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"It is no exaggeration to say that the hopes of a decent world rest substantially on the success of the kind of work that *rabble.ca* has been carrying out with such distinction."

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- **REPRINTS** FROM OTHER PROGRESSIVE NEWS SOURCES

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WELCOME

FROM PUBLISHER KIM ELLIOTT AND PRESIDENT DUNCAN CAMERON

2015 was the year *rabble.ca* became a full-blown teenager: surly, determined, hungry and always, always growing.

2015 was *rabble.ca*'s fourteenth year reporting news for the rest of us. We're on our third pope and our fourth prime minister. We're the same age as Wikipedia and three years older than Facebook. And we continue to bring non-profit, community-supported and completely independent journalism to our readers. We are grateful to all of our many supporters who keep us flourishing.

During the most important election in a generation, our coverage was a bedrock to Canadian progressives who wanted change. Our readership spiked, driven by our daily fact check column and our parliamentary bureau, anchored, as always by the inimitable Karl Nerenberg.

We ensured labour loomed large over the longest election campaign in modern history. For the fourth consecutive year, in partnership with Unifor, we hosted a Labour Beat Reporter—a dying breed in Canada. Our news and features section produced several hard-hitting series on Canadian politics while our Lynn Williams Activist Toolkit continues to expand and educate the next generation of activists.

As the country's largest independent media outlet, *rabble.ca*'s election coverage involved an unprecedented amount of work. From the moment the writ dropped on August 4 to election day October 19, we published over 1,500 news stories, columns, live video and more.

Our total reach was our highest ever – in the millions. We made sure that we pulled out all the stops and we can confidently look back on the election and say without hesitation that we did everything possible to defeat Harper. We provided readers with the news, the tools, and the facts that would result in Stephen Harper's demise – and it worked.

It's hard to believe that in the midst of the heady election days, we also celebrated the tenth anniversary of our pioneering *rabble* podcast network — an astonishing feat. RPN Executive Producer Victoria Fenner allowed herself a quiet chuckle as the *New York Times* (among many others) rediscovered that podcasts were “cool.” With our “[Listen Here! Celebrating 10 years of Democracy, Technology and Podcasting](#)” special celebration, we couldn't agree more.

2015 also saw some major changes. In May, we welcomed Dave Molenhuis as our new Associate Publisher and Maya Bhullar as our new Lynn Williams Activist Toolkit coordinator. Both Dave and Maya bring a depth of experience in student organizing and the labour movement and we could not be prouder to add them to our already impressive team.

Meagan Perry stepped down in December 2015 after nearly 10 years with us as podcaster, RPN Executive Producer and, most recently, as our Editor-In-Chief. Meagan's experience, leadership and energy left an indelible mark on rabble and we wish her all the best in her future projects.

We continue to grow and push the boundaries of online media. We have over 17,000 fans on Facebook and 37,000 followers on Twitter—7,000 more than last year. Major media outlets and pundits have come to look to rabble first when they need to take the pulse of Canadian progressives—and we're happy to oblige.

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.

Sincerely,



Kim Elliott
Publisher



Duncan Cameron
President



RABBLE.CA

COVERING ISSUES THAT MATTERED IN 2015

OUR **LABOUR COVERAGE** REMAINS A CRITICAL FOCUS.

issues
on rabble.ca

labour



VIDEO: Members of CUPE 3903 vote to reject York University offer

ON RABBLE.CA



Love and friendship on the picket line: This week in labour news | Mar 20 2015 | Ella Bedard |

Victory! Alberta backs off of Bill 45. Good times: OkCUPE creates extra solidarity. New strikes, information pickets, and a lot more. It's here in the

weekly labour roundup.



Stand up against the deportation of Temporary Foreign Workers scheduled April 1 | Mar 19 2015 | If you're good

enough to work, you're good enough to stay

EVENTS

Toronto

Sat, Mar 21, 2015

Solidarity rally with York & U of T workers

Toronto

Thu, Mar 26, 2015

Phyllis Clarke memorial lecture: Lifting Up Low-Wage Work: Global Perspectives

Vancouver

Fri, May 1, 2015

Vancouver: May 1st International Workers Day

ON BABBLE

NDP caucus instructed not to speak to Halifax Chronicle Herald because of press operators lockout

Jacob Two-Two said... I can't see why this would be a problem. Seems like they're doing the right thing here. Am I...

RABBLE.CA FEEDS

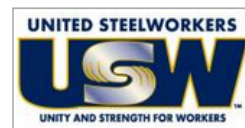
- Asia Pacific Currents
- The Labour Show
- Canadian Association of Labour Media
- David Bush
- Retiree Matters
- Rod Mickleburgh



SITES WE LIKE

- Rank and File
- Labour Start
- Labour Reporter
- Labour Rights

IN CAHOOTS



Steelworkers welcome industrial inquiry in beer can strike

The Ontario government has decided to appoint an Industrial Inquiry Commission into an 18-

IN OTHER WORDS **LABOUR DAY** ISN'T THE ONLY DAY WE WRITE ABOUT WORKING PEOPLE.

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH UNIFOR, OUR THIRD-CONSECUTIVE **LABOUR BEAT**
REPORTER ELLA BEDARD FINISHED HER **NINE-MONTH** TENURE.



RABBLE INTERVIEW

Exit interview: Jim Sinclair talks past, present, and future of the labour movement

BY ELLA BEDARD | NOVEMBER 7, 2014

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Although he was born in Toronto, Jim Sinclair has all the credentials of a B.C. union heavyweight.

Sinclair began his working career as a journalist in both radio and print, and eventually joined the United Fishermen and Allied Workers' Union -- a union known for its long history of radical politics and radical organizing. There, he served as

an associate editor at the *Fisherman's Newspaper*. He became Health and Safety Director and then staff rep. In his final 8 years with the Fisherman, Sinclair served as the elected leader of the union before being elected president of the BC Federation of Labour in 1999. Sinclair's journalistic legacy is the contribution he made to the creation of the BC news site *The Tyee* in 2003.

For the majority of Sinclair's 15 years as president of the BC Federation of Labour, the labour movement has contended with anti-union governments in British Columbia. Nevertheless, the Federation has grown by more than 75,000 members, as unions representing teachers and Workers' Compensation Board employees joined the central labour body.

THIS IS A RARE SPECIMEN OF THE ELUSIVE **PAID INTERNSHIP**, OFFERED BY **RABBLE.CA** AND GENEROUSLY SUPPORTED BY THE **LABOUR MOVEMENT**.

ELLA FOLLOWS **H.G. WATSON** AND INAUGURAL LABOUR BEAT REPORTER **LORI THERESA WALLER** AS CANADA'S NEXT GENERATION OF LABOUR JOURNALISTS.

FEDERAL ELECTION:

KARL NERENBERG AND RABBLE.CA'S PARLIAMENTARY BUREAU



It was a long five years of Stephen Harper's majority Conservative government before our readers got to see [rabble.ca's Karl Nerenberg](#) in a federal election — and they weren't disappointed.

Karl's even-handed coverage of real progressive issues combined with his unmatched knowledge of parliamentary history made [rabble.ca's](#) coverage stand out. Years of covering the Conservative Government's despicable treatment of Roma refugees (including an award-winning documentary) gave Karl's coverage of the refugee crisis and [Harper's well-earned black eye](#) particular weight and depth.

And on October 20, Karl was already looking forward to the next four years under a very different government that poses all new sorts of challenges to progressive Canadians. Karl's article ["Prime Minister-Elect Justin Trudeau has many promises to keep"](#) was a viral hit.

Tens of thousands of Canadians rely on Karl's writing and count on him to hold this Trudeau's new Liberal government to account in 2016 and beyond.

FEDERAL ELECTION:

FACT CHECK 2015



Last year saw perhaps the most significant election in a generation — and one of the longest in Canadian history. With so much at stake, Canadian progressives wanted news that was fact rich and spin poor. And rabble delivered with our exclusive [Fact Check 2015](#).

With support from the PSAC, we hired veteran journalist, writer and organizer [Nora Loreto](#) to write a daily fact check column on breaking news and party announcements — working closely with [Michael Stewart](#), [Meagan Perry](#), and [Dave Molenhuis](#).

We laid into Stephen Harper's ludicrous defence of his environmental record and Chris Alexander's claims about refugees. And when our former PM told a francophone talk radio station the CBC and Radio-Canada were in financial trouble not because of his cuts, but because of its ratings, [Nora and rabble.ca broke the story](#).

