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Welcome

from Publisher Kim Elliott and President Duncan Cameron

“Derrick [O’Keefe] and his colleagues at rabble put out a call suggesting the holding of ‘Casseroles Night in Canada.’ The response was instant and overwhelming.” ~Uprising Radio

The metallic ring of spoons, spatulas and kitchen utensils banging on pots and pans became the sound and call for democracy in Quebec and Canada in 2012. The Maple Spring and the Casserole Nights were key stories for 2012 and of course rabble was there. Just as with the #Occupy movement we put special attention covering democracy movements in Canada, such as bringing in Ethan Cox as our Quebec Correspondent to cover the Maple Spring movement. In that spirit, we are proud to have been way ahead of mainstream and even public media in reporting on Idle No More as it launched at the end of 2012.

2012 also saw the leadership race for the NDP and rabble invited all of the leadership candidates to participate in interviews in which rabble readers asked the questions. rabble covered the campaign thoroughly, even joining forces with The Cat Reporter for some unique convention coverage.

For the fifth year we published a “best of rabble” book, but this time we also launched a [free multi-media iPad version](#). This version contains video, photographs, podcasts, audio clips and 250 pages of articles that chronicle the year as seen by *rabble.ca*. This was the first time iBooks Author had been used for this kind of longform journalism in Canada. Thank you to the online journalism students at Western University who made it happen with the support of *rabble.ca* board member and Director of Emerging Media, Wayne MacPhail.

2012 was *rabble.ca*’s 11th year. Eleven years of reporting news for the rest of us. Eleven years of promoting the stories and issues of local, regional, national and international democracy movements. Eleven years of independent, community supported media. We continue to grow our audience, with up to 450,000 unique visitors each month, over 18,000 followers on twitter as well as thousands of subscribers to our free e-newsletters and thousands of followers on Facebook. We sponsored over 25 community events in Canada in 2012, providing free on-site and social media promotion in support of organizations and communities working for a better Canada.

The media used to cover labour stories with a labour beat, but that is a thing of the past. Except at *rabble.ca*. With the support of the Canadian Auto Workers we also welcomed Lori Theresa Waller as our inaugural Labour Beat Reporter.

In 2012 *rabble.ca* welcomed back journalist, author and former rabble editor Derrick O’Keefe as full-time editor. He is also the author two books, including *Michael Ignatieff: The Lesser Evil?*.



Finally, some goodbyes. Thank you to John Urquhart who has been a fantastic board member and supporter of rabble for a number of years. With a new job and the demands that it brings John has left the board of *rabble.ca*, but we are pleased to report he will remain on our editorial committee. And eight years ago Alex Samur came to *rabble.ca* as an intern and has had her hand in much of rabble ever since, most recently as Managing Editor and books and blogs Coordinator. Alex made tremendous contributions to rabble in her time here and we wish her great fortune in her new teaching work at Langara College in Vancouver. We’re also pleased that she will be co-leading our Strategic Communications Planning process for 2013, as an advisor to the site.

We are a proud independent, community media site. If you like what you see in these pages and what you see, hear, watch and discuss on *rabble.ca*, please give us a hand at [rabble.ca/donate](#).

Kim Elliott
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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*.

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Covering issues that mattered in 2012.

Bill C-377: What you need to know about the latest Conservative attack on civil society

BY DAVE COLES | OCTOBER 2, 2012

'Don't attack Iran!' Five lessons from the Iraq war

BY JAMES CLARK | MARCH 20, 2012

Indigenous Nations in Canada face humanitarian crisis

BY PAMELA PALMATER | OCTOBER 13, 2012

Student strikers uphold strike mandate, blockade Chamber of Commerce

BY ETHAN COX | AUGUST 31, 2012

On the mainstream media's shameful failure to cover #IdleNoMore

BY DERRICK O'KEEFE | DECEMBER 12, 2012

Why is Vic Toews delaying Omar Khadr's return to Canada?

BY AMIRA ELGHAWABY | JULY 26, 2012

PowerShift brings hundreds of youth activists to Ottawa this week-end. Follow the opening night live.

BY RABBLE STAFF | OCTOBER 26, 2012

Inside a migrant worker transport van

BY AYLWIN LO | FEBRUARY 10, 2012

Turning anger into action to stop Harper's foreign policy

BY YVES ENGLER | AUGUST 30, 2012

Passage of Bill C-31: A threat to refugees and 'a black eye' for Canada

BY SULEYMAN GOVEN | JUNE 12, 2012

Hill Dispatches: Chief Electoral Officer says robocalls are 'absolutely outrageous'

BY KARL NERENBERG | MARCH 31, 2012

Harper's abandonment of federal responsibility in health care

BY MICHAEL MCBANE | JANUARY 16, 2012

Idle No More: Canada, it's time. We need to fix this in our generation.

BY APIHTAWIKOSISÂN | DECEMBER 17, 2012

Toronto's Occupy Spring

BY KRYSTALLINE KRAUS | APRIL 5, 2012

Gabriel Nadeau-Dubois: Together we can block austerity

BY GABRIEL NADEAU-DUBOIS | OCTOBER 5, 2012

Responding to McGuinty's attacks on labour: Why we can't just roll over



BY ADAM DAVIDSON-HARDEN | SEPTEMBER 21, 2012


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We were one of the first English sites to feature extensive news on the Maple Spring.





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 **The Maple Spring shows the way: Together we'll block pipelines, austerity and Harper** | Oct 11 2012 | Derrick O'Keefe | After the inspiration of this year's Maple Spring, I dare to dream that we can win real, tangible victories here in B.C. and against Harper.

EVENTS ON RABBLE.CA

Various
October 11, 2012 - 6:30pm
WE ARE WISCONSIN, the award-winning documentary, Canadian tour starts in Ontario



Toronto
October 17, 2012 - 7:00pm
THIS IS NOT A READING SERIES

Ottawa
September 19, 2012 - 7:00pm
Interdependent Media: a six-week course

Tatamagouche
November 6, 2012 - 7:00pm
Diversity and Equity Leadership Institute (DELI): Facilitation and design skills

Quebec's Maple Spring has inspired the whole country and people around the world, igniting the popular imagination. This rabble page brings together our extensive coverage of the Quebec student strike and the wider popular movement, as well as other news about education and student issues, all in one place.

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We presented on-the-ground coverage of the **Quebec student movement.**

NOTES FROM QUEBEC BY ETHAN COX



rabble's Special Correspondent on the Quebec student strike, Ethan Cox is a 28 year-old organizer, comms guy and writer from Montreal. He cut his political teeth accrediting the Dawson Student Union against ferocious opposition from the college administration and has worked as a union organizer for the Public Service Alliance of Canada. He has also worked on several successful municipal and federal election campaigns, and was a member of Quebec central office staff for the NDP in the 2011 election. Most recently he served as Quebec Director and Senior Communications Advisor on Brian Topp's NDP leadership campaign. You can follow him on twitter @EthanCoxMtl

In Montreal's streets, the movement continues

BY **ETHAN COX** | AUGUST 24, 2012

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If there was any confusion over whether the suspension of strikes at most schools signalled an end to the broader social movement the strike generated, it was put to bed with an emphatic bang Wednesday in the streets of Montreal. The largest demonstration since the spring sent a strong message that this movement is here to stay.

Place du Canada was packed by the time the speakers took to the roof of a truck to address the assembled crowd. CLASSE Financial Secretary Jérémie Bédard-Wien kicked things off with a characteristically strong speech, in which he made a noteworthy reference to this demonstration being the largest electoral mobilization in Quebec history. Coupled with the abundant placards reading "I'm voting for ____", which invited protesters to fill in the issue or party of their choice, there seemed to be a clear acknowledgement from CLASSE that while the

At the end of 2012 we were reporting on the start of **Idle No More** long before mainstream media caught on.

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Idle No More actions taking place across Canada

BY KRYSTALLINE KRAUS | DECEMBER 28, 2012



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There is a rich history of resistance against colonialism in North America-Turtle Island. In Canada alone, there are stories of victories from Batchewana Bay First Nation to the Oka uprising to the occupation of the Federal Revenue Agency.

Drawn from the deep water of this legacy, the Idle No More movement has sprung up -- starting in early December 2012 and promising to continue into the new year.

At an Idle No More rally in Toronto on **December 10, 2012**, Cree Elder Vern Harper spoke at Queen's Park to remind people, "When I came here [today], it brings memories. I've been coming here for 55 years and I'll keep coming as long as I can, as long as people are ready to speak out to defend our mother, the earth."

Furthering the Idle No More movement which began earlier this month, Attawapiskat Chief Theresa Spence, Emil Bell and Raymond Robinson are all currently on hunger strikes.

Idle No More **round dance flash mobs** are being held across North America -- from Whitehorse to Vancouver to Los Angeles to Toronto to Halifax -- supporting the **Indigenous uprising** springing forth in its current incarnation of resistance in **opposition to Bill C-45**.

Our labour coverage continued to be a critical focus of coverage.

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Labour Day 2012: Get ready to rumble

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Labour Day: The struggle continues for democracy in the workplace

| SEP 3 2012 | Dave Coles |

Canadians don't need any more politicians who want to further undermine collective bargaining rights or the notion that workers deserve some say over their working conditions.

TODAY'S TOP PICKS ON RABBLE

Happy Labour Day! Push-polls prove it ... Canadians hate unions ... really, really they do! | SEP 3 2012 | David J. Climenhaga | Labour Day 2012: a daylong frenzy of official and media sponsored hatred for the weakened vestiges of the labour movement.

Labour Day reminder: Harper's EI changes hit immigrants hardest | SEP 3 2012 | The Asian Canadian Labour Alliance | Our immigration laws should not be used to criminalize migrants; we should have an immigration system which is just and humane.

Activists protest the start of the annual Taiji, Japan dolphin hunt | SEP 1 2012 | John Bonnar | Last year, protests were held in less than 50 countries; this year in over 100 countries worldwide.

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NUPGE President James Clancy on Labour Day 2012

SEP 3 2012 | NUPGE celebrates the legacy of those who came before us and we commit to continue the fight for fairness in five key areas.



Labour Day message

SEP 3 2012 | This Labour Day, CUPE is renewing its call on the federal government to convene a national summit on pensions.



Hope springs eternal for workers this Labour Day

AUG 31 2012 | When we look back years from now, I believe the worth of unions will be measured against our success in organizing and improving the lives of precarious workers.



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**BC Teachers contract
negotiation and job
action** last comment
by epaulo13

**Vimy's memory holds
fast, 95 years on** last
comment by M. Spector

**R.I.P. Madeleine
Parent** last comment
by Unionist

Rio Tinto Lockout last
comment by epaulo13

**Electro-Motive
Shutdown, and related
issues** last comment
by Fidel

**Hard time to find a
job** last comment
by 1springgarden

**CAW-CEP merger in the
works** last comment
by epaulo13

**Un- and underpaid
internships** last comment

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**The Time We All Went Marching spins
tales from On to Ottawa** MAY 17, 2012 |
By Yutaka Dirks | The Time We All Went
Marching brings the struggle of working-class men
and women in the 1930s and 1940s to life through
luminescent prose.



**Not Rex: Ontario welfare workers -
These boots were made for
walking** MAY 17, 2012 | By Humberto
DaSilva | In Ontario's Peel Region and
Renfrew County, welfare workers have put on their walking
boots !



