from the Summit" for readers who wanted to share their own stories of the G8/G20 summits. We also had some coverage of the U.S. Social Forum in Detroit thanks to bloggers from the U.S. Media Consortium.

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FEATURED BLOGS



Blame the National Post when quality dailies in Alberta wheeze their last

BY DAVID J. CLIMENHAGA | SEPTEMBER 16, 2010

The inexorable decline of the Canadian newspaper business continues, well, inexorably, as the new owners of the delightfully named **Postmedia News** set about trimming the deadwood from their regional newspapers by offering buyouts to aging and expensive employees.

If this effort at "rightsizing" is like those in the past -- and of course it will be -- the "deadwood" trimmed will be the most solid planks in the vessel, the ones keeping Postmedia's foundering ship barely afloat.

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Afghan protesters burn NATO base

BY DAVE MARKLAND | SEPTEMBER 15, 2010

Over the past several days, protests in Afghanistan reportedly stemming from threats to burn copies of the Koran in the U.S. have met with armed police reactions which have resulted in injuries and at least four deaths. In the latest protest (Sept 15), Reuters reports that "thousands" of Afghans gathered in Kabul to denounce the United States and that such demonstrations are putting the upcoming Afghan elections in jeopardy.

MOST RECENT POSTS



The Alberta Health Act: Are Alberta's health care 'reformers' just going through the motions?

SEPTEMBER 17, 2010 | By David J. Climenhaga | Don't expect to hear anything more about health care reform in Alberta until after the next election.



Weekly Mulch: Would you eat bugs to fight climate change?

SEPTEMBER 17, 2010 | By Sarah Laskow | Maybe it's time for environmentalists to prioritize do-it-yourself climate fixes instead of looking to politicians.



G8/G20 Communique: 'Don't Wear Black'

SEPTEMBER 17, 2010 | By Krystalline Kraus | Art as resistance to the G20. Information on how to get involved.



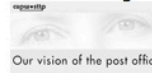
The NDP and left-wing populism

SEPTEMBER 17, 2010 | By Murray Dobbin | The NDP may well pull itself out of its self-created mess on the long-gun registry but not before using up a lot of good will across the country and a lot of political energy.



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CanadianBoatToGaza
Chris Shaw
Climate Action Network Canada
Corvin Russell
Council-of-Canadians
Daniel Tseghay
Dave Coles
Dave.Markland
David J. Climenhaga
Derrick O'Keefe
Emma Lui
Eric Mang
Ellen Woodsworth
Floss Blog
Fred Wilson
Gary Shaul
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Graham Saul
Griselda Grumpfuttock
Hannah MacKinnon
Hadani Ditmars
Health Care Testimonials
HelloCoolWorld
Ian Capstick
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J. Maureen Henderson
James Laxer
Jessica Yee
Jim Quail
John Bonnar
Joshua Kahn Russell
Judy Rebick
Kim Elliott
Kristen Hanson
Krystalline Kraus
Make Poverty History

Making Waves
Mara Kardas-Nelson
Marc Gionet
Matthew Adams
Maysie
Meera Karunanathan
Michelle Langlois
Meagan Perry
Folks Gotta Eat - Melanie Redman
Murray Dobbin
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rabble podcast network

There is a quality to the human voice that transmits emotion, passion, and dedication, and in many cases that quality also inspires action from the people who hear it.

This year we've heard from activists who witnessed the attack on the peace movement to Gaza, academics who are trying to untangle the meanings in global social structures, citizen journalists trying to break through to the truth about G20 security in Toronto, and labour activists taking to the streets to protect their rights.

rabble.ca podcasts inspire action.

Meagan Perry,
Executive Producer
rabble podcast network

Staff: Meagan Perry, Executive Producer, podcasts

Intern: Jessa Runciman

Podcasters: *There were approximately 920 podcasts produced by the 26 active podcasts on the network in 2010. Below are the podcasts and podcasters.*

John Bonnar Audio Blog - John Bonnar
Africafiles: The Pulse - Jim Kirkwood, Hannah Senge, Judges Mpako, Zahra Moloo

Alert! from Canadian Dimension - Michael Elves, Tommy Allen, Cy Gonick
Alternatives Podcast - Peter Stock
Asia Pacific Currents - Piergiorgio Moro, Diana Beaumont
Aw@l - Dan Kellar

F Word - Nicole Deagan, Meghan Isabel Jeffrey, Ellie Gordon Moershel
I Read The News Today, Oh Boy! - Matt Adams, Stephen Benedetti
Living On Purpose - Lynn Thompson
Maker Culture - Wayne Macphail
Migrant Matters - Marycarl Guiao, Drew Garvie

Needs No Introduction - Meagan Perry, Jessa Runciman

No One Is Illegal - Robin Maynard, Jaggi Singh

Pivot Legal Society - Paul Ryan

rabble radio - Meagan Perry

radio book lounge - Alex Samur

Redeye - Redeye Collective: Jane Williams, Lorraine Chisholm, Mordecai Breimberg

Reel Women - Judy Rebick, Cathi Bond

Stark Raven: Prison Justice - Emily Aspinwall

Street Cred - Adam Bemma

The Dispatch - Dave Mitchell, Michael Bell

The Ruckus - Kevin McGowan

Youth Delegation to Cancun -

(See appendix A for show descriptions)

In 2010, the rabble podcast network produced approximately 920 podcasts from 26 different shows. Commentary, news coverage, interviews, music features, social justice and the arts - we had it all.

The podcast network was able to produce a number of timely and exclusive interviews. We were the first to speak to Kevin Neish after his detention as part of the Gaza flotilla. We were the first to interview Jesse Rosenfeld after his beating and detention as part of the G20 protests.

In 2010, *rabble.ca's* music program *The Ruckus*, reached 100 000 downloads.

As of March 18, 2011, our flagship program *rabble radio*, had received 71, 390 downloads, with page hits 4 times that number, and a high level of plays from the site (as opposed to downloads) for the programs produced in 2010.

rabble.ca podcasts continue to expand their reach. This year we were able to draw in labour activist programming from the Asia Pacific, while at the same time increasing our Canadian coverage of labour issues by podcasters such as John Bonnar, and through our collaboration with the 2010 Marxism conference in Toronto.