We didn't let Justin Trudeau or Tom Mulcair off the hook either — if they strayed from the facts, our "[Truthiness Meter](#)" was there.

One of our most popular election features proved

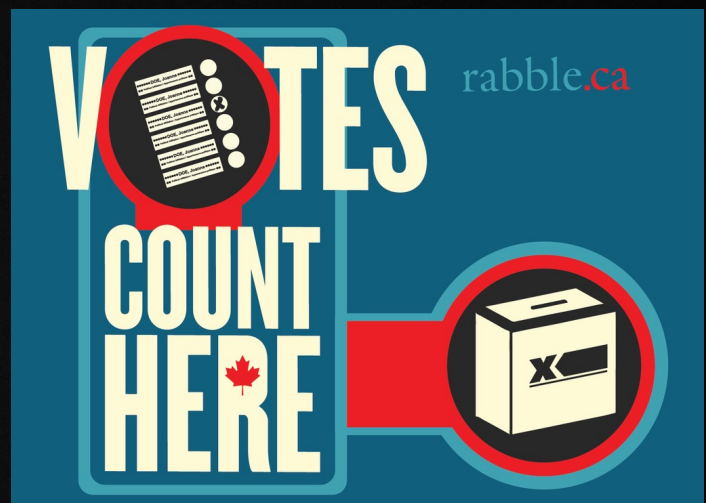




With Stephen Harper’s controversial “Fair Elections Act,” that made it harder for Canadians to vote—and the strategic voting conversation that opened up across a nation desperate to turf the Conservatives, the act of voting itself became a huge election issue. rabble.ca was sure to cover it from every angle with our important **Go Vote** series.

Our article “**How to vote under Harper’s Fair Elections Act**” went viral when we launched it at writ-drop and our mini-series “**Votes count here**” proved mandatory reading for anyone watching closely contested swing ridings.

We were honoured to host an invaluable discussion with leading Indigenous writers like **Pam Palmater** and **Daniel Heath Justice** on whether First Nations ought to exercise their franchise in a colonial state like Turtle Island—and what was at stake if they opted out of an election with Harper’s anti-Indigenous policies.



FEDERAL ELECTION:

DEBATE COVERAGE

If you liked leader debates, boy, was the 2015 federal election for you.

rabble covered each televised debate with Cover-it-Live and live social media commentary (and hilarious witticisms) from a paid editor or reporter. We followed each debate with a reported piece that substituted mainstream horse race stuff with real, progressive analysis.

We also took the opportunity to cover a couple debates outside the mainstream: [Up For Debate](#), which focused specifically on women's issues, and the [Muslim Youth Debate](#), which, of course, was hosted by and for the muslim community in Canada, and was video livestreamed by [rabble.ca](#)

While other media outlets were looking for spurious soundbites and point scoring, rabble's staff was holding the leaders' statements to account and making sure their claims held up to scrutiny.



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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT: [#macdebate](#) drinking game players should watch their health if sipping every time PM Harper says [#LetMeBeClear](#)



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WORDS TO WIN:

GEORGE LAKOFF



In the lead up to the election, rabble.ca and our partners [Canadian Dimension](http://CanadianDimension.ca) hosted renowned cognitive linguist and author of the groundbreaking *Don't Think of an Elephant*, George Lakoff in Toronto for an inspiring all-day symposium on April 18, 2015.

Lakoff brought his inimitable insight to bear on conservative and progressive Canadian worldviews, and how to address those views rhetorically in order to resonate with voters.

The day-long event also included a scintillating Q&A with [Trish Hennessy from the CCPA](http://TrishHennessy.com) and opened up many avenues for progressive Canadians to think about

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[Canadian DIMENSION](http://CanadianDimension.ca)

GEORGE LAKOFF

FRAMING PROGRESSIVE VALUES & LANGUAGE TO WIN THE NEXT FEDERAL ELECTION

RABBLE PODCAST NETWORK

Turns 10



In June, **Canada's first podcast network turned 10 years old**. The same year, the *New York Times*, the *Globe and Mail* and countless others ran features talking about how “cool” and “hip” podcasts are.

Thanks guys, we know.

To celebrate the rpn's remarkable achievement, we welcomed the CBC's Nora Young, along with RPN's Executive producer Victoria Fenner, our Editor-in-Chief Meagan Perry, tech columnist Wayne MacPhail, and veteran Indigenous podcaster Rick Harp.

Listen Here! Celebrating 10 years of Democracy, Technology and Podcasting was a smashing success and moving tribute to the art of community and independent radio — something in which *rabble.ca* is proud to be a trailblazer.



don't call it a
comeback.
we been here for
(10) years.


10th Anniversary

OUR CELEBRATED **LYNN WILLIAMS ACTIVIST TOOLKIT** WITH NEW COORDINATOR **MAYA BHULLAR** TOOK ITS BUOYANT, ENDLESS ENERGY TO THE FEDERAL ELECTION.

RABBLE NEWS

It's Election Day! Here are 20 things to think about

BY RABBLE STAFF | OCTOBER 19, 2015

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It's election day!

What better time to review some of the big issues that have defined the campaign before you head to the polls and vote. rabble is here for you, friends.

First, and most importantly, we're going to say it again: vote! *rabble.ca* has all the information a voter might need at **GO VOTE** before they head to the poll.

Let's get started, shall we?

- To begin: a useful primer if you're still confused about how to vote under Fair Election Act. You can! **Here's how!**
- Also, please tell your friends they can vote at their polling station **even if they haven't registered.**
- Still questioning whether you should vote? We think you (and your friends!) should just do it. Here's all the voter mobilization and information tools you could want at our **GO VOTE** page.

AND UNLIKE HARPER, RABBLE.CA STILL DELIVERS!
ALONG WITH OUR GENERAL DAILY AND WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
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LABOUR, ARTS & CULTURE, ENVIRONMENT, AND INDIGENOUS
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NEWS FOR THE REST OF US

15 Oct 2015

Hey rabble readers!

How can we undo the damage of the Harper years?
[What matters most is what we do in between elections](#)
-- or rather what we do before and after we vote.
Independent media is the lifeblood of social
movements and an amplifier of silenced voices and
subversive ideas. But it can't exist without your
support. Keep rabble strong through the rest of this
election and beyond. Support us with a donation [here](#).

Alberta's typically had more blue seats, but could it
double its orange seats this election? Who's going to
come out on top in a heated three-way race in Nova
Scotia? What will happen in the tight battle between
NDP and Conservatives in Winnipeg? *rabble.ca* is
looking closely at key battleground ridings in election
2015. Read more about them in our ["Votes count here"](#)
[series](#).

This election, politicians and media have you thinking
about what matters... to them. Frustrated about what
isn't being talked about this election? In a [special](#)
[rabble interview](#), Professor Bob Hackett explains why.

Hailed as "a myth-destroying blockbuster book" by
Ralph Nader, *After the Sands* by Dr. Gordon Laxer
outlines a vision and road map to transition Canada to
a low-carbon society: a plan lacking within all of
Canada's major political parties. Read excerpts from
the book [here](#) and be sure to attend the [Toronto book](#)
[launch](#) tonight!

This week's top **news**

[Election 2015: Where do the federal parties
stand on EI reform?](#)

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Upcoming **events**

Vancouver [Room Magazine](#)
[Fall Launch: Issues 38.2 and](#)
[38.3](#)

Join us for the launch of Room
issues 38.2, "How We Relate,"
and 38.3, "Trespass." Featuring
readings by: Leah Ranada,
Cristina Viviani, Daniela Elza,
Jen Currin.

By The Room Magazine

Toronto [Who's afraid of](#)
[BDS?](#)

A short presentation on the three
core demands of the BDS
movement and its impact thus
far will be followed by an
audience discussion on the
challenges faced by BDS from
Israel's defenders.