**Changes to EI tighten the screws on
the unemployed** MAY 16, 2012 |
By Andrew Jackson | The significant changes
to the Employment Insurance (EI) program
which are to be quickly implemented through Budget 2012
with very little consultation have not received enough critical
attention.



**Mayday: A Graphic History of
Protest** MAY 14, 2012 | By Jane
Williams | Mayday: A Graphic History of

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Employees (CUPE)

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Canada

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**rabble.ca welcomes Lori Theresa Waller as
inaugural labour beat reporter**

BY **RABBLE STAFF** | NOVEMBER 12, 2012

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Bringing Canada's
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Once upon a time, daily newspapers had labour reporters, who covered strikes, negotiations, and who investigated the conditions that workers endured. rabble.ca is proud that we carry on the **tradition of labour news reporting** and we are excited to announce our first labour beat reporter, Lori Theresa Waller.

As a freelance writer, Lori has written about environmental and social justice topics for *Briarpatch*, *The Dominion*, and *Peace and Environment News*. Lori's work will involve covering meetings, conferences, media briefings and interviews with leaders in the labour movement. Lori will also be

working with *rabble.ca*'s Parliamentary reporter, **Karl Nerenberg** covering committees and scrums.

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Teamsters rally on Parliament Hill today against back-to-work legislation expected to be voted on tonight.
Workers get railroaded by Conservatives: Understanding the CP strike

How the Anglo punditocracy demonizes Quebec's student protests

MAY 29, 2012 | By *Ellen Russell* | Many in the English-speaking media are doing their best to persuade us that student protests in Quebec are nothing of any consequence. Here's a three-step guide to how they do it.

TODAY'S TOP PICKS ON RABBLE

ToastMedia News announces cuts, dropped editions: Welcome to the world of zombie newspapers MAY 29, 2012 | By *David J. Climenhaga* | PostMedia will never do one thing that could reinvigorate its flaccid bottom line -- scuttle the National Post.

Members get mags: Double your indie media fun! MAY 29, 2012 | By *rabble staff* | Become a member of rabble.ca, get an indie print magazine subscription as our thanks!

Activist Communiqué: Could Wednesdays become 'Casserole Night in Canada' in support of the student strike? MAY 29, 2012 | By *Krystalline Kraus* | Spreading the Quebec student strike from Canadian city to city, one pot and pan at a time. Updated to include 19 cities.

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**Act hidden in budget bill begins sell-off of Ontario, means more back-room deals** MAY 29, 2012 | An act buried in the Ontario Liberal government's mammoth budget bill makes sweeping changes that open the door to privatizing almost any crown corporation or government service.

**B.C. Parks capital funding announcement fails to address crisis in parks**

system MAY 29, 2012 | Theft of 800 year-old cedar on Vancouver Island highlights lack of parks staff.

**Postmedia to close Sunday papers in Ottawa, Edmonton and Calgary, cutting jobs and costs**

across chain MAY 29, 2012 | Canada's largest daily newspaper chain will lay off some staff, centralize more operations and cease Sunday print publication in three major markets, Postmedia Network has confirmed.

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RECENT VIDEO

**Video: Casseroles -- Montreal May 24** With the imposition of Loi 78, Quebecers en masse have joined with students to

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On April 18, 2012, rabble celebrated its 11th anniversary.

It's our birthday! Help us celebrate 11 years of rabble-rousing

BY **RABBLE STAFF** | APRIL 18, 2012

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Today is rabble's birthday! Hard to believe, but it's been 11 years since we launched on April 18, 2001.

rabble was created to provide independent, progressive media, critiquing power and injustice while helping to report on social movements whose perspectives are too often ignored. That's why the website first went live in the midst of an important protest action.

Eleven years ago today, tens of thousands were gathering to protest outside the Summit of the Americas in Quebec City. Inside the heavily fenced and fortified conference centre, the prime ministers and presidents of the western hemisphere were discussing the FTAA (Free Trade Area of the Americas).

With the rise of social movements and new left-leaning governments across Latin America, the neo-liberal 'free trade' project of the FTAA was defeated.

We released the book 'Best of rabble.ca 2011.'



We made history with the
past, releasing a
multi-media version
of the book for the iPad.



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We tracked the **NDP leadership race**, including hosting live, crowd sourced interviews with candidates.




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Federal Leadership Race 2012

NDP leadership race: The babble interviews

BY **RABBLE STAFF** | MARCH 9, 2012

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*During the NDP leadership race, rabble.ca invited all the leadership candidates to participate in interviews in which rabble readers ask the questions. **Nathan Cullen, Brian Topp, Peggy Nash, Paul Dewar** and **Niki Ashton** all agreed to answer your questions in a live interactive Q&A session. Thomas Mulcair declined our invitation and Martin Singh did not respond. As the March 24 convention date rapidly approaches, here's a reminder of what the NDP candidates had to say to **babble**, rabble.ca's online discussion forum.*

Nathan Cullen was the first candidate to appear, and readers were naturally interested in his much-touted (and much-critiqued) co-operation plan. For Cullen, the May 2 watershed moment for the NDP and the groundswell of progressive support in Canada makes this conversation particularly urgent. "The crisis of climate change, growing inequality and the dominance of oil industry interests," Cullen said, "demands that we rise to the crisis and be more generous in our politics." Some babblers, however, questioned his decision not to include progressive candidates from the Bloc Québécois in his arrangement. "Talk of the Bloc brings us into another conversation that isn't helpful," he responded.

When the popularity of Cullen's plan was cited to Brian Topp by *rabble.ca* columnist Murray Dobbin, however, it became clear that co-operation might be a hard sell to the other candidates. "I believe New Democrats have the right to vote for a New Democrat," Topp

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rabble readers are highly involved with **30 per cent belonging to a trade union**, 41 per cent belonging to a grassroots organization, **38 per cent to an NGO**, 15 per cent to a religious organization.

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[Interview with Mohammad Mahjoub](#)

October 10, 2012 | By rabbleTV

An interview with Canadian security certificate detainee Mohammad Mahjoub.

[Australian PM Gillard labels Leader of Opposition Abbott a misogynist](#)

October 10, 2012 | By rabbleTV

Julia Gillard has used a call by Tony Abbott for the Government to remove Peter Slipper as Speaker to attack the Opposition Leader for hypocrisy, labelling him a misogynist.

[Historic free trade agreement hurt more than helped](#)

October 10, 2012 | By Jim Stanford

There's no denying that foreign trade has been the biggest drag on Canada's economic performance in recent years.

[Why ripping up bike lanes in Toronto will hurt students and cost lives](#)

October 10, 2012 | By Mick Sweetman

City councilor Mike Layton is right when he said that cyclists are going to die on Jarvis because of this decision

[Legacy of a historian: Remembering Eric Hobsbawm and his Age of Extremes](#)

October 10, 2012 | By Thomas Ponniah

The brilliant Eric Hobsbawm died at the age of 95 on October 1, 2012. Many progressives and conservatives acknowledged that his books constituted the best introduction to modern history.

['Tree-in' protest aims to stop a tar sands pipeline through Texas](#)

October 10, 2012 | By rabble staff

Activists in Texas set up a protest camp high amongst the trees in an attempt to stop the Keystone XL pipeline.

[PTSD on the rise: The hidden casualties of Canada's war in Afghanistan](#)

October 10, 2012 | By Peter Goffin

With Canada's combat role in Afghanistan winding down, the need for a more responsible PTSD treatment program is becoming urgent.

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05 Oct 2012

Hey rabble readers!

Now is a crucial time to have eyes and ears on Parliament, reporting to you on the right-wing agenda Harper and company are pushing onto Canadians. [Our special fundraiser for Karl Nerenberg](#) ends this weekend and we are still short of our goal -- [please donate today!](#)

Tonight in Vancouver the [lessons from Quebec's Student Strike tour](#) finishes up at the W2 at 7 p.m. Come hear from [Gabriel Nadeau-Dubois](#), former spokesperson from CLASSE, Cloé Zawadzki-Turcotte, former member of CLASSE's executive and a key organizer behind the strike and Ethan Cox, [rabble.ca](#)'s own Quebec correspondent and former student organizer.

If you can't be there in person, [tune in live tonight](#) at 7 p.m. PST for our livestream of the event on rabbletv! You can also follow the discussion on social media using the hashtag #MapleTour.

There's still time to catch some great films at the [Toronto Palestine Film Festival](#) (including [Habibi](#)) which closes this weekend. For those in Vancouver, come on out to see the rabble-sponsored film [Indignados](#) ("a sumptuously visual and typically musical docudrama") October 10 at the [Vancouver International Film Festival](#).

Fetch stories, not coffee! In partnership with the [Canadian Auto Workers](#) union, [rabble.ca](#) is pleased to launch our first annual labour beat co-op placement. [Find more details right here](#), and don't forget, applications are due next week on October 10.

And, don't miss your chance to put your activist ethics and skills to work with a rabble internship! We are recruiting a new books and blogging intern and a toolkit activist intern to join our editorial team this fall. For more information, visit [our jobs page](#), but hurry, the deadline for applications is October 10.

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Toronto [Tools for Change: Meeting with government and elected officials](#)

This workshop will provide you with the tools you need to get the most out of your meetings with elected officials.

By Tools for Change

Vancouver [Donor Opium: The NGOization of Palestine](#)

Join the Boycott Israeli Apartheid Campaign for a film screening and discussion focusing on the impact of development NGOs and international donor governments and agencies on the Palestinian struggle.

By Boycott Israeli Apartheid Campaign

Vancouver [Canadian premiere of 'Indignados' at VIFF](#)

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Women's memorial march: 'Watch out world! We're coming... and we're still full of love!' FEBRUARY 15, 2012 | By David P. Ball | Thousands of people marched yesterday in honour of missing and murdered women, with memorial events across Canada. The Left Coast Post spoke to Vancouver councillor Carol Martin.

Decolonize together: Indigenous activists send strong message at Occupy Toronto talk FEBRUARY 15, 2012 | By Vannina Stamboli | The 99 per cent includes within it a lot of contradictions. A recent event provided a forum to discuss and learn about the need for decolonization.

Rich have succeeded in keeping tax hikes off the political agenda FEBRUARY 15, 2012 | By Linda McQuaig | Thousands of Ontarians will likely sleep fitfully tonight, knowing their fate is in the hands of Don Drummond. Others will sleep like babies, knowing the powerful ex-banker can do them no harm.

Survey of government employees shows troubling trends FEBRUARY 15, 2012 | A recent survey of workers in the federal public service continues to demonstrate that public service workers are highly committed to their work while struggling to do more with less.

CUPE: The future of health care in Ontario: Assembly-line private clinics FEBRUARY 15, 2012 | The cost-cutting and massive re-design of health services is coming although over the last decade health care spending has shrunk as a percentage of total program spending.

HEU: Ombudsperson provides roadmap for improved standards in residential care facilities in B.C. FEBRUARY 15, 2012 | Establishment of seniors' advocate a positive move, but government response to ombudsperson's report fails to address need for enforceable standards of care and minimum staffing levels.

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Harling Farm exposed: Inside the British pork industry Animal Equality has carried out an intensive two-month undercover investigation into Harling Farm, belonging to A. J. Edwards & Son. Harling Farm is typical of a farm in Britain.

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During 2012, *rabble.ca* became a key source of information for two remarkable and in many ways unprecedented social movements: [Quebec's Maple Spring](#) and the [Idle No More](#) movement for Indigenous rights and sovereignty.