We were also media sponsors for the Congress of the Social Science and Humanities in Montreal, and produced a series of podcasts for *Needs No Introduction*. These podcasts were recorded by Tariq Jeeroburkhan, Kim Elliott, Yuxi Chen, Sven Carlsson, Jessa Runciman, Kathryn Harvey, Gretchen King, Courtney Kirkby

In 2010 three new podcasts joined the rpn:

Asia Pacific Currents, *Migrant Matters* and *No one is Illegal*





rabble podcast network

The rabble podcast network is a growing collection of Canadian podcasts which offer an alternative take on politics, entertainment, society, stories, community and life in general. [read more...](#)

RPN CHANNELS

- Current Affairs
- Documentary
- Health
- Political Commentary
- Social Justice
- Storytelling
- Web and Life
- Arts & Culture
- Environment
- Music
- Archived

PAST PODCASTS

NEEDS NO INTRODUCTION:
Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences 2010:
Canada and the global struggle for economic and environmental justice (#2)

FEATURED CONTENT FROM THE RPN



- Download MP3
- Subscribe XML
- Subscribe iTunes

YOUTH DELEGATION TO CANCUN

Canadian Youth Delegation daily podcast from COP16-#7

DECEMBER 7, 2010 | Oil and Water don't mix: Kicking off week two of the negotiations.



6:49 minutes (6.24 MB)



- Download MP3
- Subscribe XML
- Subscribe iTunes

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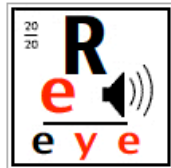
#115 - CHG: Climate, Haiti, Galloway and remembering the women killed in Montreal

DECEMBER 6, 2010 | Report from the daily podcast from the UN Climate Summit, post-election checkin in Haiti, and George Galloway answers tough questions.



30:04 minutes (27.57 MB)

NEWEST PODCASTS



- Download MP3
- Subscribe XML
- Subscribe iTunes

REDEYE

'Vulnerably housed' face same severe health problems as homeless

DECEMBER 7, 2010 | For every one person in Canada who is homeless, another 23 live in unsafe, crowded or unaffordable housing.



12:52 minutes (11.78 MB)



OUR PODCASTS

- Africafiles: The Pulse
- Alert! from Canadian Dimension
- Alternatives Podcast
- Asia Pacific Currents
- Aw@l
- Boiling Frog
- CitizenShift
- Council Of Canadians Podcast
- Decoder
- F Word
- Green Planet Monitor
- Healing the Earth
- I Read The News Today, Oh Boy!
- John Bonnar Audio Blog
- Labour Show
- Living On Purpose
- Maker Culture
- Migrant Matters
- Needs No

A few highlights:

Needs No Introduction – [Congress of the Humanities, Chief Billy Diamond](#)

rabble radio – [interview with Gaza Flotilla activist Kevin Neish Pt. 1](#), [Pt. 2](#)

Pivot Legal Society Podcast – [red tent day of action.](#)

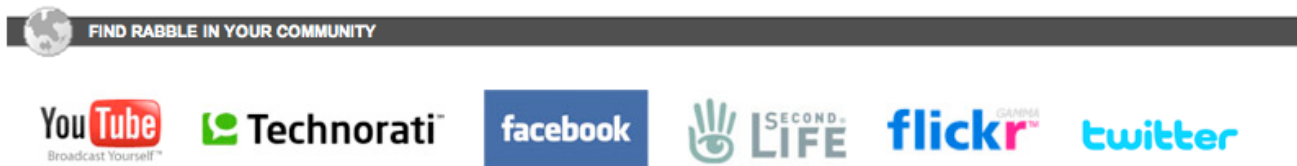
F word – [Women in hip-hop](#), [Julian Assange](#)

John Bonnar Audio Blog – [labour](#)

Redeye – [Dump Site 41](#)

Podcasts that made their way into our exciting library of archived podcast reporting were: *Boiling Frog* (last episode, MARCH 31, 2009), *CitizenShift* (last episode, AUGUST 3, 2009), *Prosecast* (last episode, JUNE 17, 2009), *Radio Tadamon* (last episode, MARCH 10, 2008), *Speak!* (last episode, MARCH 16, 2010), *Beyond the Wall*, *The Simple Journalists*, *Fierce Light*, *The Reason*

rabble news comes to you!



More and more people want the news to come to them. rabble has had a weekly email newsletter for a few years and in 2009 introduced a daily newsletter. We also have a [twitter](#) feed with over 5,000 followers, a Facebook page and group with more than 3000 fans, a youtube channel: it is getting hard to miss us.

rabble is also a newsfeed source around the web and we have an rss feed that can be found on newsreaders like google's news reader, My Yahoo, Newsgator, and Bloglines. [Subscribe right now!](#)

And if you are on the move you can get rabble feeds on mobile devices — open your phone's browser and go to <http://go.feedm8.com/gmndgj>. In 2010 with the technical know-how of Spread.Inc, we launched an iPod/iPad app [which can be downloaded here](#).






You think you've got issues? Well, check out ours. Issues at rabble.ca highlights the hot topics you want more of and brings together some of the best content and resources on the issues that matter most.

Issue pages are more than "browse by topic" navigation. They draw together all rabble content on a particular topic, as well as curated content from other sources. They are your one stop shop for a source of for news, analysis and resources on the issues that you want to be on top of.

RSS FEEDS

These pages are often built out of RSS feeds. On each section you will see a number of items with an orange symbol that looks like this  You can use

ISSUES ON RABBLE.CA - TOP PICKS

POLITICS IN CANADA **The Alberta Health Act: Are Alberta's health care 'reformers' just going through the motions?** SEPTEMBER 17, 2010 |

By *David J. Climenhaga* | Don't expect to hear anything more about health care reform in Alberta until after the next election.



G8-G20 **G8/G20 Communique: 'Don't Wear Black'** SEPTEMBER 17, 2010 | By *Krystalline Kraus* | Art as resistance to the G20. Information on how to get involved.

ANTI-RACISM | US POLITICS **Books are not sacred** SEPTEMBER 17, 2010 | By *Jerry West* | Well, Terry Jones backed off on the Koran burning. So what? Why should any rational person care if someone burns a Koran, or a Bible, the Sears catalogue or a Donald Duck comic book?

POLITICS IN CANADA **Is Stephen Harper a Straussian?** SEPTEMBER 17, 2010 | By *Rick Salutin* | I'm talking political philosophy here, not Viennese waltzes. People keep asking why Stephen Harper acts as he does, it looks so buttheaded.

ENVIRONMENT **Weekly Mulch: Would you eat bugs to fight climate change?** SEPTEMBER 17, 2010 | By *Sarah Laskow* | Maybe it's time for environmentalists to prioritize do-it-yourself climate fixes instead of looking to politicians.

ISSUE PAGES

-  [Afghanistan](#)
-  [Anti-Racism](#)
-  [Arts & Culture](#)
-  [Coalition](#)
-  [Economy](#)
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-  [G8-G20](#)
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SPECIAL SERIES



rabble launched a number of new "[issue](#)" pages in 2010. These pages are theme-based aggregates of rabble columns, blogs, video, discussion threads and podcasts, as well as news links and feeds from other news sources on specific issues. Issue pages are a "one-stop-shop" for visitors to follow the news on an important issue, as well as to contribute content via discussions, photos and more.