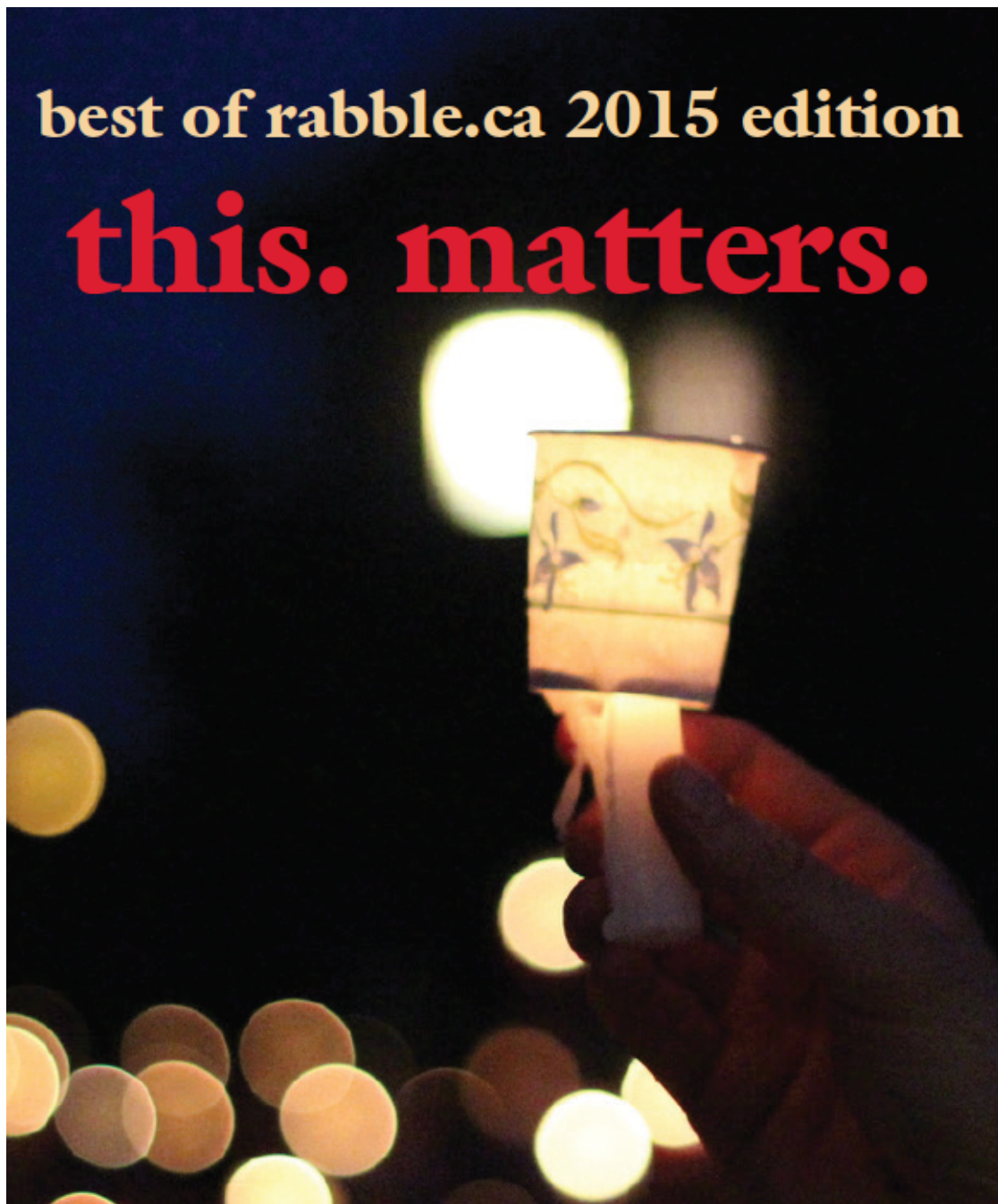
By Beit Zatoun

Winnipeg [Book launch and](#)
[community symposium for](#)
['Poor Housing: A Silent](#)
[Crisis'](#)

Come out to a book launch and

GET IT **HERE!**

WE RELEASED THE **BEST OF RABBLE.CA** 2015



EDITED BY **MICHAEL STEWART** AND **MEAGAN PERRY**, WITH **JESSICA ROSE**.

WHO VISITS RABBLE.CA? OUR SURVEY*

Fifty-two per cent of *rabble.ca*'s audience identified as men, 47 per cent as women.

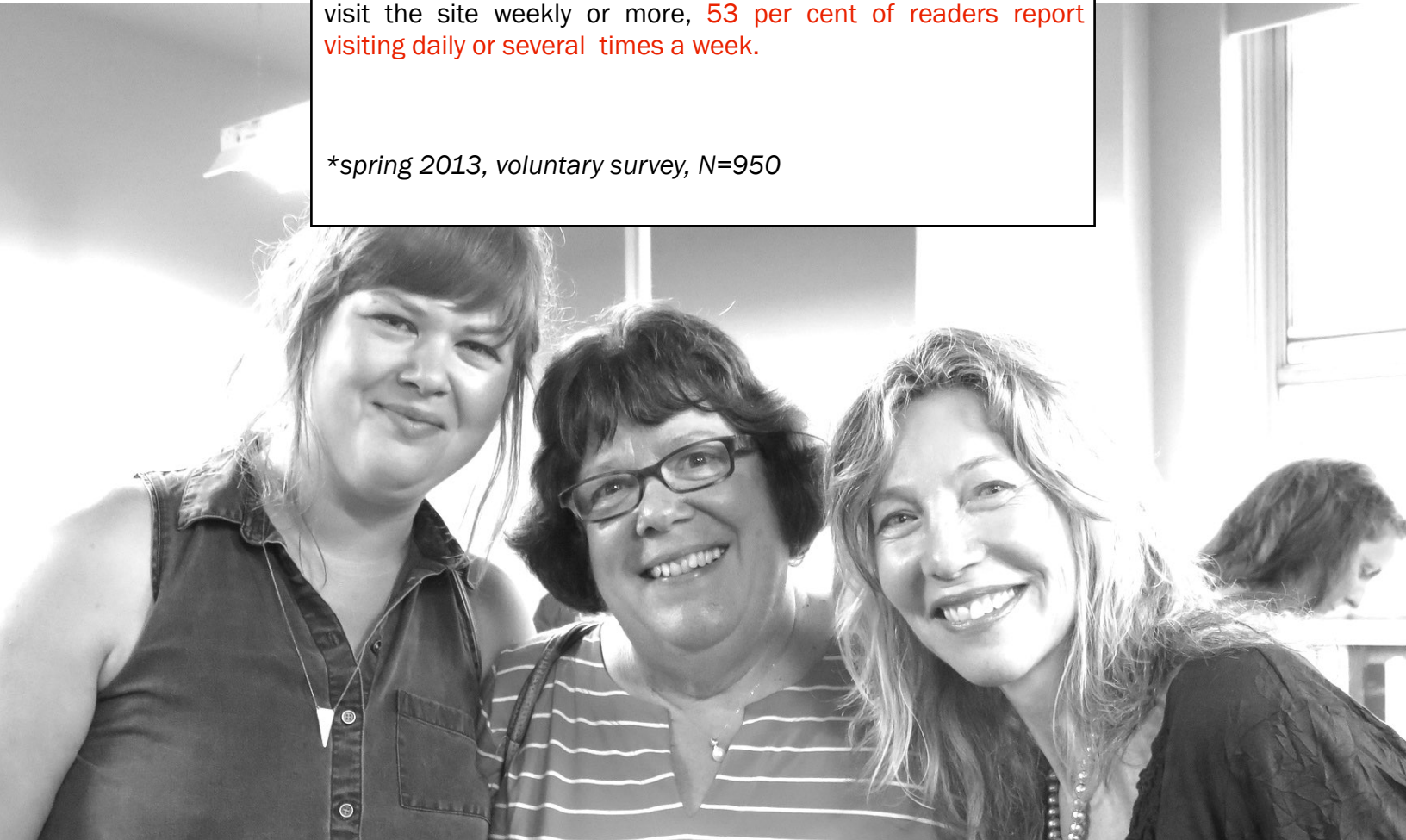
Much of our audience is from Ontario, which represents more than 40 per cent of the total. The next largest group came from British Columbia at more than 20 per cent of the total. About ten per cent of our audience is from the U.S.

rabble.ca readers are a highly educated group with over 80 percent reporting a post secondary school degree.

rabble.ca readers are highly involved with 70 percent 30 per cent doing volunteer work each week, 32 percent belonging to a trade union, 41 per cent belonging to a grassroots organization, 40 per cent to an NGO, 11 per cent to a religious organization.

rabble.ca readers are very loyal with 77 per cent reporting they visit the site weekly or more, 53 per cent of readers report visiting daily or several times a week.

*spring 2013, voluntary survey, N=950



NEWS AND FEATURES

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In 2015, the **Canadian federal election** dominated the news and features section—no surprises there! This election, rabble wanted to make its presence known—especially when it came down to progressive issues—and encourage people to get out and vote.