We brought on board a special Quebec Correspondent, Ethan Cox, to cover the historic events around the Quebec student strike. We were among the first to translate and publish a number of the key documents of the Maple Spring, including manifestos and statements from the student unions. Late in 2012, when Idle No More swept across Canada, rabble was again one of the key sources of coverage of this social movement.

We continued to focus on federal political coverage with our Parliamentary Correspondent Karl Nerenberg, who focused particular scrutiny on the significant changes made to the Canadian immigration and refugee system. In addition, for the first time, rabble has brought on a Labour Beat Reporter, Lori Theresa Waller, thanks to a partnership with the Canadian Auto Workers. Lori Theresa Waller has reported on issues including Bill C-377, which aims to undermine the labour movement's ability to organize and impact politics, as well as covering Bill 115, Ontario's legislation aimed at the teachers' union. She has also written weekly compilations of top labour stories.

We partnered with [Public Response to promote a petition calling for support for an anti-bullying strategy](#).

Some highlights of 2012's news and features:

January:

In-depth coverage of the NDP leadership race

Canadians were shocked by the passing of Jack Layton just months after the historic achievement of Official Opposition status by the NDP. We provided extensive coverage of the leadership race, giving space to all the contenders and to a wide range of opinion about the future direction of the party.

February:

Thinking about Black History Month

Should Black History Month instead be called African Liberation Month? Anjamu Nangwaya's opinion piece raised this and other important questions.

March:

An up close look at conditions for migrant workers

Aylwin Lo completed a seven-part series looking at the difficult working and living conditions faced by migrant labourers in Canada.

April:

Quebec's student strike ignites popular imagination

Stefan Christoff was one of a number of contributors on the ground in Quebec covering the student strike. With nightly protests, monthly mega marches and an outpouring of activist art, the Maple Spring captured imaginations far beyond Quebec.

May:

Musqueam First Nation fights condo development on burial grounds

It was a protest that lasted for months, yet somehow it stayed largely off the mainstream media's radar. We covered the story, as the Musqueam First Nation showed great determination to prevent a condo development from destroying part of their sacred burial grounds.

June:

Canadian novelist reflects on Quebec's student strike

Steven Galloway, internationally renowned author of *The Cellist of Sarajevo*, was one of many voices to speak up from across Canada in response to the historic Maple Spring led by Quebec students.

July:

Getting creative to stop a pipeline

All year, we documented widespread resistance to several tar sands pipeline projects. Christine Leclerc reported on the creative, direct actions taken by activists trying to get in the way of the KeystoneXL pipeline.

August:

Reflecting on the toll of gun violence in Toronto

rabble podcast intern Muna Mire wrote a powerful, personal reflection on the loss of a friend -- part of the toll taken by gun violence in Toronto this year.



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September:

Labour Day, labour battles in Ontario

The school year in Ontario started with a major showdown between the province's teachers and the Liberal government over Bill 115. We provided extensive coverage of this labour struggle.

October:

Powershift coverage

This year's Powershift conference in Ottawa was an important gathering of youth activists committed to climate justice. We had it covered, with opinion pieces and interviews -- plus special live blog coverage of the opening night.

November:

Celebrating a win!

For years, we've covered the story of residents of Ontario's Melancthon Township fighting to save some of the country's most productive farmland from a mega quarry project. After a long struggle, they won. Meg Borthwick spoke with organizers and reported on the making of this inspiring victory.

December:

Bill C-377 coverage

Bill C-377 is an attack on the labour movement in Canada masquerading as legislation about financial transparency. As the Conservative government pushed this Bill through before Christmas, our new

Labour Beat Reporter Lori Theresa Waller was there with a blow-by-blow account of the debate.



2012: A year of activism, from the Maple Spring to Idle No More

BY JUDY REBICK | DECEMBER 31, 2012

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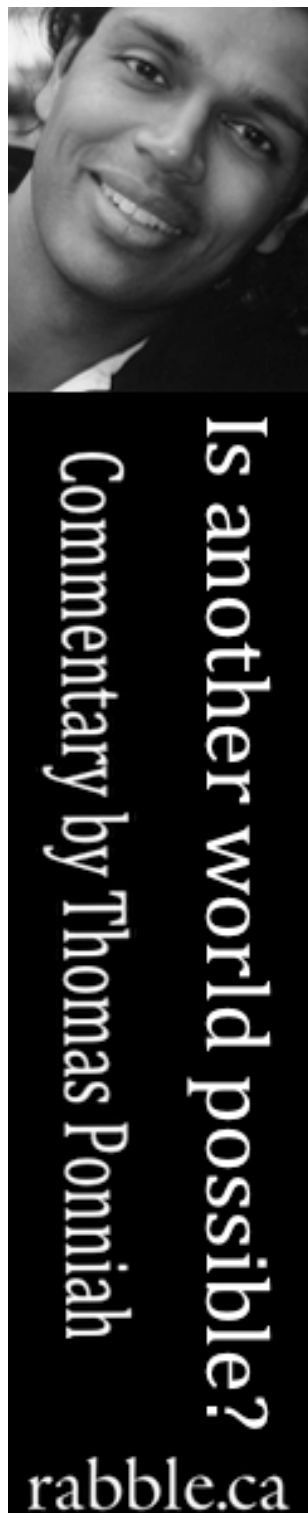
I think we will look back at 2012 as the year that everything changed. The year began with what became a powerful strike of Quebec students against an intransigent government and ended with an historic movement of Indigenous peoples across the country

declaring they will be Idle No More.

It was a year of activism. The Quebec student strike, and related Casseroles demonstrations in neighborhoods and towns across Quebec, brought down the tone-deaf government of Jean Charest. I called this movement Occupy 2.0 because like Occupy democratic assemblies were at the centre of their success and mobilization but they also used more traditional community organizing techniques to build support among students and had a visible, sophisticated and accountable leadership.

Thanks to *rabble.ca* and Translating the Maple Spring, a volunteer social media effort, activists in English Canada were able to receive information from the inspiring struggle over the gap of language, mainstream politics and corporate media that have kept us ignorant of each other across the Quebec/Canada divide for so long. For the first time in my lifetime, people in the rest of Canada mobilized support for a struggle in Quebec. And the student movement in Quebec noticed. They are now in the lead of building a pan-Canadian, cross-sectoral

columns



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In addition to original news stories, in-depth features, provocative interviews, commentaries and more, rabble publishes original [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.

There is at minimum one column published a day (including reprints), with 2-3 original columns (on average) published each week.

In 2012 we:

- Launched monthly [Retiree Matters](#) column, with multiple contributors from the Congress of Union Retirees of Canada
- Re-launched the monthly [Pro Bono](#) legal column, with rotating contributors, from law firm Iler Campbell
- Launched a column by [Thomas Ponniah](#), now writing on a weekly basis
- Launched a column by [Monia Mazigh](#)
- Launched a column by [Joyce Arthur](#)
- Launched a bimonthly column by [Elizabeth Littlejohn](#)

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[Taking Liberties: Canada's growing torture infrastructure \(Matthew Behrens\)](#)

[How much will you lose from OAS deferral? \(Jim Stanford\)](#)

[Using debt for the common good \(Duncan Cameron\)](#)

Columns translated into French:

[Brisons le silence et passons à l'action pour l'élimination de la violence à l'égard des femmes \(Louisette Hinton/Retiree Matters\)](#)

[Repousser l'âge de l'admissibilité de la SV et du SRG n'est pas de genre neutre \(Louisette Hinton, Diane Wood/Retiree Matters\)](#)

[Course à la chefferie du NPD : Mulcair reçoit le baiser de la mort de Québec/Canada Inc \(Jooneed Khan\)](#)

Columns in French:

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Most read stories of 2012

1. [Systemic sexism and the death of Amanda Todd](#) by Jarrah Hodge
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4. [Exclusive: 'Green Square' leader renounces tuition hikes, endorses free education](#) by Ethan Cox
5. [Debunking Blatchford and other anti-Native ideologues on Idle No More](#) by Harsha Walia
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Bill C-38's first victim: Groups forced to drop court action against radioactive waste export AUG 17 2012 | Bill C-38 replaced the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act with environmental assessment legislation which does not require a federal environmental assessment for this type of project.

Timber supply report exposes failed B.C. government forest policies AUG 16 2012 | The report recommends shifts in forest policy and increased funding to restore services previously cut by the B.C. Liberal government, including increasing resources for compliance and enforcement.








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Changes to Unemployment Insurance no help to workers, Says FFAW MAY 25, 2012 | The creation of three separate categories of Employment Insurance claimants is "a backward step" for the EI system in Canada, said FFAW/CAW President Earle McCurdy.

Government cuts threaten lives in Northern Ontario MAY 25, 2012 | While a record number of forest fires rage across the northern part of the province, the government is closing smaller MNR offices for "efficiency."

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CUPE offers support to Quebec student protesters MAY 23, 2012 | We cannot stand by while governments continue to violate our basic rights in the name of austerity and funding cuts that only fuel the growing gap between rich and poor.





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WTO called upon to dismiss Japan, EU challenge to Canadian renewable energy policy MAY 16, 2012 | Canadian NGOs and labour unions insist that the WTO should resist efforts by countries like Japan, the EU and Canada to enlist its dispute procedures to defeat or discourage climate measures.

The challenges facing labour MAY 16, 2012 | Formidable challenges face Canada's labour movement. Meeting these requires organized labour to reclaim its historic role as the progressive voice of all working people.





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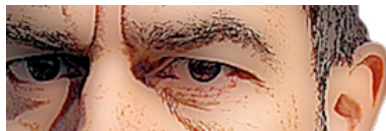
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- Toronto Area Council NDP Federal Leadership debate
- CAW/CEP new union press conference



Since 2010 Humberto “Not Rex Murphy” DaSilva has been providing popular video commentary on the issues of the day exclusively for *rabble.ca*. In 2012 his “**Adios Aveos**” received more than 12,000 views. Humberto also produced video reports on a handful of news items and to top it off did film reviews for rabble!



indie **inside**

Featuring music videos from Canadian independent bands, you can find [indie inside](#) at rabbletv. indie inside was quiet in 2012, but will be growing in 2013.

Staff: Tania Ehret, indie inside Coordinator

Indie Inside - Three Little Birds

BY **RABBLE STAFF** | DECEMBER 21, 2012

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Three Little Birds is a fusion of three distinct women who candidly sing their minds on social and political issues. Drawing upon a variety of musical influences; their songs combine everything from Balkan styled harmonies within reggae beats to country-flavoured melodies amidst Tin-Pan Era arrangements. Erin Saoirse Adair is an Ottawa-based singer-songwriter and folk

musician, Amelia Leclair is a singer/percussionist who

studied Latin music styles while in Brazil and Angela Schleihau is currently studying oboe performance at the University of Ottawa. Three Little Birds are defined by the eclectic mélange of their diverse interests. Three Little Birds present strong vocal harmonies over upbeat acoustic arrangements consisting of mostly guitar, oboe, percussion, stand-up bass violin, and voice. Three Little Birds have performed at Ottawa International Jazz Festival (2011), the Ottawa Tulip Festival (2011), and the Halifax Urban Folk Festival (2011). Three Little Birds' self-titled debut album (released May 2012) has been nominated for the New/Emerging Artist Award at the Canadian Folk Music Awards. They are also grant recipients of the Popular Music Grant, awarded by the Ontario Arts Council.