Each page is also rss capable so readers can subscribe to a feed on a theme of their choice. rabble can also create speciality pages with similar news aggregation features. For example we hosted a page on municipal elections in 2010, the G8/G20 meetings and the Olympics.

rabble also has speciality pages such as our [Maker Culture](#) section, a project where 45 Online Journalism students at Ryerson University and the University of Western Ontario, under the direction of rabble board member Wayne MacPhail, worked together to document the evolving Maker Culture community. This project began in 2009 and continued into 2010 and this special page can only be found at [rabble.ca](#).

We got issues



the **book** lounge



bound but not gagged

The book lounge — a fresh attitude, that brings you the books you want to read about.

With an emphasis on the fantastic work coming out of Canada's small presses — reviewed from perspectives you don't read every day — book lounge reviews range from the short and punchy, giving you a glimpse of

what's between the covers, to in-depth featured reviews that engage with the ideas on offer so you can too. Top-notch books, top-notch writers, top-notch thinking.

A look back at the books reviewed in rabble's book lounge this past year reveals that it has been a diverse year for progressive books. Topics covered included poetry by and for activists, radical economics, environmental activism and foodscapes to community resistance in New Orleans, Gaza and the media. Here is a month by month look at rabble's top reviews from 2010.

The rabble book lounge blog, *Bound but not Gagged*, curated by Noreen Mae Ritsema, has become a hub of weekly news and views about progressive authors and books.

Here are some of the highlights from the book reviews section:

[Ivan E. Coyote takes on labels and stereotypes](#)

[Crashes, bubbles and booms, What's next for the Canadian economy?](#)

[A poetic call to action: Salimah Valiani writes letters to colonizers](#)

[What Canada's spy agency doesn't want you to read](#)



radio book lounge

Love lit? Tune in to dive between all sorts of covers. Find author interviews, readings, audio reviews, and story-casts for kids and grown-ups. And a few surprises too. Browse the book lounge online at <http://www.rabble.ca/lounge>.

Staff: Alex Samur

Intern: Noreen Mae Ritsema

Reviewers and reviews:

- Noreen Mae Ritsema: *The Voice of Hope*
- Cara Waterfall: *Exploding into Night*
- Jessica Rose: *Do It Anyway*; *Henry Chow and Other Stories*; *The Hipless Boy*; *Girldrive: Criss-Crossing America, Redefining Feminism*
- William Dere and Daya Varma: *The Empire Within: Postcolonial Thought and Political Activism in Sixties Montreal*
- Zainab Amadahy: *Alliances: Re/Envisioning Indigenous-non-Indigenous Relationships*; *Spontaneous Evolution*
- Melanie Redman: *Jane Goodall: 50 Years at Gombe*; *Foodies*
- Matthew Behrens: *Our Friendly Local Terrorist*
- Al Engler: *The Socialist Alternative*;
- Storms of My Grandchildren: *The Truth about the Coming Climate Catastrophe*
- This Time Is Different: *Eight Centuries of Financial Folly*
- Helen Polychronakos: *Missed Her*
- Emily Landau: *Beauty and Sadness*
- Tara Quinn: *Kenk*
- Jorge Vallejos: *The Moon of Letting Go*;
- *This is an Honour Song: Twenty Years Since the Blockades*; *Fifth World Drum*;
- *Letter Out, Letter In*
- Vincent Tinguely: *Maple Leaf Rag*
- Niranjana Iyer: *500 Years of Resistance*
- Aaron Leonard: *This Time We Went Too Far: Truth and Consequences in the Gaza Invasion*
- Josh Cole: *DIY U: Edupunks, Edupreneurs, and the Coming Transformation of Higher Education*
- Katie O'Connor: *Radical Homemakers: Reclaiming Domesticity from a Consumer Culture*
- Charles Demers: *Beyond the Bubble: Imagining a New Canadian Economy*
- Daniel Tseghay: *Dreaming Blackness: Black Nationalism and African American Public Opinion*
- Frank Preyde: *The Making of an Elder Culture: Reflections on the Future of America's Most Audacious Generation*
- Samantha Sternberg: *GULCH: An Assemblage of Poetry and Prose*

Some of our greatest hits – popular book reviews from 2010

January: [The Making of an Elder Culture: Reflections on the Future of America's Most Audacious Generation](#)

by Theodore Roszak, review by Frank Preyde

Theodore Roszak's latest book revisits a generation he defined 40 years ago reminding readers of the strengths of the baby boomer generation and challenges boomers to again take up the good fight.

February: [Letter Out: Letter In](#)

by Salimah Valiani, review by Salimah Valiani

Salimah Valiani, a queer activist of colour, brings readers to different places with very different views on what it is to educate and challenge through poetry, letters and memoir.

March: [Storms of My Grandchildren: The Truth on the Coming Climate Catastrophe and Our Last Chance to Save Humanity](#)

by James Hansen, review by Al Engler

James Hansen has been attempting to convince governments of the threat posed by carbon dioxide emissions since the 1980s. In his first book, he defends the science behind human-caused climate change.

April: [Beyond the Bubble: Imagining a New Canadian Economy](#)

by James Laxer, review by Charles Demers

James Laxer's new book Beyond the Bubble: Imagining a New Canadian Economy pulls the curtain back to reveal the deliberately-obfuscated workings of the North American economy.

May: [This Time We Went Too Far: Truth and Consequences in the Gaza Invasion](#)

by Norman G. Finkelstein, review by Aaron Leonard

Norman Finkelstein's new book brings together the disparate pieces of Israel's 2008 invasion of Gaza, which left 1,400 Palestinians dead, and sets forth grounds for hope.

June: [DIY U: Edupunks, Edupreneurs, and the Coming Transformation of Higher Education](#)

by Anya Kamenetz, review by Josh Cole

In a world being radically altered by new media technologies, should the university embrace those technologies, or resist them? This is the question Anya Kamenetz explores in her new book DIY U.

July: [Foodies: Democracy and Distinction in the Gourmet Foodscape](#)

by Josée Johnston and Shyon Baumann, review by Melanie Redman

Foodies: Democracy and Distinction in the Gourmet Foodscape explores the ongoing tension between the two stories about food: good food as democratic and food as a source of status.

August: [Kenk](#)

by Richard Poplak, Alex Jansen, Jason Gilmore and Nick Marinkovich, review by Tara Quinn

In Toronto, Igor Kenk's name is synonymous with "bike thief." But a graphic novel about his life presents a more nuanced portrayal than any of the media coverage granted him.

September: [Missed Her](#)

by Ivan E. Coyote, review by Helen Polychronakos

Is life easier for a butch or a lipstick lesbian? Missed Her, a collection by Vancouver writer and performer, Ivan E. Coyote, explores many a lifestyle collision with thoughtful humour.

October: [Our Friendly Local Terrorist](#)

by Mary-Jo Leddy, review by Matthew Behrens

As hundreds of Tamil migrants remain detained in B.C., Mary Jo Leddy's Our Friendly Local Terrorist is an eloquent reminder that such hysteria predates Stephen Harper's hard core agenda.