The fear of another era under the Harper Government was palpable and we found this manifested most in the conversation about voting itself. Many of our Indigenous readers and writers engaged in intense debate about whether to vote within the system—or not participate at all. Readers fiercely debated how to best heave Steve—through strategic voting and other tactics—and usher in a new era of Canadian politics.

Debates. This election had a few.

rabble covered each televised debate with live social media commentary (and hilarious witticisms) from a paid reporter. We followed each debate with a reported piece that substituted mainstream horse race stuff with real, progressive analysis. This expansion of coverage was well received by our readers and you can bet next election we'll be back at it.

We also took the opportunity to cover a couple debates outside the mainstream: **Up For Debate**, which focused specifically on women's issues, and the **Muslim Youth Debate**, which, of course, was hosted by and for the muslim community in Canada.

Finally, what's an election without a couple contentious voting battlegrounds? With the help of many rabble staff members, we identified several voting regions that were particularly important to the labour movement and/or the progressive vote and developed the **Votes Count Here** series. The seven articles produced just before the final vote informed readers in key swing ridings on why they should definitely get out and vote.

The election results saw Canada welcome in a new majority Liberal government with Justin Trudeau at its helm, the Conservative's become the official opposition and the NDP drop back to third-party status. The next day, rabble started planning for the [Trudeau Promise Watch](#).

Outside the election, the [Truth and Reconciliation Commission](#) recommendations became an important cornerstone in Canada and rabble took that to heart launching the "[Make Reconciliation Your Resolution](#)" series guiding readers on how best they can incorporate the 94 calls to action.

The continued mistreatment of migrant workers by the Harper government became all too real this year when on April 1 the new federal government rules set the stage for the largest set of deportations in Canada's history with an estimated 70,000 temporary foreign workers. We tackled this horrific issue with a short series delving into the actions of social justice groups, the personal effect on these workers and their children and the questionable (not to mention unethical) actions of the government and what is needed for real change.

At times, 2015 could be a little demoralizing, what with the Harper government ramming through some absolutely terrible bills like [Bill C-51](#). However, Canada's activist community was in full swing and we saw absolutely massive demonstrations organized to protest Bill C-51 with cross-Canada rallies, Harper's mistreatment of refugees with "[Refugees Welcome](#)" rallies, anti-Black racism with [Black Lives Matter](#) rallies and anti-union tactics with labour-supported rallies.

Two big-time campaigns were launched: the [Jobs, Justice, Climate March](#) and the [Leap Manifesto](#). Both of these sought to put things into the hands of the people and take action against the regressive policies that were dominating Canada.

The results of our work in 2015 have been clear and positive: our pieces have been translated and reprinted in community media papers, we've had [rabble.ca](#) writers included in academic publications and curricula, and we have reached out to new writers and grown our readership.

In 2016 we strive to bring more intersectional features and analysis and continue to be the leading voice for progressive news in Canada.

SOME NEWS AND FEATURES HIGHLIGHTS:

'Refugees Welcome' rallies expose Canada's broken immigration system

Lenée Son

In the wake of the Syrian refugee crisis and the death of a three-year-old Syrian-Kurdish boy Alan Kurdi, activist group No One Is Illegal is calling for a month of action.

Black Lives Matter in Canada too: Inside the movement

A. Spawliniski

Why are Black Lives Matter movements occurring in Toronto and who is leading this movement in Canada? Find this out and more about the future of the movement here.

Three things that tipped the scale for Nova Scotia's health-care unions

Ella Bedard

After a series of twists and turns, solidarity ultimately prevails in Nova Scotia's Bill 1 saga. Here's the backstory.

April 1 deadline looms for children of temporary foreign workers

Ethel Tunghohan

What does it mean to be undocumented? Ethel Tunghohan interviewed temporary foreign workers about the impact the "4 and 4" rule will have on them and their families.

Indian and Cowboy lays the foundation for an Indigenous media revolution

Roshini Nair

What is Indian and Cowboy? An Indigenous multimedia network led by Ryan McMahon that is changing the face of media in Canada. Read this exclusive interview with McMahon.

No to surveillance: Unions push Liberals to repeal Bill C-51

Cory Collins

As Canada's privacy commissioner calls for "complete and exhaustive" debate, labour leaders worry that changes could be "cosmetic" in absence of a Royal Commission.



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The day of the TRC Final Report: On being in this world without wanting it

Billy-Ray Belcourt

Reconciliation can be your something, but it can't be our everything. This world isn't for us anymore, and Indigenous peoples are building ones that can hold all of us.

#BlackOnCampus spreads to Canada

Muna Mire

Muna Mire spoke with student organizers at the University of Guelph who have been at the centre of the Canadian #BlackOnCampus movement to find out what the fight looks like on Canadian campuses.

Here's how you can help your church educate about its role in residential schools

Christina Turner

Do you belong to a church? Then there are some very clear precedents for how to proceed if you want to implement call to action #59 in your life.

This election, politicians and media have you thinking about what matters... to them

Mike Barber

Frustrated about what isn't being talked about this election? Professor Bob Hackett explains why.



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Megan Hooff
Sally Houser
Michael Hudson
Dru Oja Jay
Juan Carlos Jimenez
Daniel Heath Justice
Marcella Jones
Azeezah Kanji
Abubakar N. Kasim
Miriam Katawazi
Christopher Karas
Tyson Kelsall
Judy Kennedy
Shenaz Kermalli
Aaliya Khan
Michael C. Klein
Alyse Kotyk
Kim Koyama
Faisal Kutty
H. Peter Langille
Irene Lanzinger
Aiyana Lauridsen
Gordon Laxer
Legal Strategy Coalition on Violence Against Indigenous Women
Emmet Livingstone
Nora Loreto
Robert Lovelace
Greg Macdougall

Kathryn Mandell
Haseena Manek
Miranda Massie
Tristan Markle
Katie Mazer
Gene McGuckin
Sharon McIvor
Kaitlin McNabb
Beth McKellar
Jesse McLaren
Ryan Meili
Sally Miller
Angela Misri
Muna Mire
Hodan Mohamed
Ry Moran
Heather Morgan
Jean-Paul Murray
MUSKRAT Magazine
Viji Murugaiyah
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Roshini Nair
Ajamu Nangwaya
Joyce Nelson
Doreen Nicoll
Sharon O Nyangweso
Ontario Federation of Labour
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Ethel Tungohan
Jen Turner
Christina Turner
Gus Van Harten
Raksha Vasudevan
Soledad Vega
Tom Voloumanos
Jessica Vomiero
H.G. Watson
Ken Watts
Sarah Waurechen
Paul Weinberg
James Wilt
Rita Wong
Ann Wright
Daniel James Wright
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Leehi Yona
Maisaa Youssef
Toby Zanin



COLUMNS



Editorial Staff: Michelle Gregus, **Managing Editor**

In addition to original news stories, in-depth features and provocative interviews, 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.

In 2015, our columnists spoke out about a range of issues affecting Canadians, including politics, Indigenous rights, civil liberties, reproductive rights, arts and culture, environmental justice, and much, much more.

Our columnists contribute to rabble.ca on a regular basis, appearing weekly, biweekly or monthly in the columns section. Watch for your favourites at their regular times each month! We publish at least one column per day and between five to eight columns each week.

In 2016, watch for more progressive analysis from a variety of perspectives, as well as exciting new additions to our columns line-up.

PROGRESSIVE COLUMNS THAT HELD UP IN 2015

Harper's voter suppression plan: Coming soon to a polling station near you

Linda McQuaig

Stephen Harper's re-election strategy depended on a lot of you not voting. And if you messed with his plan by showing up at the polling station on Election Day, he was prepared for that, too.

'Trust me, I'm lying': The dark side of election 2015

Duncan Cameron

Tom Mulcair and the NDP caucus did a great job in undermining the credibility of the Harper government; then Justin Trudeau reaped the rewards by sowing doubts about "Tom Mulcair's NDP."

Taking back our country from the scourge of Harperism

Ralph Surette

A sinister culture of fear and control has been created that runs through the vital organs of Canadian public life. To overcome it, we need a cleansing of the scourge of a corrosive ideology.

This is your prime minister on drugs

Julie Devaney

It may appear that harm reduction and safe-injection sites are peripherally related to the campaign for a national pharmacare plan, but the Harper government's drug policies inextricably link them.