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
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 **Behind The Numbers**

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 **Ben Powless**

FEATURED BLOGS



Dear Ryan: Amendments to the Fisheries Act

BY LINDA LEON | MAY 18, 2012

Ryan Leef

Member of Parliament, Yukon

Open Letter #13

May, 2012

Dear Ryan,

Recently we watched a biography of **Pete Seeger**. We were aware of Seeger's importance to folk song traditions and his social activism. But we were surprised to learn about his contributions towards the clean-up of the Hudson River.

The Hudson was once so polluted that it was declared a dead river -- therefore an acceptable place to dump untreated sewage and industrial waste.

[Read more](#)



Harper government takes aim at Canadian families, workers

BY DAVID LUNDY | MAY 18, 2012

Harper has his majority and now he is free to wreak havoc on Canadian families. As the chosen champion of corporate interests, he has demonstrated his government's willingness to sacrifice our towns and cities, our families, our children's futures, even the very health of the planet, as he kowtows to foreign interests and grovels before the altar of corporate greed.

[Read more](#)

Severe funding cuts for Nova Scotia College of Art and Design

BY KALEY KENNEDY | MAY 17, 2012

As students in Quebec continue their 14-week strike, students in Nova Scotia continue to be reminded that post-

MOST RECENT POSTS



Prescription for health and happiness: a daily dose of nature

MAY 23, 2012

By [David Suzuki](#) | Join the 30x30 Challenge beginning June 1 and incorporate small natural diversions into your daily routine for a month.



Alberta MLAs get down to work -- sort of -- tomorrow

MAY 23, 2012

By [David J. Climenhaga](#) | The first session of Alberta's 28th Legislature opens later today with one bill, still a secret, and not much work for the province's 87 MLAs to do.



Globe and Mail to charge readers for online content; support community

media MAY 23, 2012 | By [rabble staff](#) | More and more corporate media sites are charging for online content, rabble is accessible to all thanks to community support. Please join our community of supporters.



The environment is dead: Long live Mother Nature

MAY 23, 2012

By [Raffi Cavoukian](#) | "Environmentalism has failed" is a statement that deserves attention. It comes from famed environmentalist David Suzuki marking 50 years since Rachel Carson's book, *Silent Spring*.



Toronto group demands immediate release of Irish republican political prisoner

MAY 22, 2012

By [John Bonnar](#) | The 58-year-old has been held in prison for over a year, after the Northern Ireland secretary, Owen Patterson, revoked her release license because he felt

Staff: Alex Samur, blogs Coordinator; Michelle Gregus, Assistant Editor; Kim Elliott, Publisher

Interns: Noreen Mae Ritsema and Kaitlin McNabb, both were also curator and editor for *Campus Notes* and *Bound but not Gagged* blogs

Volunteer: Nathan Rambukkana, Copyeditor

rabble's blog section is a vibrant network of more than 110 bloggers. The blogs section fosters commentary, analysis and breaking news from progressive writers, thinkers and activists from across Canada. Blogs are highlighted on the front page and also can be found in the blogs section as well as appearing in appropriate issues pages (see below).

The blogs section on rabble was instrumental in breaking and covering major activist and political events including the Maple Spring in Quebec, Idle No More, #Occupy's one year anniversary, and the NDP leadership convention.

For the past year, our Parliamentary Correspondent, Karl Nerenberg, has been providing coverage of politics from Ottawa, Ontario -- more below on Karl Nerenberg. In 2012 Ethan Cox joined as our Quebec Correspondent.

Additionally, Alheli Picazo launched the *Sun Media Watch* blog and Anita Krajnc led a *Vegan Challenge* blog and campaign for Earth Week.

2012 rabble bloggers

Adventures in the eBook Game
AHRC Dignitas
Alberta Diary
Alexandre Boulerice
Alice Klein's blog
Am Johal's blog
Andrea Carson
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Art Threat
Artful Change
Battered Women's Support Services blog
Ben Powless
Blair Redlin
Blind Man with a Pistol
bored but not broken
Bound but not Gagged
Brent Patterson
Brian Topp
Campus Notes
Cat Reporter blog
Charlie Angus's blog
Child Care Canada
Christine Saulnier's blog
Christopher Majka
Climate Action Network Canada's blog
Council of Canadians' blog
Daniel Tseghay's blog
Daniel Wilson's blog
Dave Coles's blog
David Bush's blog
David Lundy's blog
David Suzuki
Democracy Watch's blog
Dented Blue Mercedes
Derrick O'Keefe's blog
Dionne Brand's blog
Dogwood Initiative
Don Tapscott's blog
Donald Gutstein's blog
Earth Rising
Elizabeth May
Ellen Woodsworth
Emma Pullman
Enter Up Left -- Holly Adams' blog
Eva Bartlett In Gaza
Feminist Current
FLOSS blog
Gerry Caplan's blog
Global Exchange
Hello Cool World
I Read the News Today, Oh Boy!
Ian Capstick's blog
Independent Jewish Voices
Indigenous Nationhood -- Pamela Palmater's blog
J. Maureen Henderson
James Laxer's blog
Jessica Bell's blog
Jim Quail's blog

John Bennett's blog
John Bonnar
John Warnock
Joshua Kahn Russell's blog
Karl Nerenberg's blog
Labour News This Week
Letters to Ryan Leef
Maher Arar's blog
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Media Watch
Michael Laxer's blog
MiningWatch blog
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Narrative Resistance -- Alex Hundert's blog
National Office: Fred Wilson's blog
No One Is Illegal
Nora Loreto's blog
Northwest Notes -- Tyler McCreary's blog
Notes from Quebec -- Ethan Cox's blog
Open Media's blog
Pierre Beaudet's blog
Policy Note
Praxis: A popular economics blog
Progressive Economics Forum
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Robert Chernomas' blog
Roger Annis's blog
Romeo Saganash's blog
Sharon Fraser's blog
Steven Shrybman's blog
StopWar blog
Syed Hussan's blog
Tariq Jeeroburkhan's blog
The Canadian Boat to Gaza blog
The Left Coast Post -- David Ball's blog
The Mainlander
The Media Studies blog -- Marusya
Bociurkiw's blog
the moon is down -- Krystalline Kraus's blog
The New Era -- Gen Why Media's blog
The Regina Mom
Tikkunista! -- Peter Marmorek's blog
Time for change -- Gary Shaul's blog
Tonya Surman's blog
Transforming Power -- Judy Rebick's blog
Tria Donaldson's blog
Trish Hennessy's blog
Vegan Challenge for Earth Week
Velcrow Ripper's blog
Voices North blog -- George Lessard's blog
Your Heart's On The Left -- Jesse McLaren's blog

Select rabble **blog** highlights:

[Justice at stake: Chief Theresa Spence passes Day 15 of hunger strike](#)
by Am Johal

[The death of innocents: Murder and guns in the USA](#)
by Christopher Majka

[The Men's Rights Movement, CAFE and the University of Toronto](#)
by Michael Laxer

[Idle No More: There's good reason the Natives are restless](#)
by âpihtawikosisân

[Climate change is real, says Peter Kent, but don't expect us to get serious about it!](#)
by Karl Nerenberg

[Open letter to Facebook: B.C. advocates push for safe social media](#)
by Raffi

[LGBT rights in Uganda, and John Baird's dilemma](#)
by Mercedes Allen

[A token solution for the Downtown Eastside](#)
by Michael Stewart

[Anatomy of manipulation: The jailhouse tapes when women became victims](#)
by Angela Marie MacDougall

[There's nothing inevitable about 'eduflation' and student debt](#)
by Behind the Numbers

[Harper's manifesto: Erasing Canada's Indigenous communities](#)
by Pam Palmater

[Activist Communiqué: Occupy May Day -- Toronto](#)
by Krystalline Kraus

[Wildrose leader openly lays out plan for privatizing health care](#)
by David Climenhaga

Karl Nerenberg

rabble's reporter on the Hill

"Karl Nerenberg is an extraordinary and indefatigable journalist. During the passage of Bill C-31, a big, complicated bill that radically changed Canada's treatment of refugees, Karl Nerenberg was the only journalist to provide thorough, insightful and trenchant commentary throughout the entire legislative process. Canada needs his voice on Parliament Hill."

~Peter Showler Director, Refugee Forum Human Rights Research and Education Centre
University of Ottawa

In the summer of 2011, rabble decided that there needed to be a rabble reporter on Parliament Hill and appealed to rabble visitors and supporters for donations to help make it happen. rabble readers agreed and together with donations from CUPE, CEP and the CAW contributed more than \$10,000 over a short period of time to help fund the position and Karl Nerenberg has been our Parliamentary Correspondent ever since.

We did another special fundraiser in 2012 and raised another \$10,000 towards supporting his position. If you would like to support this important coverage, please donate at <http://rabble.ca/donate>.

Karl posts his "Hill Dispatches" several times a week and his work [can be found in the Politics section of rabble](#).

KARL NERENBERG'S BLOG



Karl Nerenberg joins rabble to cover news for the rest of us from Parliament Hill. Karl has been a journalist for over 25 years including eight years as the producer of the CBC show The House. He has written scripts for documentary films and long-form television reports for such shows as Le Point and Actuel on Radio Canada television and The Journal on CBC-TV. Karl also founded and, for five years, edited the magazine Federations: What's new in federalism worldwide.

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Karl works in both English and French, and can be reached at karl@rabble.ca

Hill Dispatches: Finley's new EI rules – 'We want McDonald's to hire Canadians, not foreigners'

BY KARL NERENBERG | MAY 25, 2012

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jobs and keep them."

Employment Insurance (EI) is this country's single largest "labour market program," she emphasized, and the government only wants to make it work better - for those out of work, for employers and, as usual, for "the economy."

OTTAWA - Human Resources Minister Diane Finley's language was designed to be reassuring and moderate.

Canada is facing "unprecedented skills shortages," she told a Thursday news conference, and the government wants to help the unemployed to "find

"Karl Nerenberg's 'Hill Dispatches' are rich with the historical depth that the mainstream media should but are unable to provide. They also exhibit a quality that is all too rare in Ottawa: genuine empathy for the challenges faced by ordinary people."

~Marc Raboy, Beaverbrook Chair in Ethics, Media and Communications, McGill University

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'Bogus' claims and 'safe' countries: When will Jason Kenney drop the other shoe?

Nov 27 2012 | by Karl Nerenberg | C-31 gives the Minister of Immigration unilateral power to declare safe "Designated Countries of Origin." Refugee claimants from those countries would have an extremely rapid hearing process.



Jim Flaherty says goodbye to Mark Carney

Nov 26 2012 | by Karl Nerenberg | Finance Minister Flaherty grew testy when asked about matters other than Carney's departure, especially the government's plans to balance the budget by 2015.



We've come to this: Parliamentary Budget Officer takes Harper government to Court

Nov 22 2012 | by Karl Nerenberg | Since April, Kevin Page has been trying to get the full facts and figures, which, after all, should not be state secrets.



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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.

Between the Quebec Student Strike, Idle No More, Gaza, the Missing Women's Inquiry, gentrification and condo development in Vancouver, resistance against oil pipelines, and general coverage of the Harper government's ongoing impact on Canadians, the environment and on foreign policy, [2012 was a busy year for the rpn](#). On the business side of things we piloted an in cahoots partnership with Between the Lines books who produce podcast episodes for [radio book lounge](#).