November: [Alliances: Re/Envisioning Indigenous-non-Indigenous Relationships](#)








by Lynne Davis, ed., review by Zainab Amadahy

Alliances brings together Indigenous and non-Indigenous thinkers to reflect on relationship-building/alliance-making in struggle and how such work impacts both the personal and political.

December: [Do It Anyway: The New Generation of Activists](#)

by Courtney E. Martin, review by Jessica Rose

Save the world. These three words have slipped off the tongues of well-meaning parents for decades. This is a good thing, right? Maybe not, argues Courtney E. Martin, author of Do It Anyway.

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 rabble reactions Topical questions and comments about the site only.	329	11999	Huh? by Maysie Sep 7 2010 - 3:31pm
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current events			

Staff: Michelle Langlois, Maysie, Michael Stewart. Volunteer moderator: Lou Arab

One of the most distinctive and popular aspects of *rabble.ca* is its unique, fully moderated discussion board, babble. Unlike most media sites, babble is fully integrated with the front-page content of *rabble.ca*, and provides a communal, interactive space where its over 22 000 registered users discuss not only site content, but anything from **local demonstrations**, to Middle Eastern history, to James Cameron's **Avatar**. Political party insiders and community radio broadcasters quibble over leadership candidates (best thread title of 2010: **James Trek 2: The Wrath of Kwan**) and **proper gardening practices**. Academics from across Canada passionately argue whether Darwin is too evolved, and whether Groucho or Karl deserve full Marx.

babble was the place to be for the best analysis and reportage on 2010s provincial and municipal elections. Where else could you find vernacular coverage of **New Brunswick's PC Party taking power**, or of the astonishing victories of **Naheed Nenshi in Calgary** and **Rob "Gravy Train" Ford in Toronto**? The most nuanced and knowledgeable debate in settler media on the **Kahnawà:ke council's decision to ban non-natives from their territory** took place on babble, and the best coverage anywhere on the **G20 protests, illegal detentions and fallout**

could be found, up to the second, on our discussion board. And, when Canada's police state got too depressing, we could always pause and settle our sights on one of 2010's cuter creations, **one babbler's adorable baby chicks**.

2010 saw the departure of babble's two veteran moderators, Michelle Langlois and oldgoat. Maysie a volunteer moderator and anti-oppression educator, and Michael Stewart, a long-time babbler and current graduate student, stepped up to administer this vibrant and active part of *rabble.ca*. And, for the first time, babble hosted a face-to-face get-together in Vancouver, reflecting Canada's power shift to the best coast. babble continues to produce hundreds of posts per week on dozens of topics about everything relevant to net-savvy and politically minded Canadians—including the kitchen sink.

 **ACTIVE DISCUSSIONS ON BABBLE**

⇒ **NDP Candidate Chosen in Mount Royal** commented on by Lachine Scot

⇒ **Predict the Future please.** commented on by alien

⇒ **FOX News North** commented on by Sky Captain

⇒ **The Ninth Anniversary of 9/11 Thread** commented on by Fidel

VISIT MORE ACTIVE BABBLE TOPICS

What are babblers saying?

milo204: "I think it's a great place to debate current issues and gain some new perspective by communicating with people who might very well disagree with you. I'm constantly forced to look at things from a different perspective, consider new ideas and work through the pro's and con's of old ones. Also, it's the only site of it's kind that I'm aware of that deals with things from a Canadian left perspective and covers such a large variety of topics. I love how I can go from a forum on Israel/Palestine or Canada's role in Haiti to a forum on an artists responsibility to speak out or local media issues."

Lou Arab: "Because no matter how hard I try, I can't quit you."

Another Newbie: "[I] thought I'd poke my head in and at least say thanks to all of you – and especially those that keep this place running. Between the news and my reading...it's easy to get discouraged and think that there's nothing I can do about any of the issues I care about. At which point, I wander through here, am reminded that not everyone has bought the line of ~carp~ we're being fed and hunker back down to work with a little bit more hope. I appreciate it."

membership community supported media



Like community radio and tv, community Internet news sites depend on members to help meet their budget.

At *rabble.ca*, we hold an annual membership drive to recruit members (starting at \$5/month).

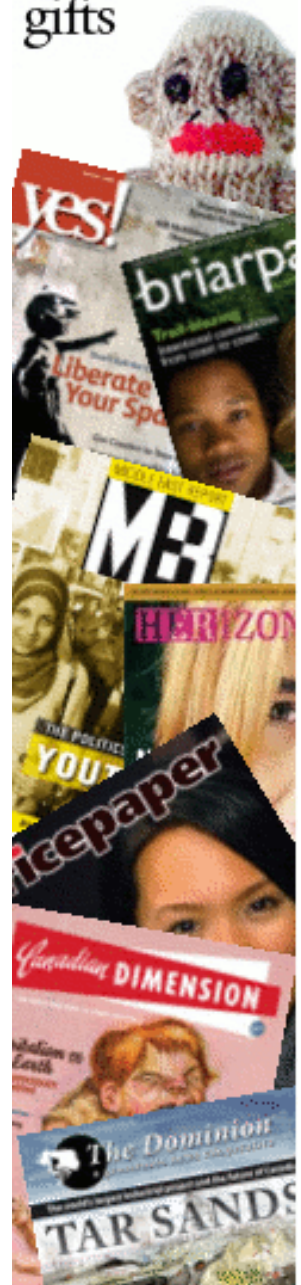
In 2010 rabble continued our partnership with independent print magazines from Canada and the U.S All members receive a magazine subscription as a thank-you gift from *rabble.ca*

rabble finished 2010 with over 900 members contributing between \$5 and \$50 a month. We also held our annual donation drive for those that one to support us with a one-time donation. *rabble.ca* offers a prize draw for the donation drive.

2010 partner magazines:

Briarpatch, Broken Pencil. the Dominion, Canadian Dimension, Middle Eastern Report, ricepaper, Yes!, This Magazine, Our Times, Herizons, Alternatives Journal, Beaver Magazine, Corporate Knights, Fuse Magazine, Watershed Sentinel, New Internationalist

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Looking for the most visited alternative online news source in Canada? **Welcome to rabble.ca.**

rabble.ca can now "geo-tag" ads so they only appear in select areas of the country (or world), allowing for local issue advertising. This feature has attracted some clients and *rabble.ca* has been promoting it on rabble and through our social media tools.

As in the past, *rabble.ca*'s advertising space is used not just as a revenue-generating stream but as a service to our Sustaining Partners, our fundraising partners (magazines that donate subscriptions to our membership drive) and to those organizations whose events we sponsored.

With rabble's growing number of features, we also promote specific sections of the site through ads, and of course our own products.