The worst: Canada's economy under the Harper government

Jim Stanford

These numbers are going to shock you: there is no other time in Canada's post-war economic history in which Canada's economy has performed worse than it did under the Harper government.

The backwater of P.E.I. abortion politics

Joyce Arthur

How is it possible that in the year 2015, some Canadians still can't access abortion in their own province and are being forced to risk their health and safety? It's anti-choice politics all the way.

'This system hasn't killed me yet': A roundtable on gendered colonial violence

Harsha Walia

In advance of this year's 25th Women's Memorial March, Harsha Walia hosted a roundtable with four Indigenous women leaders who have been taking action against colonial gendered violence for decades.

The false debate between freedom of expression and religious extremism

Monia Mazigh

After the deadly attack on French magazine Charlie Hebdo, many reduced the event to a confrontation between an armed jihadist and a pen. A simple representation, yet it is powerful and misleading.

2015 rabble.ca columnists

Retiree Matters
Pro Bono
Josh Tabish and Steve Anderson
(OpenMedia)
Duncan Cameron
Elizabeth Littlejohn
Harsha Walia
Trish Hennessy (Hennessy's Index)
Ish Theilheimer
Joyce Arthur
Julie Devaney
June Chua
Meghan Murphy (Left in Love)
Marc Zwelling
Matthew Behrens
Mehdi Rizvi
Monia Mazigh
Murray Dobbin
Ole Hendrickson
Thomas Ponniah
Wayne MacPhail

Reprinted columns:

Stephen Leahy
Amy Goodman
Alice Klein
Naomi Klein
Linda McQuaig
Rick Salutin
Jim Stanford
Ralph Surette

Contributors to multi-authored columns:

Retiree Matters

Angus Ricker
Pat Kerwin
Shauna Vert
Tony Cote

Pro-bono

Celia Chandler
Brian Iler
Kirsten Iler
Priya Sarin
Laura Bowman
Shelina Ali



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Interns: Jessica Prupas, Lenée Son, Jen Halsall

Simply put, the blogs section at rabble.ca is where the cool kids and their cool mentors hang out. It can be by turn humorous and irreverent, thoughtful and nuanced. It is the section quickest to respond to current events. It is the most diverse space in Canada for political and cultural criticism with daily posts by Indigenous, feminist, anti-racist, queer, trans writers and writers of colour.

Blogs at rabble.ca are *feisty*. They *bite*. They didn't come here to give a damn, they came here to change the world. And that was never truer than in 2015, a year that felt like it had two or three years jammed into 12 calendar months.

2015 marked the 200th anniversary of the birth of Sir John A. MacDonald, our inestimable first prime minister. [Jesse McLaren](#) eviscerated that hero myth in a viral piece, "Ten crimes of John A. MacDonald."

Reason number one we love rabble.ca blogger [Pamela Palmater](#): she wears camo to Canadian Senate hearings. And in a blistering *tour de force*, Dr. Palmater shreds Canada's reputation as a responsible steward of its First Nations and in no uncertain terms, lays out how Canada's indifference is killing its Indigenous people.

Sometimes feisty comes with generosity and verve – which is why [Erin Wunker](#)'s eloquence on the plight of contract academic faculty at Canadian universities is so desperately arresting. In a succession of simple, gentle strokes, she crafts a picture so clear and incriminating of the state of higher education that will leave you shaking.

[Susan Wright](#) takes Stephen Harper's flagship law, Bill C-51, and with some biting satire, offers some advice as to how we might manage to avoid its clutches once one of the most undemocratic, sweeping and frightening legislation comes into law.





Blogs Editor [Michael Stewart](#) penned rabble's most-read piece in 2015, on the double standard applied to Laura Robinson, a brave, award-winning and truly fearless journalist who saw her career destroyed and reputation slandered because she took the side of 45 First Nations children against one powerful white man.

If there was a high point in 2015 for progressive politics, it came on May 6. Alberta elected a majority NDP government sweeping out decades of unbroken Conservative rule. [David Climenhaga](#) has been sowing the lonely row of progressive politics in Alberta for years—so allow him a moment of pure delight when the Orange Wave kicked the bums out.

2015 was also the year of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission for Canada's disgraceful Indian Residential Schools. The entire process was immense, in scope and spirit, and its reverberations will be felt for generations. And yet, as [Samantha Nock](#) points out to us in her characteristic grace and force, the Métis people were excluded. The chance for Canada and First Nations to hear their stories must yet wait.

There was a federal election too. Remember that? [rabble.ca](#) made it our mission to challenge the mainstream media's received narratives about the three major parties. [Toby Sanger](#)'s look at fiscal responsibility was exemplary. Against received wisdom, Toby found that the NDP, by far, have the most fiscally responsible record of any federal party.

Finally, the always rebellious [Lucia Lorenzi](#) looked back on the year that feminism broke out. Or was supposed to—after campus rape chants, Jian Ghomeshi, and Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women finally making primetime news clips—only to find that little had changed and the bulk of the work to heal was still left to women and survivors.

For 2016, [rabble.ca](#)'s blogs section will continue to seek out the best and most thoughtful progressive analysis in Canada.

SELECT RABBLE.CA BLOG HIGHLIGHTS



Jesse McLaren, [Ten crimes of John A. Macdonald](#), Jan 9

Pamela Palmater, [Canada's negligence and indifference is killing Indigenous people](#), Feb 20

Erin Wunker, [Crisis in academic labour puts Canadian universities on the brink](#), Mar 10

Susan Wright, [How to stay under the radar when Bill C-51 becomes law](#), Mar 22

Michael Stewart, [The media's responses to Jian Ghomeshi and John Furlong exposés are extraordinary](#), April 9

David Climenhaga, [Pinch me! Am I dreaming? Canada's 'most conservative' province elects an NDP majority](#), May 6

Samantha Nock, [Metis survivors of residential schools still waiting for reconciliation](#), June 9

Michael Keefer, [The dimensions of the 2011 voter suppression fraud gravely underreported](#), Sept 9

Bonnie Burstow, [Standing tall, thinking clearly: Threats against feminists at University of Toronto](#), Sept 13

Toby Sanger, [The NDP, by far, have the most fiscally responsible record of any federal party](#), Sept 29

Nora Loreto, [The problem of representation in the neoliberal age](#), Nov 3

Lucia Lorenzi, [One year after Ghomeshi watershed moment, the labour of healing still falls on women](#), Nov 12

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1914: The Great War, 100 Years Later
A Halfbreed's Reasoning
Aalya Ahmad
Aaron Paquette's Blog
Activist Communiqué
Adventures in the eBook Game
Alberta Diary
Alexandre Boulerice
Am Johal's blog
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Artful Change
Battered Women's Support Services blog
Behind The Numbers
Blind Man with a Pistol
Bob Wiseman's blog
bored but not broken
Bound but not gagged
Brad Hornick's blog
Brent Patterson
Brian Topp
Campus Notes
Canadian Association of Labour Media (CALM)
Canadian Voice of Women for Peace
Cathy Crowe's blog
Charlie Angus's blog
Child Care Canada Now
Christine Saulnier's blog
Christopher Majka
Climate Action Network Canada
Code Pink Delegations to Gaza
Common Frontiers
Corvin Russell'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
DeSmog Canada
Diary of a Lipstick Terrorist
Dionne Brand's blog
Dogwood Initiative
Don Tapscott's blog
Donald Gutstein's blog
Dr. Dawg's Blawg
Earth Rising
Eat Local!
Eat Your Words!
Economic Democracy

Education in the Age of Climate Change
Elizabeth May
Ellen Woodsworth
Emma Pullman
Enter Up Left
Environmental Defence's blog
Eva Bartlett In Gaza
F Is for Feminist
February 14 – Why I march
Feminist Current
Film Festivals in Toronto (FFIT)
FLOSS blog
Fred Wilson's blog
Free Expression Watch
Gerry Caplan's blog
Global Exchange
Haiti-Canada Blog
Hans Vascht
Healthy Skepticism
Hill Dispatches
How they play the game
Ian Capstick's Blog
Independent Jewish Voices
Indigenous Nationhood
James Laxer's Blog
Jerry Dias's Blog
Jessica Bell's blog
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Nora Loreto's blog
Northern Plains Drifter
Northwest Notes
Now Playing in Progressive Film
On The Other Hand
On the Road to the PSF
Open Media's blog