Once a month you can get highlights from the rpn on our flagship show [rabble radio](#), hosted by Meagan Perry. Listen in to shows like "[Halloween: What scares are left?](#)," "[Free assembly: Queer Edmonton, Slutwalk and Casseroles](#)" and "[Shifting Power in 2012](#)."

Some of the more popular podcasts in 2012 included:

John Bonnar's Audio Blog:

["First Nations unite against sweeping legislative changes by Harper government"](#)
["Refugee and Immigrant rights groups demand Bill C-31 be scrapped"](#)

Redeye:

["The case for the abolition of prostitution"](#)
["Uranium production for the tar sands"](#)

The F Word:

["Young single mothers becoming the authors of their own stories"](#)
["Men, Feminism & the Hugo Schwyzer Controversy"](#)

Feminist Current:

["Does Facebook have a misogyny problem?"](#)
["The sexualization of girls, 12-year-old slut memes and Amanda Todd"](#)

Aw@l:

["Resisting reversal: Stopping the tar sands in Ontario"](#)
["Resistance to Canadian Mining in Oaxaca, Australian Nuclear Waste, NZ Colonialism and the Honduran Coup government"](#)

Needs no Introduction:

["In Conversation with Kim Crosby on Anti-racism Praxis at Slutwalk 2012"](#)
["Michael Moore on the six-month anniversary of Occupy Wall Street"](#)
["Needs No Introduction: Prof. Saskia Sassen on globalization"](#)
["Murray Dobbin: Nationalize the oil industry"](#)

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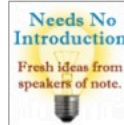


THE ROAMING EAR

The Roaming Ear Episode 11: Looking Down the Street

DECEMBER 3, 2012 | An audio map composed for Working Jewish Stories and Treasures Jewish Businesses in Hamilton in the '50s, '60s and '70s. Length: 12:38 minutes minutes (18.82 MB)

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NEEDS NO INTRODUCTION

Murray Dobbin: Nationalize the oil industry

DECEMBER 2, 2012 | Tony Loeffen of Election Fallout interviews Murray Dobbin about his suggestion that we nationalize the oil industry Length: 14:38 minutes minutes (13.41 MB)

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PROGRESSIVE VOICES

Stopping Line 9: Communities resist Enbridge and the tar sands

DECEMBER 1, 2012 | Danielle, an Anishnaabe activist and recent graduate of McMaster University, speaks to the Enbridge Line 9 reversal and the threat it poses to Indigenous communities. Length: 14:09 minutes minutes (12.96 MB)

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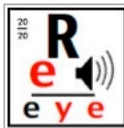


RABBLE RADIO

#139 Space for change: Gaza, Facebook, feminism

NOVEMBER 30, 2012 | In this episode we look at spaces for change, and where and why it is needed and happening -- from Gaza, to Facebook, to politics, to feminism and humanism, and to 100-year reflections on change. Length: 27:21 minutes minutes (37.64 MB)

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REDEYE

Investigating police-related deaths and injuries in B.C.

NOVEMBER 29, 2012 | Last year Christy Clark created a new civilian office to investigate police shootings. The Independent Investigations Office opened its doors in September. Richard Rosenthal talks about its mandate. Length: 26:00 minutes minutes (23.81 MB)

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JOHN BONNAR AUDIO BLOG

First Nations unite against sweeping legislative changes by Harper government

NOVEMBER 29, 2012 | Indigenous communities and their supporters challenged the Harper government's proposed changes to the Indian Act during a rally on Wednesday at Queen's Park. Length: 08:58 minutes minutes (8.21 MB)

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["Gabriel Nadeau-Dubois at Powershift"](#)

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["Episode 37 - The War of 1812: Whose war was it, anyway?"](#)

["Episode 39: Haiti's new dictatorship, a conversation with Justin Podur"](#)

I read the news today, oh Boy!:

["Election reflection, conservative rejection?"](#)

rabble podcast network

Staff: Meagan Perry, Executive Producer, podcasts; Meghan Murphy, producer; Matthew Adams, producer rabble radio (late 2012); Steffanie Pinch, activist toolkit Coordinator; Kaitlin McNabb, babble book club Moderator **Interns:** Muna Mire, Leif Larsen

Rohith Bhargavan
Rowan Lipkovits
Ryan Sparrow
Sean Mullen
Steffanie Pinch
Stephen Benedetti
Tony Loeffen
Victoria Fenner

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Jasmin Williams
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John Bonnar
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In 2012 we launched a partnership with Google Currents. You can download [Google Currents](#) to your mobile device (Android or Apple phones or tables) and then grab the [rabble Google Currents app](#).

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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.

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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 the link on the symbol to subscribe to that feed with a feed reader, so you can read the content on your at your convenience, in the application of your choice.

The types of feeds typically found on most issue pages are:

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Draws in content from across the rabble website: from

ON RABBLE.CA

INDIGENOUS RIGHTS | **Educate yourselves: A message to all Canadians about Idle No More** | Dec 31 2012 | rabble staff | A response to all the uneducated, ignorant comments about First Nations and the Idle No More movement.

 **INDIGENOUS RIGHTS | POLITICS IN CANADA** | **2012: A year of activism, from the Maple Spring to Idle No More** | Dec 31 2012 | Judy Rebick | For this old activist, it's been an inspiring year. In face of the most terrible right-wing government in our history, new movements are emerging. I am looking forward to 2013. Happy New Year.

 **LABOUR** | **Hope springs eternal: A New Year's worker's message** | Dec 31 2012 | Dave Bleakney | Like Patti Smith sang, "people have the power," more power than they know, "the power to dream, to rule, to wrestle the earth from fools." We have the power to write the script any time.

 **MEDIA MATTERS** | **Imagine 2013 with strong independent media, you can make it happen** | Dec 31 2012 | rabble staff | Imagine 2013 with strong independent media, a media that not only didn't endorse Harper but that brings critical and community perspectives to the news of today. That's a happy new year!

 **POLITICS IN CANADA** | **Order of Canada for Stevie Cameron sets the right tone for the coming Year of Mulroney** | Dec 31 2012 | David J. Climenhaga | Author Stevie Cameron's elevation to the Order of Canada on the cusp of what is likely to be Canada's Year of Mulroney is delightful and ironic.

 **ARTS & CULTURE** | **Join People Park author Pasha Malla at the Babble Book Club Tuesday January 15** | Dec

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Our [issues](#) pages continue to be popular on rabble. In 2012 we began to call these pages "topics" on our navigational bar.

These pages are theme-based aggregates of rabble columns, blogs, videos, discussion threads and podcasts, as well as news links and feeds from other news sources on specific issues. issues 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 specialty pages with similar news aggregation features.

We highlighted the Maple Spring in [campus notes](#) and Idle No More in our [Indigenous rights](#) section.

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From analysis of the climate crisis to solutions for saving our planet.

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Got ideas of links or feeds you think need to be on this page? Drop us a line:

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Dangers of the Northern Gateway Pipeline last comment by tmc2011

Northern Gateway Pipeline - Enpipe project last comment by tmc2011

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Dear Ryan: Amendments to the Fisheries Act MAY 18, 2012 | By Linda Leon | How the Harper government's changes to the Fisheries Act will harm water quality and ecosystems in Canada and the Yukon.



De-growth or growth? Maybe we don't need to figure that out MAY 17, 2012 | By Seth Klein | There has recently been a renewed interest in the question of whether the ecological crisis means we need to see a decline in economic growth. But my view is that this debate is largely distracting.



Thermometer rising: Ice, methane and climate change MAY 16, 2012 | By Christopher Majka | Are dire warnings of climate change warranted? Declining arctic sea ice and increasing methane emissions indicate they are. While civilization nears a precipice, political leaders speed the pace.

Hill Dispatches - Message to environmental advisory body: 'Shut the fuck up!' MAY 16, 2012 | By Karl Nerenberg | The government is silencing an advisory body created by Conservatives and headed by a respected Conservative who once worked for Flaherty - a clear message to anyone who gets out of line.

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SITES WE LIKE

Statement Against Arctic Offshore Drilling

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Justice at stake: Chief Theresa Spence passes Day 15 of hunger strike | Dec 26 2012 | Am Johal |

Chief Theresa Spence's hunger strike has inspired a new generation of activists. This movement isn't going away. The Harper government's downfall will be remembered as one of its own making.



Photos from Idle No More rally in Toronto | Dec 26 2012 | Elizabeth Littlejohn |

A selection of images from an Idle No More rally in Toronto, taken by Elizabeth Littlejohn.



Activist Communique: Idle No More - Returning to Our Sacred Places | Dec 26 2012 | Krystalline Kraus |

We come from diverse and beautiful nations. This is another opportunity to connect with the land, strengthen our cultures, speak our languages and stand in unity and solidarity with each other.



In pictures: Vancouver #IdleNoMore rally December 23 | Dec 26 2012 | rabble staff |

More than 500 turned out on a cold, rainy Vancouver morning to support Chief Theresa Spence and Idle No More.

Idle No More: No Justice, No Peace | Dec 26 2012 |

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I am a US non Native in support of Idle No More | Catchfire said...

Great post, L2HT. Thanks, and welcome to babble! in

Saganash bill to make laws consistent with UN declaration on Indigenous Peoples' Rights |

Unionist said... Great initiative! I wonder just how many laws would have to be written, amended, or scrapped if...

A Conversation about the People's Social Forum with Corvin Russell |

kropotkin1951 said... What First Nation does Corvin belong too? in

Kitchener Waterloo Protests (Updated for #J11) | txanonxh

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<http://www.ustream.tv/channel/kw-protests> in

Kapyong Barracks |

kropotkin1951 said... The comments on the CBC are as racist as they get. Canadian settlers seem to think since they...

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Indigenous Rights

This page features all the latest news about the struggle of indigenous people for their rights and sovereignty.

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- Jessica Yee's blog
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the **book** lounge

The rabble book lounge continues to provide a dynamic platform that brings together a unique mix of independent publishers, diverse books, up and coming authors and community.

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 so you can too. Top-notch books, top-notch writers, top-notch thinking.

In addition to reviews and reprints, when you hang out in the book lounge you'll find the book lounge podcast, you can join in a babble book lounge discussion, check out book event listings in a city near you or peruse the Indie Bookstore Best Sellers list.

The book lounge was delighted to introduce a new blog by author Cathi Bond, called "[Adventures in ebook game](#)."

Come on in, sit down and relax with a good **book lounge**— Read rigorous reviews, find fabulous events, drop by our online book club, listen to book themed podcasts and more!

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Highlights of 2012's **rabble book lounge** reviews:

January:

Freeing Ourselves: A Guide to Health and Self Love for Brown Bois

by The Brown Bois Project
(The Brown Bois Project, 2011; By donation)

Review by Mercedes Allen

Freeing Ourselves is a health guide written first and foremost for trans-masculine, genderqueer and male-identified trans people, a group that is often otherwise invisible, facing barriers and taboos.

February:

Lester Pearson's Peacekeeping: The Truth May Hurt

by Yves Engler

(Fernwood Publishing, 2012; \$15.95)

Review by Paul Weinberg

In his new book, Yves Engler sets to demolish the near saintly status of Lester Bowles ("Mike") Pearson in the public sphere, Canadian foreign policy circles and even on the social democratic left.