Want to learn more? See: www.rabble.ca/advertise

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with geo-tagging
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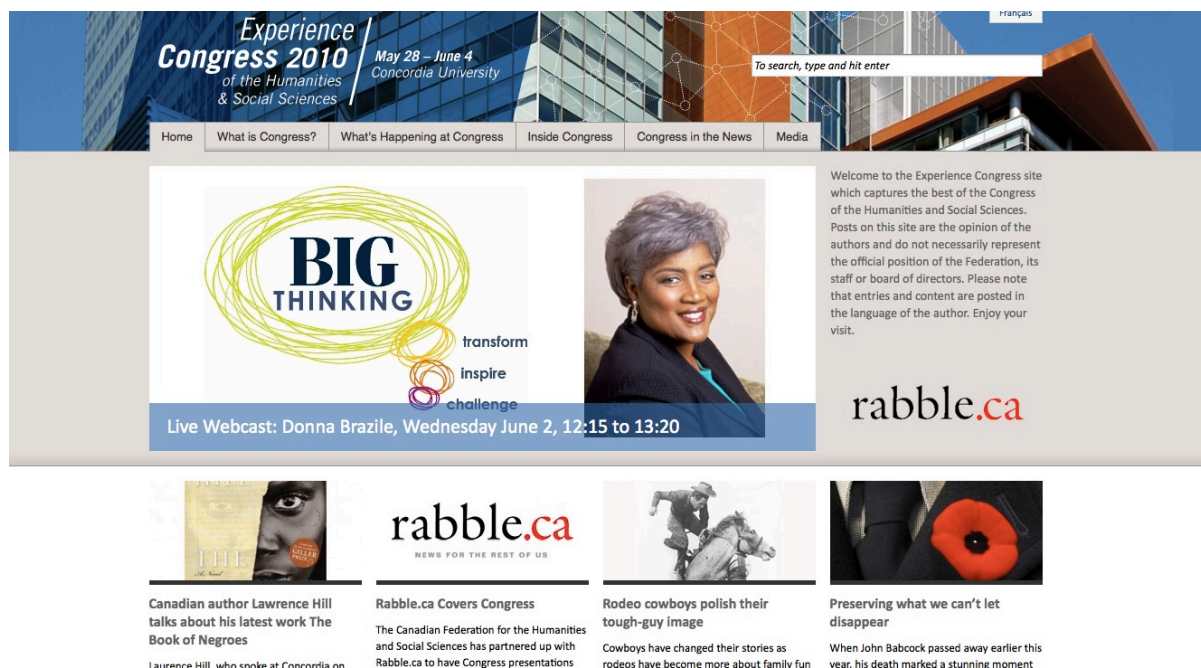
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We take a pro-active role in spreading the word about rabble through marketing on Facebook, twitter, mobile news feeds, sponsoring events, tabling at events, conference presentations, advertising, membership in media organizations and more. rabble participated in advertising exchanges including with the Vancouver Observer and the magazines Broken Pencil, The Dominion, and Upping the Anti.

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Media sponsorships, Conferences and Events

rabble.ca sponsors events with civil society groups, activist organizations, unions and others as a way to promote issues and to promote *rabble.ca*. We offer exposure on our website through advertising and in our e-newsletters and in turn *rabble.ca* is listed and promoted as an event sponsor.

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rabble sponsored a number of events in 2010 including:

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- Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences
- Making Media Public Conference
- From Palestine to Parliament Hill: Canadian MPs report back from Gaza and the West Bank
- Iraq 7 years later- the legacy of invasion (co sponsored with the New Internationalist)
- Real Aid, True Solidarity: an Anti-War Benefit Evening for Afghanistan and Palestine
- Speak the F**K Up! Women, Children and the G20 agenda. (co-sponsored with This Magazine)
- Independent media and international solidarity workshop at Ontario Institute for Studies in Education with community organizer and journalist Stefan Christoff
- The Legacy of Occupation and the Challenges for Independent Media in the Middle East (with New Internationalist and the Daily Nuisance)
- The 2010 People's Summit G20. Get educated and activated before the G20!
- A G20 get-together with journalists
- Resistance Across Borders with Colonel Ann Wright

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rabble staff and board are in demand to present and participate in conferences. Some conferences that rabble participated in and/or presented at:

Publisher Kim Elliott presented at the PSAC Women's Conference in Ottawa, Make Media Public conference in Toronto, and went to Journalism That Matters in Seattle Washington and the the Personal Democracy Forum as well as the Labour Tech conference in Windsor Ontario, where rabble board member Wayne MacPhail made a presentation.



rabble co-organized a meeting of the Canadian Independent Media Alliance, with Community Bandwidth, in May 2010 (held at Ryerson University).

A number of rabble folks presented at, and we were a media sponsor, for the Making Media Public conference at York U, in May 2010.

During the Olympics rabble held a party in Vancouver the 100th episode of the *rabble podcast network*, and to launch our Olympics coverage and organized a debate on Diversity of Tactics at W2 during the Olympics.

LabourStart

Global Solidarity
Conference

Michelle Langlois presented a workshop for us at LabourStart in Hamilton in July. Managing Editor Alex Samur attended the Northern Voices conference in Vancouver.

rabble was part of Media Democracy Day in Vancouver and Tech Soup 2010.



GLOBAL CRISES, LOCAL OPPORTUNITIES

MEDIA ACTIVISM, PUBLIC BROADCASTING, TELEVISION POLICY, AUTONOMOUS MEDIA, COMMUNITY AND ALTERNATIVE MEDIA, MEDIA WORK, LOCAL AND HYPER LOCAL MEDIA, NEW TECHNOLOGY AND MEDIA, GENDER AND MEDIA, JOURNALISM EDUCATION

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GRAHAM F. SCOTT *This Magazine*
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CANADIAN MPs REPORT BACK FROM GAZA & THE WEST BANK



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FEATURING:

LIBBY DAVIES - MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR VANCOUVER EAST (NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY)

RICHARD NADEAU - MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR GATINEAU (BLOC QUÉBÉCOIS)

BORYS WRZESNEWSKYJ - MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR ETOBICOKE CENTRE (LIBERAL PARTY)

DISCUSSION WILL FOLLOW THE MPs' PRESENTATIONS. ALL ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE.



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Iraq 7 years later – the legacy of invasion



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Seven years after the Anglo-American invasion of Iraq, **New Internationalist** co-editor Hadani Ditmars returned to a land she last visited in 2003, when she went to research her book *Dancing in the No-Fly Zone*.

With more than a million people dead in the wake of post-invasion violence, an infrastructure in ruins despite \$53 billion dollars in 'aid', and a corrupt government whose human rights abuses echo the terror of the Saddam years, the prognosis is bleak.

But there are signs of life amidst the devastation. The national theatre has re-opened, women continue to defy oppressive fundamentalism, and young people dream of a better future, where a renewed sense of national identity trumps sectarian divisions.