Parkland Institute's blog
Peoples for Mother Earth
Pierre Beaudet's Blog
Policy Note
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Sheila Block's blog
Solidarity: from Occupy Toronto to Attawapiskat
Song of the Watermelon
Staffroom Confidential
Stephen Kimber's Blog
Steven Shrybman's blog
StopWar Blog
Stories from the COP 20 Canadian Youth Delegation
Susan on the Soapbox
Syed Hussan's blog
Tariq Jeeroburkhan's blog
The Activist Toolkit Blog
The Belle Jar
The Body Politic
The Gaza solidarity blog
The Journalism Doctor
The Left Coast Post
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The Media Consortium Blog
The Media Studies blog
The Muckraker
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The whirling girlish
The Whole Picture
Thomas Saczkowski's blog
Time for change
Tria Donaldson's blog
Trish Hennessy's Blog
Uzma Shakir's blog
Vegan Challenge for Earth Week
Velcrow Ripper's blog
Vern Edwards' blog
Voices North
Wayne Roberts's blog
What's the plan?
Your Heart's On The Left
Yves Engler's Blog

KARL NERENBERG

RABBLE.CA'S REPORTER ON THE HILL

The year Prime Minister Stephen Harper won his first majority government, [rabble.ca](#) hired Karl Nerenberg as our first Parliamentary Correspondent in our Ottawa bureau. This year, Stephen is warming the backbenches while Karl is still plying his trade on the Hill.

A veteran journalist from CBC's *The House* and [award-winning documentary filmmaker](#), Karl and his sweeping knowledge of the intricacies of parliamentary procedure and Canadian political history instantly made its mark on the national media landscape.

It wasn't long before other independent media organizations were scrambling to find their own Ottawa reporters. But once again, [rabble.ca was first](#).

As we saw throughout 2015, the Harper Conservatives were responsible for some of [the most destructive legislation Canada has ever seen](#): Anti-terrorism Bill C-51, balanced budget legislation, Fair elections act and Bill C-24, among them.

Oh, and not to mention the inhuman cuts to refugee health care, the baffling Senate Scandal, attacks on unions, cuts to Canada Post to name a few egregious attacks. Karl was [there through it all](#).

During 2015, Karl was there to not only expand and debunk, but also, and perhaps more importantly, present the reader with the severity of the issue. In the nine-year Harper run it was easy to get jaded and pass off yet another Harper-approved bill, but Karl made sure readers were aware when their and others' freedoms were at stake and what it would mean for Canada's future.

Karl's reporting on Parliament Hill and his insightful, [in-depth knowledge of the workings and history of Canadian politics](#) brings a high level of analysis to [rabble](#). His encyclopedic memory and impressive experience make his pieces a must-read for all those striving to understand our country and political climate better.

In 2016, Karl has made it his special mission to report on the Trudeau government—to give it kudos when deserved, but, more importantly, [hold it to account](#) for its many election promises and of course, what is best for a new, progressive Canada.

We'll look forward to Karl on [Trudeau Promise Watch 2016](#).



RPN

RABBLE PODCAST NETWORK

Staff: Victoria Fenner, **RPN Executive Producer**; Meagan Perry, **Editor-in-Chief**

Interns: Tanya Hill, Roshini Nair, T.K. Matunda



The year 2015 was Party Year for the **rabble podcast network**, which **turned 10 in 2015**.

Back when the rabble podcast network first began there was no iTunes, no iPhones, and few people knew what a podcast was – now, people talk on their daily commute and at work about the latest podcasts they're listening to. When the rabble podcast network was founded in 2005, it was one of the first organizations to venture into the medium with a clear vision of how podcasting can serve as important tool for citizen journalists to add their voice to the public dialogue.

At rabble.ca, we believe podcasts are the most democratic medium to come along since, well, the internet itself. At present, the rpn's extensive collection of Canadian podcasts offer an alternative take on politics, entertainment, society, stories, community and life in general.

Each podcast is hosted on a platform tailored specifically by rabble.ca. Most podcasts are produced by individuals with little more than a laptop, a microphone, and opinions or ideas they want to share.

And so, we marked the anniversary of the rabble podcast network with a free public event worthy of its 10-year history, held on September 10 at the Centre for Social Innovation's Annex in Toronto.



Listen Here! Celebrating 10 years of Democracy, Technology and Podcasting featured an all-star panel discussion with Nora Young, host of the CBC Radio show Spark; Meagan Perry, Editor-in-chief of rabble.ca and former RPN Executive Producer; Wayne MacPhail, Director of Emerging Media at rabble.ca; Rick Harp, editor-in-chief at MEDIA INDIGENA, an interactive, multimedia magazine dedicated to Indigenous news, views and creative expression; and Victoria Fenner, the rabble podcast network's executive producer.

This year the rabble podcasters produced over 500 podcasts on progressive issues from breaking coverage of The Leap Manifesto in October (on Needs No Introduction), and a whole collection of podcasts featuring interviews from The Toronto Film Festival (Face2Face), and a new podcast "My Personal Canada" featuring stories about the experiences of new Canadians.

And last but certainly not least, our Election Soundup Specials during the exciting and nerve-wracking fall federal election. One of the best outcomes of our Election Soundup series? Our parliamentary reporter Karl Nerenberg tried out podcasting to see how he liked it. He did, and plans are in the works for a regular Karl podcast from The Hill.

We hear a lot more possibilities for the rabble podcast network in the years to come. We're beginning our second decade with more ideas than ever. Here's to the next decade of "new voices in your head" on the rabble podcast network.

2015'S PARTICULARLY POPULAR

Rabble Radio

Happy birthday, rabble podcast network!

Needs No Introduction

Listen Here! Celebrating 10 years of Democracy, Technology and Podcasting

My Personal Canada

From Kenya to Canada -- An Introduction

Feminist Current

What could a Liberal majority mean for Indigenous communities?

Living On Purpose

Duno (DO Know) Awards

rabble book lounge

Our Ice Is Vanishing: Sikuvut Nunguligtug

Redeye

Parents shifting away from car ownership

face2face

Guanatamo's Child, Omar Khadr

Talking Radical Radio

Another politics: Movement-building in the twenty-first century

MsRepresent

'Because we knew we could': Mariachi music and tearing down machismo



RPN HOSTS 28 PODCASTS PRODUCED BY OVER 50 PODCASTERS. BELOW ARE THE PODCASTS AND THE REGULAR PODCASTERS FROM 2015

Podcasters

Aiyanas Ormond
Andrew Sayo
Andrew Wong
F Word Collective
Asia Pacific Currents Collective
Cathi Bond
Charlene Sayo
Dan Kellar
David Peck
Derrick O'Keefe
Eirene Cloma
Erica Butler
Emily Slofstra
Alert Radio: Michael Welch, Mitch Podolak
NOII Collective: Robyn Maynard, Jaggi Singh
Democracy North Collective: David P. Ball, Derrick O'Keefe, Jane Bouey, Irwin Oostindie
Dispatch Collective: Ian Hussey, Kyle Dupont
F-Word: Nicole Deagan, Ellie Gordon-Moerschel,
Redeye Collective: Jane Williams, Manuel Schulte,
Mordecai Briemberg, Peter Driftmier
Heather Yundt
Helen Caldicott
Ian Hussey
Irwin Oostindie
Jasmin Williams
Jennifer Efting
Jiselle Hanna
John Bonnar
Lynn Thompson
Mark Brooks
MaryCarl Guiao
Matthew Adams
Meghan Senese
Meagan Perry
Meghan Murphy
Piergiorgio Moro
Riaz Sayani-Mulji
Stephanie Pinch

Podcasts

Africafiles: The Pulse
Alert! Radio from Canadian Dimension
Alternatives Podcast
Asia Pacific Currents
Aw@l
Citizen Science
Constructing Change – Activist toolkit
Democracy north
Face2Face
F Word
Film festivals in Toronto
Feminist Current
Green Planet Monitor
Groundwire Radio
Habitat
John Bonnar Audio Blog
Living On Purpose
Migrant Matters
Ms. Represent
Needs No Introduction
No One Is Illegal
People's Health Radio
Progressive Voices
rabble radio
radio book lounge
Redeye
Talking Radical Radio
Watch me: Movie reviews with Cathi Bond

THE ACTIVIST TOOLKIT

Staff: Maya Bhullar, **Activist Toolkit Coordinator**; Kim Elliott, **Publisher**



The goal of the Lynn Williams Activist Toolkit is to support grassroots activism. Launched in 2013, the **Lynn Williams Activist Toolkit**, was conceived as a radical wiki-style space for organizers to share, discuss and create tools for organizing from the ground up. **Lynn Williams** is a labour organizer, activist and the first Canadian to become International President of the United Steelworkers.