March:

Palestinians in Israel: Segregation, Discrimination and Democracy

by Ben White

(Pluto Press, 2012; \$24.97)

Review by Ramona Wadi

Ben White argues in his new book that Israel's insistence on declaring itself a Jewish state leads to discrimination, segregation and a guarantee of continued conflict.

April:

VIVA! Community Arts and Popular Education in the Americas

by Deborah Barndt, ed.

(Between The Lines, 2011; \$24.95)

Review by Zainab Amadahy

From Central America to Canada, the iVIVA! Project, summarized in a colourful book and an accompanying DVD set, features communities engaged in transformational arts processes.

May:

Power of Youth: Youth and community-led activism in Canada

by Brigitte DePape, ed.

(Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, 2012; \$15.00)

Review by Kaitlin McNabb

Power of Youth is more than just a book about youth activism, it is a testament to all generations of activists who continue to fight, informed by passion and experience.

June:

The Enpipe Line: 70,000 km of poetry written in resistance to the Northern Gateway pipeline proposal

by The Enpipe Line contributors

(Creekstone Press, 2012; \$18.00)

Review by Tyler McCreary

A recently released volume from Creekstone Press, *The Enpipe Line*, presents a poetic manifestation of resistance.

July:

Undesirables: White Canada and the Komagata Maru, An Illustrated History

by Ali Kazimi

(Douglas & McIntyre, 2012; \$39.95)

Review by Matthew Behrens

As Parliament passes sweeping, repressive immigration legislation, Toronto filmmaker Ali Kazimi's timely book, *Undesirables*, should be required reading for Jason Kenney and his cohorts.

August:

Beautiful Trouble: A Toolbox for Revolution

by Andrew Boyd and Dave Oswald Mitchell, eds.

(OR Books, 2012; \$28.00)

Review by Murray Dobbin

Beautiful Trouble: A Toolbox for Revolution is a unique guide on how to take on powerful adversaries to win.

September:

Too Asian?: Racism, Privilege, and Post-Secondary Education

by RJ Gilmour, Davina Bhandar, Jeet Heer, and Michael C.K. Ma, eds.

(Between The Lines, 2012; \$26.95)

Review by Cara Ng

Too Asian?: Racism, Privilege, and Post-Secondary Education, a new anthology, takes *Maclean's* magazine to task and explores race and representation in Canadian universities.

October:

Social Democracy After the Cold War

by Bryan Evans and Ingo Schmidt, eds.

(Athabasca University Press, 2012; \$29.95)

Review by John Warnock

In the present economic and financial crisis, we are seeing the collapse of the social democratic parties in Europe. How can they bring their former supporters back into the party?

November:

Fractured Homeland: Federal Recognition and Algonquin Identity in Ontario

by Bonita Lawrence

(UBC Press, 2012; \$37.81)

Review by Mara Munro

Fractured Homeland is Bonita Lawrence's stirring account of the Algonquins' 20-year

struggle to reclaim their traditional territories.

December:

Revolution 2.0: The Power of the People Is Greater Than the People in Power: A Memoir

by Wael Ghonim

(Mariner Books, 2012; \$18.95)

Review by Amira Elghawaby

Reading *Revolution 2.0* against the backdrop of the current unrest in Egypt, one can't help but feel nostalgic.

RABBLE SERIES

Our story: rabble's book lounge launches in 70s style

BY RABBLE STAFF | JUNE 7, 2011

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On April 18, 2011, rabble celebrated its 10th anniversary. Highlighting 10 important moments of rabble's history over the course of our 10th year, current and former people involved with rabble have been asked to share their personal highlights from their time with rabble. This monthly **rabble history series** elaborates on some of the most common highlights submitted. **The first piece published on our birthday appears here.**











We also know that many of you have your own ideas of what the highlights of rabble's 10 years have been, and we want to know what you think. If you have thoughts on how you'd like to see us grow, please share as well in the comments section below.

Highlight: The launch of the rabble book lounge

The unofficial launch of rabble's book lounge combined guerrilla stealth and performance art at the Toronto Word On The Street Festival in September 2005.

"I found this 70s crazy ugly shag rug, Jane had a lava lamp and there were other people who contributed to this guerrilla lounge theme," recalls the lounge's founding editor, Lisa Rundle. The unofficial presence of this retro lounge, set up between tables at Word On The Street, wasn't entirely appreciated by festival organizers so it simply moved across the street.



Forum	Topics	Posts	Last post
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 introductions Where we get to know the newbies, and they get to know us. Non-newbies can post their questions here, too!	494 1 new	5976	Who are babble ... by Boom Boom Feb 15 2012 - 9:08pm
rabble community			
 rabble news features Read it on rabble, then talk about it here.	248 7 new	6689	Peggy Nash ... by autoworker 1 hour 2 min ago
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 babblers helping babblers Do you have a pet idea or project? Would you like help or feedback? Or are you trying to track down some information? Work with each other.	491	7374	Evo Morales ... by Grandpa_Bill Feb 20 2012 - 3:29pm
 babble banter For when you are so far off topic, you were never even on it.	311 1 new	6821	Gross Food by Catchfire 47 min 21 sec ago
 rabble reactions Topical questions and comments about the site only.	434 2 new	15169	Why are both ... by Unionist Feb 21 2012 - 11:56pm
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 national news Read it watch it live it discuss it.	1505 17 new	44122	Carbon ... by ilha formosa 2 hours 39 min ago
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 international news and politics	2193 28 new	61583	Syria #4 by DaveW 1 hour 25 sec ago

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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 completely integrated with the front page content of *rabble.ca*, and provides a communal, interactive space where its over 34,000 registered users discuss not only site content, but anything from [Peter McKay's F-35 debacle](#) to [creepy Victorians](#). Where else can you find all of Canada's labour issues and union struggle news in one place, like [BC union's exposé of Canadian Mining Companies importing foreign temporary workers](#), or [Ontario's anti-labour Bill 115](#)?

Following its unmatched, grassroots coverage of the G20 protests in 2010 and the #Occupy movement in 2011, babble was far and away the best place in English-speaking Canada for analysis and reportage of both [Quebec's Maple Spring](#) and the [Idle No More resistance](#). Long before the mainstream media had even noticed these two groundbreaking social movements, babble insiders were sharing information and building solidarity as the political landscape of Canada changed forever.

As always, babble's coverage of electoral politics is unmatched. Party insiders were whispering the ins and outs of the NDP leadership race on babble, singing the praises of their preferred candidate and criticizing their rivals. Almost every leadership candidate, from [Nathan Cullen](#) to [Niki Ashton](#) to [Brian Topp](#) to [Peggy Nash](#), came on babble to be interviewed by shrewd *rabble.ca* readers -- who don't lob softball questions.

While *The Globe and Mail* was preparing to shed its Books section in 2012, *rabble.ca* founded the exciting [babble book club](#) (bbc). Led by former intern Kaitlin McNabb, the bbc gathers bookish readers to discuss the latest in Canadian independent fiction or progressive non-fiction literature. Our book club has hosted interactive discussions with leading new authors like [Kevin Chong](#) and [Pasha Malla](#) and is growing every month.

With NDP apparatchiks, labour leaders, constitutional law experts, documentary filmmakers, academics and activists all counting themselves members, babble is the best place to find intelligent and engaging conversation about progressive politics in Canada. When it's not [the worst](#), that is.

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the activist toolkit

Staff: Steffanie Pinch, activist toolkit Coordinator; Kim Elliott, Publisher

Intern: Belinda Ellsworth

The promotion of citizen or people's journalism, we believe, must be coupled with the promotion of grassroots action. The activist toolkit is a hub for resources encouraging community participation -- a place for community activists to share workshop designs, posters, flyers and ideas to inspire and support others to do community work and develop leaderships and their organizations.

At the end of the year, drawing from the activist toolkit, we presented [Ten activist success stories from 2012, and some tools to recreate them.](#)

Plus in 2013 check out the new re-design of this section as the [Lynn Williams activist toolkit!](#) Lynn Williams remains one of the most influential North American union leaders of the 20th century and we are excited about the [2013 re-launch of this section.](#)



Welcome to the **Activist Toolkit**, an exciting new project of **rabble.ca** currently in Beta. The Toolkit is a wiki-style section of the rabble site devoted to content collaboration. It contains a growing number of encyclopedic resources that you can write. **See our User Guide, and please check out the toolkit blog and podcast.**

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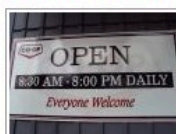


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At *rabble.ca*, we hold an annual membership drive to recruit members (starting at \$5/month).

In 2012, rabble continued our partnership with independent print magazines from Canada and the U.S. In 2012 we only extended our magazine offer to members during the membership drive. The rest of the year we offered a "best of rabble" book as a thank you gift.

rabble finished 2012 with over 700 members contributing between \$5 and \$50 a month.

We kick off each fundraising drive with an old school mailing (we get a good return!) and depend on volunteers to help us stuff envelopes. Always great conversation and good snacks. Thanks to our volunteers!

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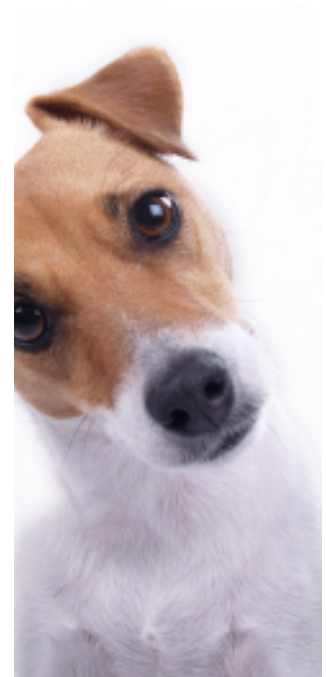


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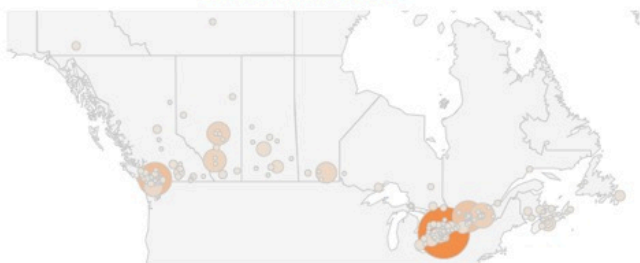
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Today *rabble.ca* gets up to **350,000 unique visitors a month** and two million page views every month. Over **27,000 people have an account on rabble** (allowing them to comment on articles, participate in the discussion board, and post on our events calendar).

In 2011 *rabble.ca* had **3,318,000** visits from 219 countries/territories and 82% of traffic to the site came from Canada. Thousands of Canadians are registered for rabble's discussion board *babble*.

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Where rabble's visitors
came from in 2011:



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M We take a proactive role in spreading the word about rabble through marketing on Facebook, Twitter and mobile news feeds, sponsoring events, tabling at events, conference presentations, advertising, membership in media organizations and more.

a rabble participated in numerous advertising exchanges, including exchanges with the *MusicWorks Magazine* and *Upping the Anti*.

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k rabble sponsored over two dozen events in 2012 including:

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- *Beautiful Trouble* book tour
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 - Canzine
 - Shout Out Mining Injustice Conference
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- *A Child's View From Gaza* exhibit
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 - Lessons from Quebec's Student Strike
 - Mayday rally and march
 - Mayworks Festival of Working People and the Arts (Toronto)
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- Media Democracy Day, Vancouver
 - Media Democracy conference, Ottawa
 - Powershift
 - (de)Occupy Talks
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- Regent Park Film Festival
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 - Save the Salish Sea
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Publisher Kim Elliott and Assistant Editor Michelle Gregus both appeared at different times at meetings of the Canadian Association of Journalism.