As Iraq's fortunes hang in a delicate, dangerous balance, join the **New**

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launch, featuring Hadani's photography and video footage from her recent trip to Baghdad.

Sunday June 13th, 6-8pm at the
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For more information or media inquiries call **604 733 8593**
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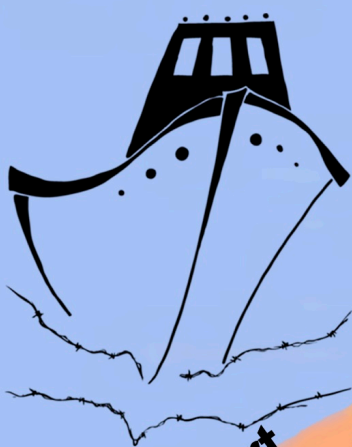
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Join New Internationalist, rabble.ca and The Daily Nuisance for a discussion of the legacy of occupation and the challenges for independent media in covering the Middle East.

While the 3-year-old siege of Gaza has been brought into dramatic focus of late, the 12-year embargo of Iraq that crippled the economy and wrought havoc on civil society continues in another form, post-invasion. At the same time, the ongoing war in Afghanistan has taken a terrible toll on its beleaguered population. The massive \$1 billion security and military presence in Toronto this month will protect the very world leaders who are overseeing wars and occupations that have cost trillions of dollars, and countless innocent lives. Independent media has a crucial role to play in exposing the reality of war and daily life in Iraq, Palestine and Afghanistan...

The outside world remains largely indifferent to the plight of civilians struggling for survival and basic human rights in Iraq, Afghanistan and Palestine. And severe restrictions on visas and mobility for foreign and domestic journalists, as well as threats from government and paramilitary forces, hamper efforts to report reality on the ground.

Join rabble.ca blogger Derrick O'Keefe, New Internationalist co-editor and author of *Dancing in the No Fly Zone*, Hadani Ditmars, and Carmelle Wolfson and Jesse Rosenfeld of *The Daily Nuisance* for a presentation on opportunities for breaking the siege of indifference and reporting from occupied lands.

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RESISTANCE ACROSS BORDERS



After quitting the US Army over the war in Iraq in 2003 **Colonel Ann Wright** was subsequently banned from entering Canada. She will attempt to enter Canada again, to speak against the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Join us at this event to better understand **Canada's wars and the implications for security and border policies.** Should Ann be refused entry into Canada, we will provide a live video link to her at the ISC.

For more info contact:
torontocodepink@yahoo.ca, 416.960.1897

March 2, 2010 - 7pm
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rabble.ca is also a founding member of the Canadian Independent On-Line Media Alliance. The Alliance brings together canadian online independent media for the purposes of discussing possible editorial, technical and revenue generating collaborations. The Alliance has pooled resources and obtained a collective discount for the email serving program “What Counts” and have shared infrastructure development, ad swaps and are exploring other the potential for other forms of cooperation.

In 2010 *rabble* board member Wayne MacPhail spearheaded an application to NextMEDIA that made it to the final round (involving an in-person proposal in Banff) to provide a common iPad content creation and presentation tool for independent media in Canada. While this project did not receive funding its development promoted cooperation amongst members and identified some key areas where mutual needs can be met through the network.

rabble is an active member of [Open Media.ca](#), and donated ad space to campaign and FreshMedia events in 2010, and is an active member of the Center for Social Innovation in Toronto, and W2 Media, Community Arts in Vancouver.

rabble.ca is also a member of the [British Columbia Association of Magazine Publishers \(BCAMP\)](#). BCAMP “represents, connects and promotes the BC magazine industry by uniting the talent, knowledge and skills of its publishers. BC magazines foster award-winning talent and represent some of the best periodicals published in Canada. BCAMP membership is made up of more than 80 titles, including arts and culture, news, business, lifestyle, leisure and special interest magazines.” *rabble* was previously an affiliate member; since it moved the centre of its editorial operations to BC, it has been approved for voting membership.



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Information tables:

We spread the word about our work at conferences and meetings and in 2010 we tabled at a number of events including:

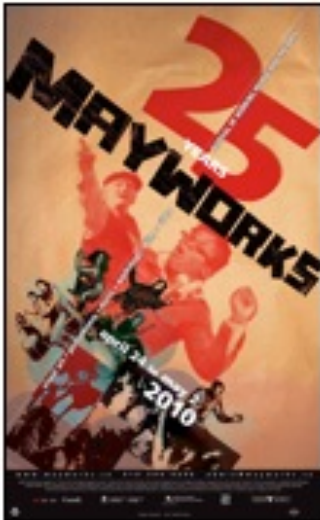


- The Word On The Street Toronto
- Communication Energy and Paperworks congress
- People's Forum on G8/G20
- Shout Out for Global Justice
- Council of Canadian's Ottawa AGM
- the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences in Montreal

e-newsletter, Twitter, Facebook

rabble offers a daily and weekly newsletter, both contain links and summaries to all our features with our weekly newsletter featuring contests and giveaways. A few thousand people follow rabble on Facebook and over 5,000 on Twitter.

Promotional exchanges and giveaways



Readers of our email newsletter get the most opportunities to win cool stuff like books, show tickets and music CDs. Music CDs are often artists that are featured in our rabbletv feature Indie Inside.

As a sample, our giveaways in 2010 included:

- CD of international artists *Listen to the Banned*
- Film passes for the Norwegian film *Max Manus*
- Passes to the Mayworks Festival of Working People and the Arts (Toronto)
- Passes for the Hot Docs showing of *American Radical: The Trial of Norman Finklesteins*

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City	Start Time ▲	End Time	Event
Various	May. 17th	Dec. 17th	Tomee Sojourner speaker tour. Oppresshun awareness & intersectional diversity: Innovative conversations transform our communities
Toronto	Sep. 11th	Oct. 3rd	Photo Exhibit: Hyphen Islam-Christianity
Toronto	Sep. 17th	Sep. 17th	Strengthening our resolve after the G20: Movement building and ongoing resistance to the G20 agenda
Toronto	Sep. 17th	Sep. 17th	Class Struggle in France: An eyewitness report
Vancouver	Sep. 17th	Sep. 17th	David Suzuki presents "The Legacy: An Elder's Vision for Our Sustainable Future"
Toronto	Sep. 17th	Sep. 17th	Film screening: Waltz with Bashir
Pickering	Sep. 19th	Sep. 19th	The Dinner Plate Project
Calgary	Sep. 19th	Sep. 19th	Picnic at the Peace Pole
Toronto	Sep. 19th	Sep. 19th	Poetry of resistance: Mahmoud Darwish
Toronto	Sep. 19th	Sep. 19th	Poetry of resistance: Rabindranath Tagore - 150th Anniversary
Toronto	Sep. 20th	Sep. 20th	Poetry: With Fire in Our Hearts - Con fuego en el Corazon
Vancouver	Sep. 20th	Sep. 20th	Vancouver International Writers Festival: Alissa York & Richard Harvell
Toronto	Sep. 21st	Sep. 21st	Trans film night: 'Cruel and Unusual' and 'Red Lips [Cages for Black Girls]'
Toronto	Sep. 21st	Sep. 21st	Toronto municipal debate on disability