The Toolkit reflects William's dedicated work as a life-long activist, providing organizers and communities with access to guides, workshop outlines, open source software, copy-left images, activist histories and more. The **Toolkit's blog and podcast** keep lived experiences at the forefront of these resources.

In 2015, Maya Bhullar, a long-time activist, took over the role of coordinating the Lynn Williams Activist Toolkit after our former coordinator, Steffanie Pinch, left **rabble.ca** to pursue other interests.

Boy, did Maya hit the ground running. She was already working with the coalitions opposing Bill C-51, and helped rabble get an **exclusive interview with Chris Hedges** while managing the press relations for the 10,000 person Toronto Stop Bill C-51 rally in March 2015. The Hedges interview earned over 55,000 hits.

As part of our election coverage, the Activist Toolkit launched **GoVote**, a toolkit to help get out the vote. During the course of the election, Maya and the *rabble.ca* team posted and disseminated over 100 tools on GoVote to amplify the work being done by organizations across Canada to get out the vote.

In 2015, the Toolkit also developed a new category for sharing research and reports called... DRUMROLL...**"reports."** Despite the uninspired title, "reports" is about sharing some of the inspiring information and data that is so essential to the work of activists.

The Toolkit has also relaunched the Constructing Change podcast, with the help of RPN Executive Producer Victoria Fenner and podcast intern TK Matunda. Maya will continue to work closely with the **awesome RPN network** to continue to bring us stories that we can act on.

The Lynn Williams Activist Toolkit continues to grow and will continue to amplify and support the work being done by activists across the country.



THE BOOK LOUNGE

Staff: Kaitlin McNabb, **Books Coordinator**

Interns: Lauren Scott and Clarissa Fortin

Every year the **rabble book lounge** has pushed itself to dig for the gems of Canadian literature that have perhaps been ignored by mainstream media. We pride ourselves on seeking out the stellar work produced by Canadian authors and Canadian publishers in a range of genres from anti-oppression to Indigenous rights to Canadian poetry and this year was no exception.

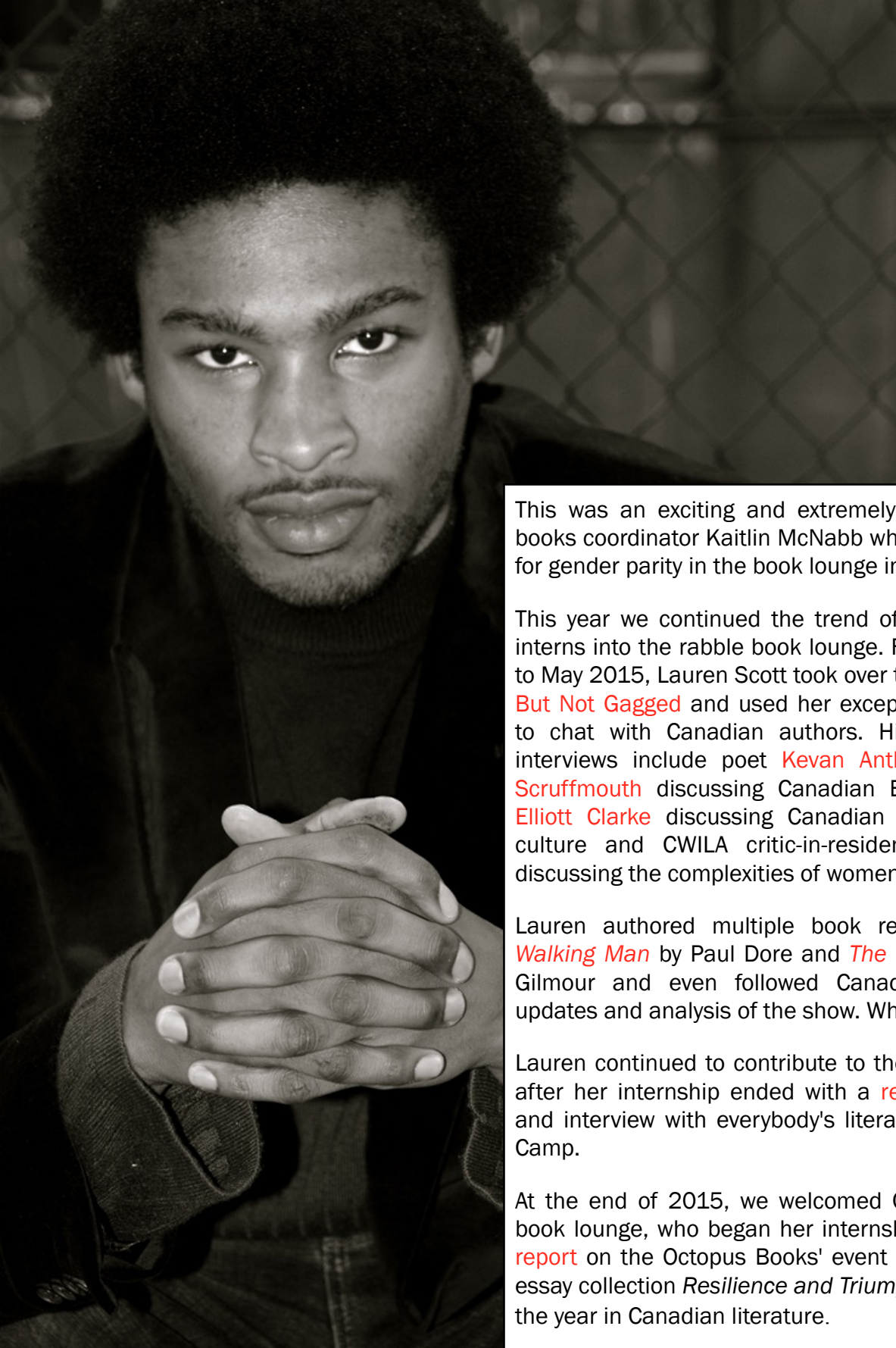
Unsurprisingly, this was a big year for books challenging and critiquing the Harper government. We saw several of our book reviews about Canadian politics and Stephen Harper go viral as our audience craved the discussion prior to the federal election.

Our reviewers made sure readers were aware of the disastrous Harper legacy with politically charged reviews like *The real legacy of Stephen Harper* by Meg Borthwick and *Oh, Canada: Harper's systematic attack on democracy and media* by Amira Elghawaby.

Continued in our focus in the book lounge was an awareness of the principles the Canadian Women in Literary Arts (CWILA) annual review count has instilled.

In 2014, we **received some of our best results** yet with an even split between books authored by men and women at 44.74 per cent respectively and 2.63 per cent author by non-binary authors, 5.26 per cent authored by mixed gender co-authors and 2.63 per cent authored by various authors.

We also saw a jump in the number of female reviewers at 63.16 per cent while male reviewers represented 36.84 per cent. When broken down even further, we found the men were reviewing books by women and men equally at 50 per cent and women were reviewing books by women and men equally as well at 41.67 per cent, and also reviewing non-binary authors and co-authored and group-authored books.



This was an exciting and extremely promising result for books coordinator Kaitlin McNabb who will continue to aim for gender parity in the book lounge in 2016.

This year we continued the trend of welcoming fantastic interns into the rabble book lounge. From November 2014 to May 2015, Lauren Scott took over the books blog *Bound But Not Gagged* and used her exceptional interview skills to chat with Canadian authors. Highlights of Lauren's interviews include poet *Kevan Anthony Cameron A.K.A Scruffmouth* discussing Canadian Black poetry, *George Elliott Clarke* discussing Canadian literature and Black culture and CWILA critic-in-residence *Lucas Crawford* discussing the complexities of women's literature.

Lauren authored multiple book reviews including *The Walking Man* by Paul Dore and *The Green Hotel* by Jesse Gilmour and even followed Canada Reads with blog updates and analysis of the show. Whew!

Lauren continued to contribute to the rabble book lounge after her internship ended with a *review of Night Moves* and interview with everybody's literary crush Richard Van Camp.

At the end of 2015, we welcomed Clarissa Fortin to the book lounge, who began her internship with a *fascinating report* on the Octopus Books' event celebrating the 2015 essay collection *Resilience and Triumph* and a look back at the year in Canadian literature.

2015 was a year of many achievements in the book lounge and we look forward to continuing to push ourselves in 2016!