Kim Elliott was a judge for the Online Media Association News category in 2012, and Michelle Gregus was a judge for the essay competition at the Canadian University Press annual conference. rabble was also a sponsor for the conference this year.

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Parliamentary Correspondent Karl Nerenberg spoke on the keynote evening of the Media Democracy Conference in Ottawa in November. Michelle Gregus attended this conference as well. Karl Nerenberg represented rabble at 2012 Press Gallery Dinner and various other Hill events.

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Editor Derrick O'Keefe and Managing Editor Alex Samur presented "Promoting the Missing Stories" at Media Democracy Day in Vancouver in November. Derrick O'Keefe also sat on the closing plenary "Dissent Chill: The Chill Against Political Dissent in Art."

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Derrick O'Keefe also did a workshop "Climate Change and Media Democracy" at Windermere High School in Vancouver and spoke at Amnesty International's annual convention.

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rabble hosted gatherings for contributors over the year in Ottawa, Toronto and Vancouver.

Kim Elliott and Alex Samur attended the Progressive Media Consortium meeting in Oakland, California.

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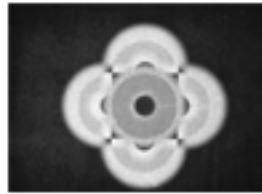
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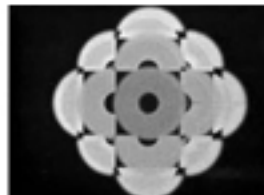
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Earth Week
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Once again, *rabble.ca* sponsored the Vegan Challenge and had some staff, contributors and interns taking part to eat vegan during Earth Week 2012.

Join rabble.ca's Vegan Challenge for Earth Week 2012!

BY **RABBLE STAFF** | APRIL 6, 2012

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Join rabble.ca in taking the **Vegan Challenge** during Earth Week from April 16-22!

rabble.ca staff, contributors and users are encouraged to go vegan for a week to help protect the environment, show compassion for animals and enjoy some wholesome nutritious and yummy food!

Going vegan is one of the strongest ways most of us can contribute to Earth Week and make every day Earth Day!

Making your "hoofprint" smaller will reduce your ecological footprint by cutting down on your carbon footprint, diminishing pollution of air, water and land, and helping stymie the destruction of ecosystems being swallowed up to produce feed for farm animals.

We hope you will join us by saying you'll "attend" on our facebook event, and share updates about the experience in the comments section, and on babble.

You can also take the Vegan Challenge yourself as an individual, you can get your co-workers involved or even ask the whole workplace to volunteer and take the VC together. It'll make it more fun and also gives you an opportunity to share your recipes and nutritious and delicious experiments!


We've put together tips and resources for you, in collaboration with the Toronto Vegetarian Association and Toronto Pig Save. We have everything you need: the menus, the shopping list, the nutritional tips, and the information about how participation helps the Earth, the animals, and your health.

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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 the potential for other forms of cooperation.

rabble.ca is an active member of the Centre for Social Innovation (CSI) in Toronto, Under One Roof in Ottawa and was also active in W2 Media and Community Arts in Vancouver, where we host “desks.” In 2013 *rabble* moved to the co-working space, The Hive.

rabble.ca is also an associate member of the [British Columbia Association of Magazine Publishers \(BCAMP\)](#). BCAMP “represents, connects and promotes the B.C. magazine industry by uniting the talent, knowledge and skills of its publishers. B.C. 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, but since we moved the centre of our editorial operations to B.C., we have been approved for voting membership.

Information tables:

We spread the word about our work at conferences and meetings and in 2012 we tabled at a number of events including:

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The Ambassador
Ambassadeurs
DENMARK, 2012, 93 minutes

DIR Mads Brügger
PRODS Peter Engel, Carsten Hult **SCR** Maja Jul Larsen, Mads Brügger
CAM Johan Stahl Wintherhvi **EDS** Carsten Sæviid, Kimmo Tassila, Leif Axel
EDITORS PRO: D2 Zentropa Real ApS **PROD** Finnveien **FORMAT** VHS/DVD
Amazing what money can buy. For less than \$200,000 Danish filmmaker Mads Brügger became the Liberian ambassador to the Central African Republic. His newly acquired peers in the diplomatic community barely raise an eyebrow at the apparent incongruity of this pale, short, bald-headed European parading around Africa in jodhpurs and riding boots. And if they smell a rat, no one is about to equal. This impoverished dictatorship is home to some of the world's richest diamond mines, and diplomatic immunity is well known to be the safest trafficking strategy for blood diamonds.

VHF audiences will recognize Brügger from audience favourite *The Red Chapel*, his sneak peek into North Korea. But *The Ambassador* is an even riskier enterprise, a stunt that calls on him to combine the satiric skills of Sacha Baron Cohen while consorting with ruthless mercenaries, corrupt government officials, professional smugglers and (ahem) international diplomats. One interviewee—the Republic's head of internal security—is assassinated during the shoot. Brügger risks alienating his audience too, devising a cover story to set up a match factory staffed by pygmies—a plan he admits will never come to pass. If it's often uncomfortable viewing, that is how it should be: truth-telling can be an ugly business. But this provocative documentary is also utterly compelling, awfully funny and painfully sobering. (As an aside, the Liberian government has recently decided to take legal action against Brügger.)

Filmography *The Red Chapel* (10)



Indignados
FRANCE, 2012, 88 minutes

DIR Tony Gatlif
CAST Mameberty Honoré Diallo, Isabel Wendell Cortez, Fiona Monbet, Noél, Nawel Ben Krim, **EXEC PROD** Tony Gatlif, Delphine Mantoulet, Claude Oussé **PRODS** Chris Boli, Georges Fernandez, Romain Malhou **SCR** Tony Gatlif **CAM** Cécile Hasbun, Sébastien Sadoun **ED** Stéphanie Péladeau
MUS Valentin Sahmani, Delphine Mantoulet **PROD CO** Princes Films / Euroville Film Production / Minolade / Bibine-Nipes Cinema
PRINTSALES Les Films du Louage **FORMAT** DCP

Canadian Premiere
Long a champion of the marginalized, Tony Gatlif (*Latcho Drom*, *Enlén*) fashions a sumptuously visual and typically musical docudrama from 94-year-old French Resistance veteran Stéphane Honoré's surprise anti-capitalist best-seller *Indigènes-vous*, a pamphlet that served as a call to arms for the young people of France. Gatlif's film is an equally impassioned orator in support of the Outrage/Occupy movements worldwide.

Motivated by Sarkozy's 2010 speech demonizing France's Rom, Gatlif develops a loosely structured drama that has him following the plight of a young illegal immigrant from Africa named Betty (Mameberty Honoré Diallo) as she is caught up in the European-wide protest movement. As Betty is buffeted about—from Greece to Paris to Madrid—Gatlif's camera, serving as witness, plunges us into the heart of various demonstrations, capturing the genuine emotion of the 94-year-old abused by an unfair system. Interspersed with these powerful scenes, and indeed overlaying some of them, are the musical interludes that both amplify the themes already present and serve as achingly beautiful moments of their own—most notably a set piece set in an abandoned Parisian apartment block covered in graffiti, where a singer and violinist perform on a balcony and a flamenco dancer, leaflets raining down upon her, gives her all in the courtyard below. A heart-soaring moment that—like all of *Indignados*—could only have come from the heart of Tony Gatlif.

Selected Filmography *The Prisoners* (13), *Peurs pas my love* (16), *Latcho Drom* (19), *Wanda* (19), *Being* (10), *Enlén* (10), *Kalis* (10), *Freedom* (10)

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▪The Word On The Street in Toronto and Vancouver

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▪Canzine Vancouver

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▪Alternative Media Fair, Toronto

▪OPSEU convention, Toronto

▪LeftWords Festival of Books and Ideas, Toronto

▪NDP convention, Vancouver

▪HEU Convention, Vancouver

▪Media Democracy Day, Vancouver


e-newsletters, Twitter, Facebook

rabble offers a daily and weekly e-newsletter, both contain links and summaries to all our features, with our weekly e-newsletter featuring contests and giveaways. Over 8000 people follow rabble on Facebook and over 18,000 on Twitter.

Promotional exchanges and giveaways

Readers of our e-newsletters get the most opportunities to win cool stuff like books, show tickets and CDs. As a sample, our giveaways in 2012:

- Maya Angelou tickets
- Passes to films *Habibi* and *War All Around Us*, Toronto Palestine Film Festival
- Passes to a film of choice at the Amnesty International Film Festival
- Passes to Vancouver International Film Festival



An advertisement rabble ran in *MusicWorks Magazine* through an advertising exchange with the magazine.

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



What's up lists events staged by social justice & arts organizations in your community. Click on the column titles to sort the events. *Please note that due to the large number of events posted on rabble, it may take up to two weeks for your event to be displayed on the website.*

[View upcoming events](#) | [Add an event](#)

City	Event	Time
Vancouver	How the 99% Can Change the World	July 7, 2012 (All day) - July 8, 2012 (All day)
Toronto	Diwa Ng Kasarinlan 2012	July 7, 2012 - 12:00pm - 6:00pm
Charlottetown	PEI Pride Parade	July 7, 2012 - 1:00pm
Prince George	Prince George Pride Parade	July 7, 2012 - 11:30am
Toronto	Harbourfront Centre presents Longo's free flicks -- Scott Pilgrim vs the World	July 5, 2012 - 9:00pm - 11:00pm
Vancouver	re: Think Housing: Idea entries exhibit	July 5, 2012 - 7:00pm - 9:30pm
Halifax	Ecology Action Centre annual general meeting	July 4, 2012 - 7:00pm - 9:00pm
Toronto	Eyewitness report on Greece: Election, workers' movement, EU crisis	July 4, 2012 - 7:00pm
Toronto	Talk: Eyewitness report on election in Greece	July 4, 2012 - 7:00pm
Toronto	Screening: Squat - The city belongs to us	July 3, 2012 - 6:30pm
Toronto	Trans Space + North Stage	June 29, 2012 - 6:00pm - July 1, 2012 - 9:00pm
Vancouver	Take action against Canadian militarism on Canada Day	July 1, 2012 - 12:00pm - 4:00pm
Toronto	Toronto Pride Parade	July 1, 2012 - 2:00pm
Vancouver	Margins Zine Launch	June 30, 2012 - 7:00pm
Toronto	Meeting Facilitation for Change Makers	June 30, 2012 - 1:00pm - 5:00pm
Ottawa	The Ottawa small press bookfair	June 30, 2012 - 12:00pm - 5:00pm
Vancouver	Walk for peace: The next generation	June 30, 2012 - 1:00pm
	Join 'Save Our Saugeen Shores' in a walk to protect the Great Lakes	June 30, 2012 - 11:00am - 1:00pm
Toronto	Toronto Dyke March	June 30, 2012 - 1:00pm
Toronto	Toronto Trans Rally and March	June 29, 2012 - 6:00pm
Halifax	Great Books, Great Questions Symposium	June 27, 2012 - 12:00am - June 29, 2012 - 5:00pm
Toronto	Creative Writing Workshop	May 10, 2012 - 9:28pm - June 28, 2012 - 9:28pm

Tech reflections

**We've upgraded our software.
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rabble.ca made significant steps this year in creating a tech infrastructure that takes itself seriously as the major independent online news source in Canada and provides a backend for our reach-for-the-stars goals.