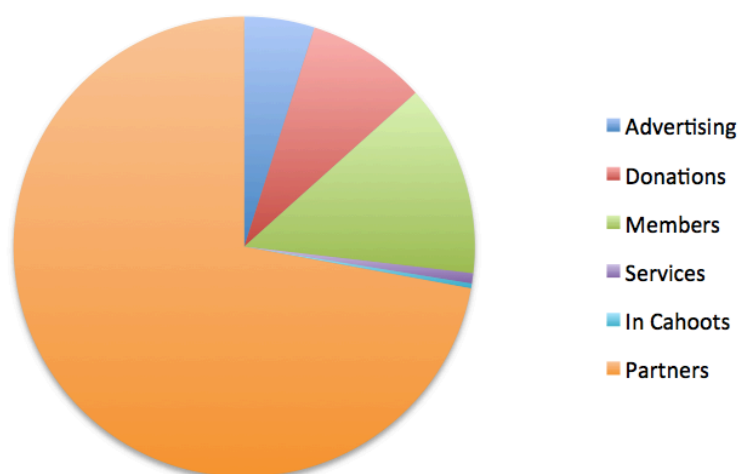
All of our sponsored events, plus events from around Canada can always be found on our popular calendar *what's up*. Free to post and read.

Financial reflections

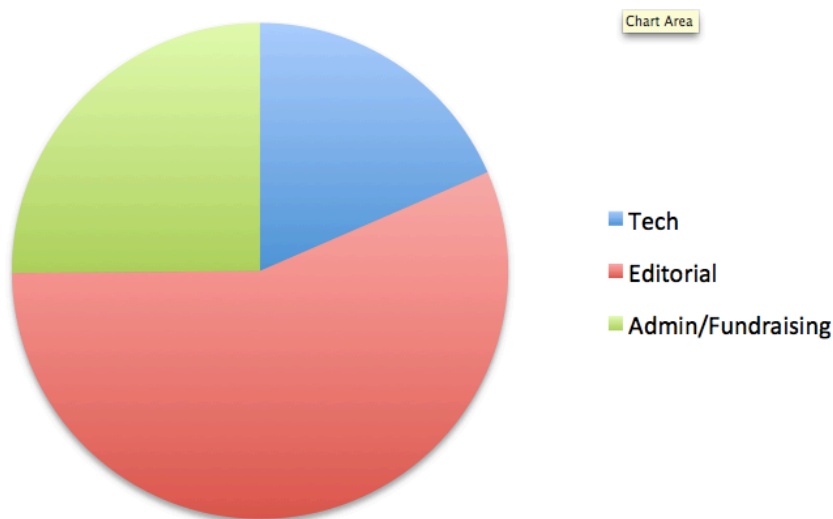
The total operating budget for rabble in 2010 was \$235,000.

rabble reliance on sustaining partner income was more significant in 2011, representing 72% of total income. Membership support accounting for 14% of the annual budget, donations 8% and advertising sales accounting for only 5%. A new budget items, "services" was added in 2010.

Income



Expenses distribution



82% of rabble's expenses are staffing and contributors costs. Within that staffing expense, 57% is attributed to editorial costs, 25% to Fundraising and Administration and 18% to Technical support.

Measuring website traffic

rabble uses AW Stats and Google Analytics to measure website traffic. While the programs measure different variables (log files vs javascript), together they provide a helpful view of traffic trends.

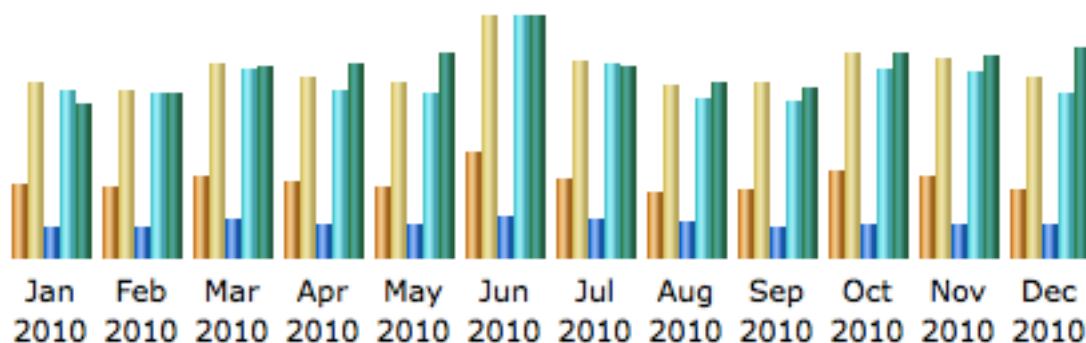
Both analytics programs continue to improve on the robustness of their measurements. In particular, AWStats' metrics improved to reduce the presence of non-human driven traffic on the site (search bots, etc). As a result the real numbers in AW Stats reports are reduced from previous years, however the trends continue to reflect a similar story to the measures provided in Google Analytics.

rabble had an average of 140,000 unique visitors per month, about 230,000 visits per month, and about 2 million page views per month.

What is the difference between unique visitors and visits? In simple terms, unique visitors refer to the number of IP addresses, or individual computers, that visited the site over a period of time. The number of visits¹ represents the number of individual sessions initiated by all the visitors. From a Google Analytics standpoint, visits are the most basic measure of how effectively a site is performing.

Notably, the rabble site used 7249.28 GB of bandwidth in 2010.

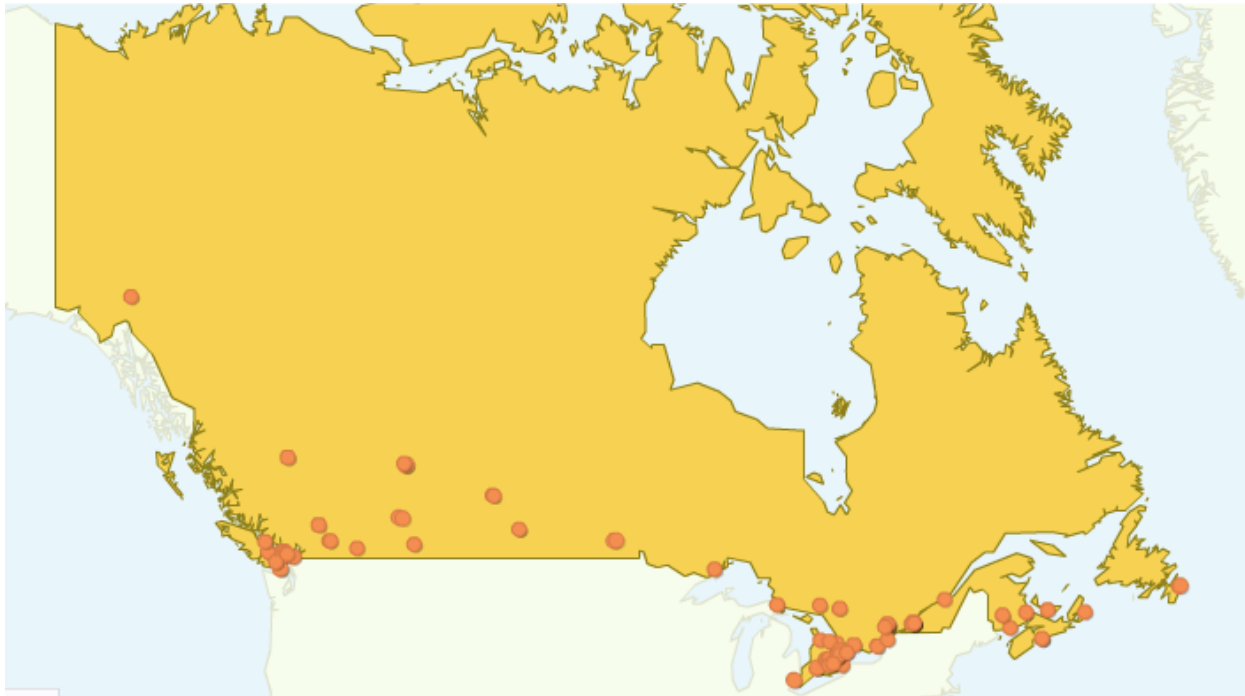
The average time spent on the site in 2010 was 3.53 minutes per visit.



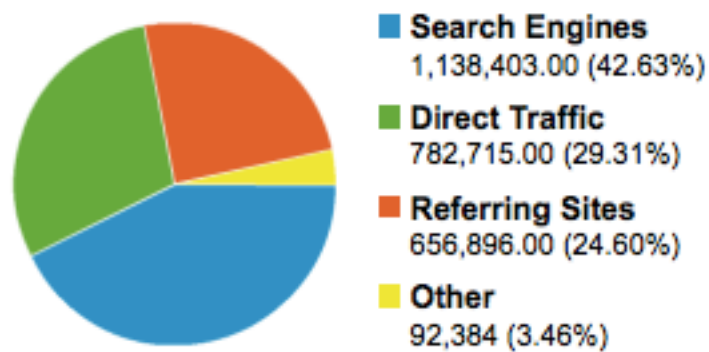
The above graphic, drawn from AW Stats, is an indication of the traffic trends over the seasons of 2010.

¹ *Visits* represent the number of individual sessions initiated by all the visitors to your site. If a user is inactive on your site for 30 minutes or more, any future activity will be attributed to a new session. Users that leave your site and return within 30 minutes will be counted as part of the original session.

The initial session by a user during any given date range is considered to be an additional *visit* and an additional *visitor*. Any future sessions from the same user during the selected time period are counted as additional *visits*, but not as additional *visitors*.



In 2010 *rabble.ca* had 2,670,398 visits from 219 countries/territories. 80% of traffic to the site came from Canada, and 11% from the US. *rabble* had visits from 2017 Canadian cities in 2010.



The above graphics indicate the primary methods by which people come to *rabble.ca*. In a switch this year, nearly 40% of traffic to the site came from Google, while nearly 30% of the traffic came directly to the site. *rabble*'s top referrer in 2010 was Google, with Facebook, Feedburner, StumbledUpon and Twitter among the top ten referrers.

people at rabble.ca

rabble operates with a small part-time staff and volunteer staff, and our work is supported by interns, volunteers and a volunteer board of directors.

You can read biographies on key people at rabble at:

www.rabble.ca/about/bios

There is no central office to rabble - we are a virtual organization with staff located around the country. In 2010, we had editorial staff in British Columbia, in Ontario and in the Yukon. We have columnists, bloggers, podcasters and video makers coast to coast and beyond the Canadian borders.

rabble is a member of the [Centre for Social Innovation](#) in Toronto, where we have access to work and meeting space and can connect with other progressive organizations and businesses and in Vancouver rabble is a member of [W2](#), community, media, arts centre where we also have an office.

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rabble by the **numbers** 2010

of feature contributors **390+**

of events rabble streamed live on rabbletv **10**

of pieces on the G8/G20 **449**

of podcast shows **30**

of new podcast shows **3**

of issue pages **16**

of posts on babble in 2010 **well over 100,000**

of book reviews **34**

of sustaining partners **14**

of Not Rex videos **28**

of bloggers on rabble **64**

of artists featured in indie inside **12**

of paid members (we need more!) **900+**

of visits to rabble **2,600,000+**

of countries/territories visitors came from **219**

of page views on average per month **2,000,000**

Appendix A: rpn shows 2010



Asia Pacific Currents

News from Asia Pacific region with a labour and grassroots perspective



Green Planet Monitor

In Asia, Africa, Latin American people use local knowledge to solve problems -stories /news



Alert Radio

Weekly Canadian news and current affairs not heard on mainstream radio



House of Sound and Fury

Arts in community building and cultural vitality



Alternatives Journal

Canada's informed voice of environmentalism



I Read the News Today (oh boy!)

News and views on politics in Canada, the U.S. and beyond



Aw@L

Peace and social justice discussions from campus radio waterloo



John Bonnar Audio Blog

Independent journalist with social justice stories in and around Toronto Ontario



Council of Canadians

Stories, issues, news from the Council



Labour Show

An up close and personal look at the labour movement today



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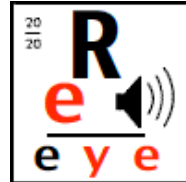
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Judy Rebick and Cathi Bond
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Law reform, legal education
and strategic legal action



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A critical look at incarceration
and criminalization in Canada
and around the world



Podcast DIY

Tips and tools on creating
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Street Cred

Interviews, reports, docs from
a journalistic year of
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Our own mix of politics,
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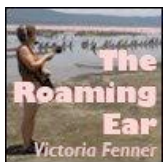
The Dispatch

Briarpatch magazine with
essays, interviews,
music,spoken word, satire



The Dominion

News from the grassroots



The Roaming Ear

Victoria Fenner travels around the world with a mike making docs, audio poems, portraits



The ruckus

An exploration of Canadian music: from prairie folk, to hip-hop, to alt rock



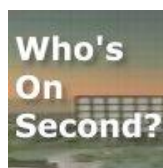
The Speakeasy

Smart perspectives on stories both familiar and unheard of



Who RU?

An exploration of identity on the edge of tech



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Interviews and stories about Second Life

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