Major changes occurred with the tech infrastructure in this past year. We upgraded our software from the aging Drupal 5.x to the Pressflow 6.x, which is a version of Drupal built specifically for high end performance of large sites.

As part of this process we transitioned from a single server set up for our live site, to a clustered set of servers that can handle the load on our site much more efficiently.

We also increased our tech staff capabilities in this past year shifting from one organization (Anarres Worker Co-op) providing all support within two days a week, to two separate positions working an average of three days each week.

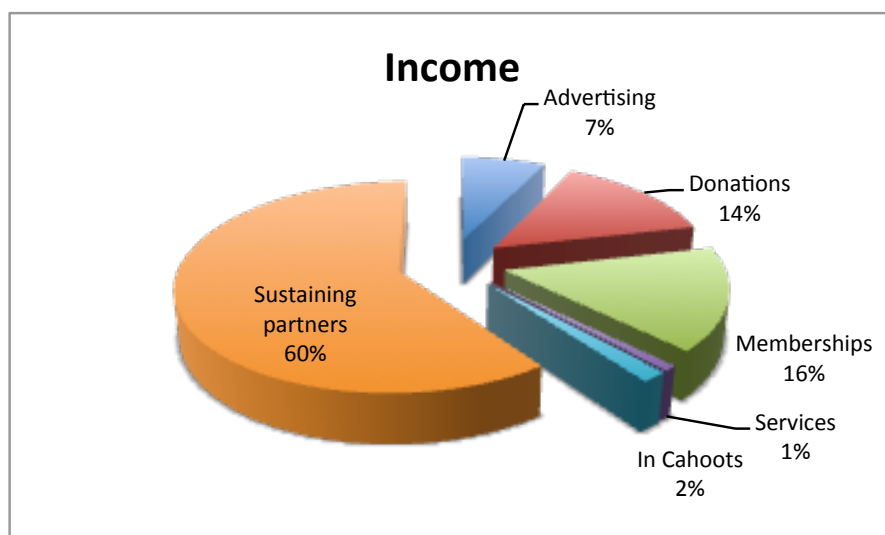


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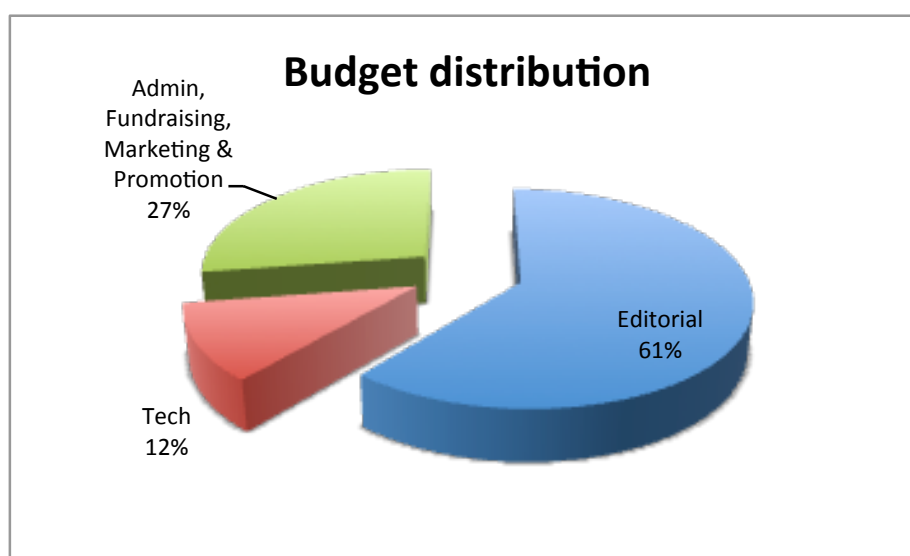
The total operating budget for rabble in 2012 was \$302,610.

rabble's reliance on Sustaining Partners income was represented in 60 per cent of our total income. Membership support accounted for 16 per cent of the annual budget, donations were up to 14 per cent and advertising sales were seven per cent and services and in cahoots accounted for only three per cent.

Income



Budget distribution



Eighty five per cent of rabble's expenses are staffing and contributor costs. Within that staffing and contributor expense, 62 per cent is attributed to editorial costs, 27 per cent to fundraising and administration and 12 per cent to technical support.

Measuring website traffic

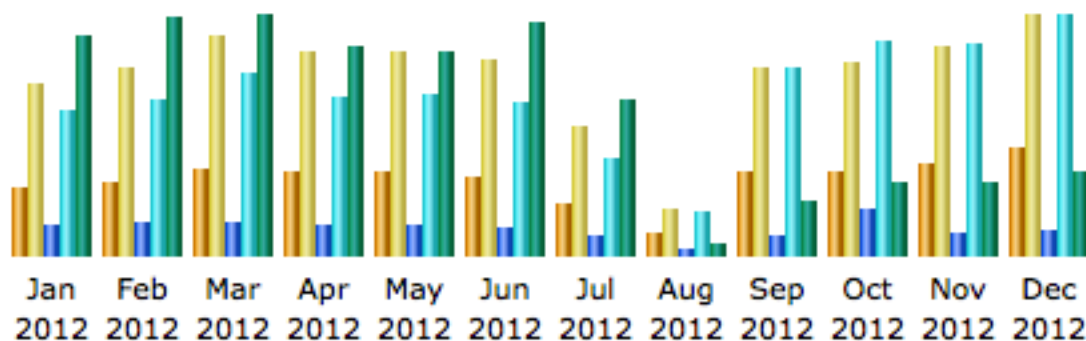
rabble uses AWStats and Google Analytics to measure website traffic. While the programs measure different variables (log files vs. javascript), together they provide a helpful view of traffic trends.

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 AWStats reports are reduced from previous years, however, the trends continue to reflect a similar story to the measures provided in Google Analytics.

In 2012, as noted in the chart below, due to technical difficulties related to a required operating system upgrade, most traffic recordings from August 2012 were lost. The monthly average for 2012 is thus calculated on the basis of 11 months, excluding August. rabble had an average of 169,000 unique visitors per month, an average of 308,000 visits per month and about two million page views per month. The website reached a high of 247,000 unique visitors during December 2012, with our coverage of Idle No More.

What is the difference between unique visitors and visits? In simple terms, unique visitors refers to the number of IP addresses, or individual computers, that visit 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.

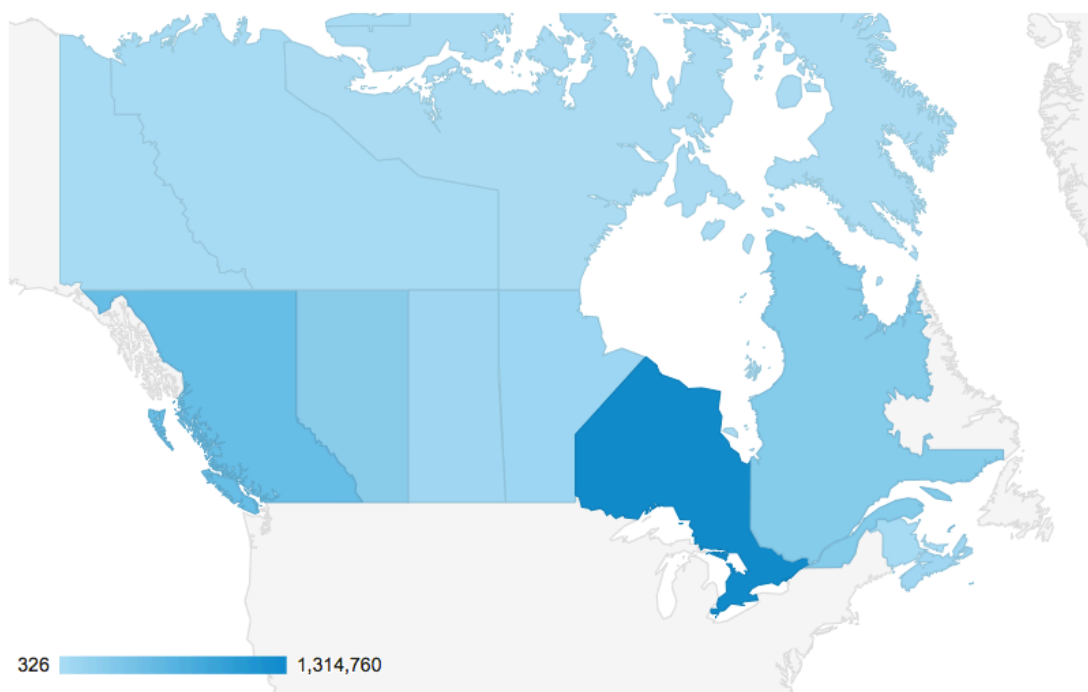
The average time spent on the site in 2012 was 3.01 minutes per visit.



The above graphic, drawn from AWStats, is an indication of the traffic trends over the seasons of 2012.

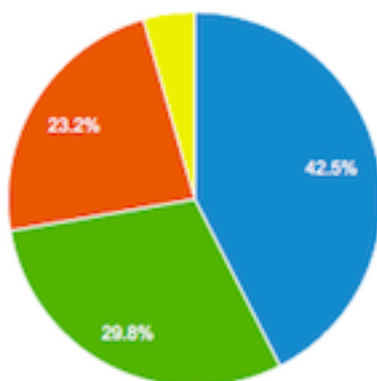
¹ *Visits* represents the number of individual sessions initiated by all the visitors to the site. If a user is inactive on the site for 30 minutes or more, any future activity will be attributed to a new session. Users that leave the site and return within 30 minutes will be counted as part of the original 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 2012 *rabble.ca* had 3,385,000 visits from 217 countries/territories. Eighty one per cent of traffic to the site came from Canada.

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The above graphic indicates the primary methods by which people came to *rabble.ca*. More than 42 per cent of traffic to the site came from search, while nearly 23 per cent of the traffic came directly to the site. *rabble.ca*'s top referrer in 2012 was Google, with Facebook, Feedburner, Twitter and Bing being among the top ten referrers.

people at rabble.ca

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

You can read biographies 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 2012, we had editorial staff in British Columbia, in Ontario, in Quebec and in Washington, D.C. We have columnists, bloggers, podcasters and video makers coast to coast and beyond the Canadian borders. In 2012 the staff had a rare opportunity to get together in person for a retreat to reflect and plan. Special thanks to our hosts in Ottawa!

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. In Vancouver, rabble was a member of the [W2](#) Community Media and Arts Centre and in Ottawa you can find us at [Under One Roof](#).

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of events rabble streamed live on rabbletv **6**

of podcast shows **26**

of community events sponsored by rabble **26**

of podcast episodes **approximately 600**

of posts on babble in 2012 **Way, way too many to count. You try it.**

of original book reviews **30**

of sustaining partners **13**

of Not Rex videos **17**

of bloggers on rabble **111**

of supporting members **698**

of average unique visitors a month **168,000**

of countries/territories visitors came from **217**

of page views on average per month **2 million**

Appendix A: rpn shows 2012



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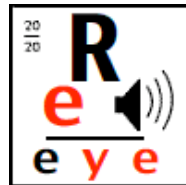
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