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2015'S RABBLE BOOK LOUNGE REVIEWS:

'Captive Revolution' liberates narratives of Palestinian women, by Azeezah Kanji

Why it's great: This book's look into Palestinian women's participation in the anti-colonial, anti-imperialist and national liberation movements is a much-needed perspective on a complicated situation. Azeezah reviews this with an exceptional understanding and knowledge of the conflict and human rights.

Why you should read this: Ever since Azeezah first graced rabble with her words, I have been a huge, huge fan of hers and have tried to get her writing into just about every section of rabble. Her analysis is spot on and her writing is crisp and bold. She wrote multiple reviews this year, all of which are a must.

Refugee stories: Flight, freedom and Canada, by Sarah Hipworth

Why it's great: This book asks the important questions about Canada's humanitarian legacy and allows the answers to illuminate the immigration policy under Harper. In our new era under Justin Trudeau this book takes on even more urgency and the book's editors tell us why.

Why you should read this: The care and respect Sarah brings to her reviews is outstanding. She is another repeat offender in the book lounge, with this review going above and beyond asking questions about Canada's humanitarian legacy.

Corporatization of Canadian universities leaves students and faculty on the brink, by Michael Stewart

Why it's great: The ongoing corporatization of Canadian universities is a huge issue. This book documents – in impressive detail – the corporate influence on these institutions and how students have been bamboozled into massive debt and precarious employment.

Why you should read this: With a little arm-twisting, slight crying and outright begging, I was able to convince rabble's blogs coordinator to write this review. Kidding! When you ask "Who can write about

corporatizing Canadian universities?" Michael Stewart always answers "I can."

Oh, Canada: Harper's systematic attack on democracy and media, by Amira Elghawaby

Why it's great: Two reasons: 1. Harper's attack on democracy and media was so egregious that it was completely unbelievable and needed to be exposed and stopped. 2. Harper is no longer our prime minister.

Why you should read this: Amira absolutely tears it up in this review and tears down Harper's legacy into little pieces, which we used as confetti as he was voted out. Amira is one of my go-to Canadian political reviewers – she is another serial reviewer – and after reading this review, you will know why.

Capitalism must die! Your economic guidebook to revolution, by Aaron Leonard

Why it's great: *Spoiler alert:* capitalism is terrible. How do we know? Because author Stephanie McMillian's colourful cartoons definitely told us so! Her playful blend of colours and style is inviting and brings us in to the serious message that capitalism is definitely destroying the world.

Why you should read this: Aaron Leonard conducts a very illuminating interview with the author where she candidly discusses why we so urgently need to defeat capitalism. Couldn't be a better time to read it.

Amber Dawn connects luxury and logic between body and soul, by Tiana Reid

Why it's great: Amber Dawn is a powerful voice in Canadian writing and this book, her first poetry collection, adds to that reputation. Her poems are pleasurable, passionate and personal and infused with a literary influence that makes everything magical.

Why you should read this: It is always a pleasure to have Tiana write in the book lounge. Always. Her discussion of this poetry collection is incredibly thoughtful and nuanced and really reflects the luxury and richness felt throughout the book.

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Staff: Meg Borthwick; Michael Stewart

Supporting Moderator: Frank Preyde

This past year has been an explosive one in Canadian politics and nowhere is that better reflected than on **babble**. During the months leading up to the election the Canadian Politics forum was abuzz with speculation and the polling thread was particularly active.

At times the discussion among NDP, Liberal and Green supporters was quite heated and a few temporary suspensions were handed out. The aftermath of the election was no less heated with a small band of Liberal supporters up against quite a bit of criticism of the new Liberal government.

The Harper Government sparked outrage when it pushed through **Bill C-51** and there was much partisan discussion when the Liberal Party voted in favour of the bill. As **Canada Post** cuts to service were hastily pushed through in the final days of the Harper administration, there was discussion of direct actions people were taking against the cuts.

We had more than one thread on the **Alberta Tar Sands** and how First Nations were leading the fight against pipeline expansion. Line 9 was activated and TransCanada's Energy East pipeline was the topic of much discussion.

It will certainly be interesting to see babblers' reactions to the National Energy Board's process for approval of Energy East, given that some of our contributors are anti-pipeline activists. Will the NEB be any more responsive under a Liberal government? Time will tell.



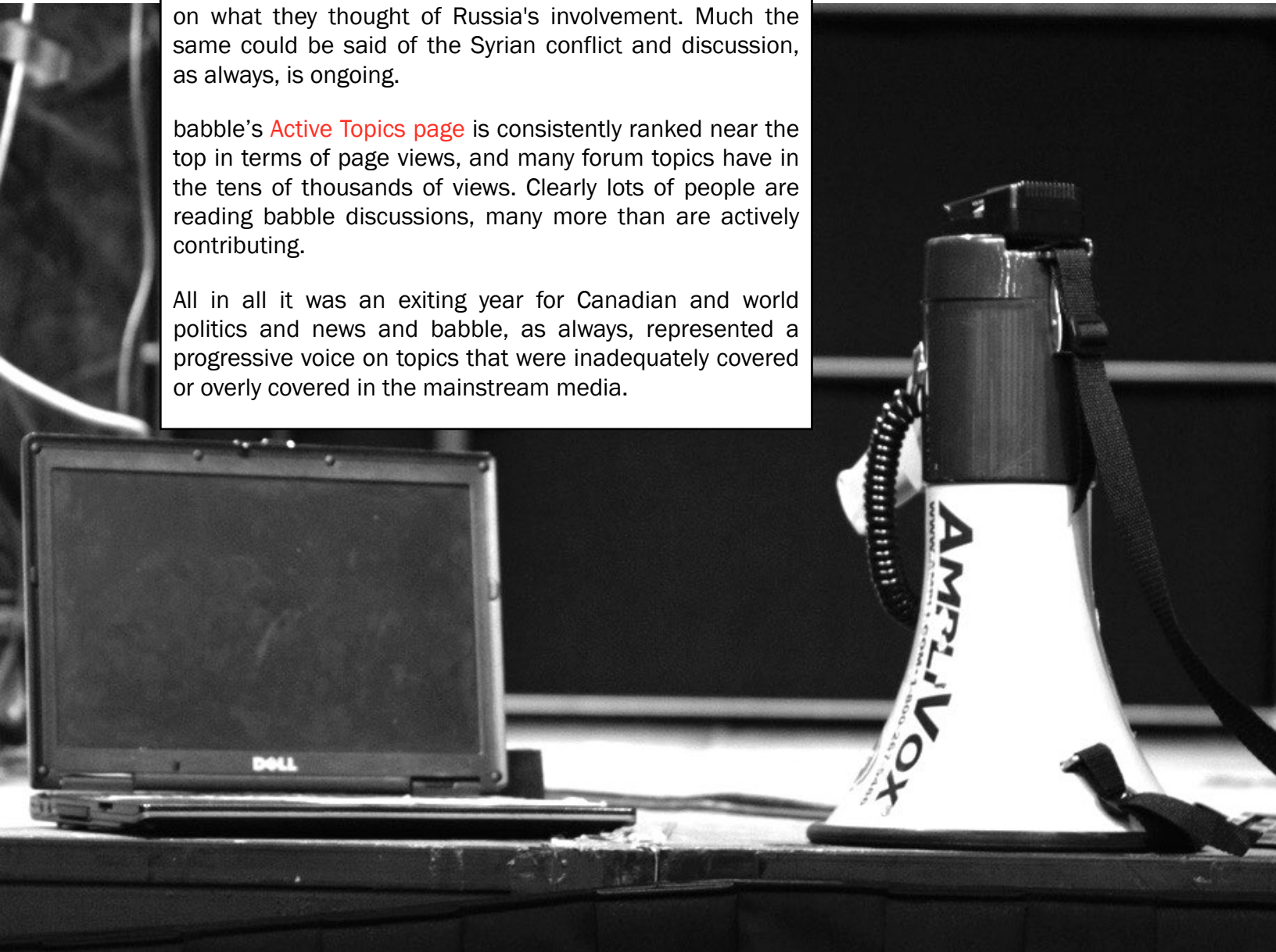
In the International News forum the focus was consistently on the Syrian conflict. While opinions varied on Canada's military presence, most agreed that Canada's role should be partly or fully restricted to humanitarian aid.

And like the rest of the world, babblers were stunned by the image of the body of Alan Kurdi washed up on a beach in Turkey and refugee threads were created or revived.

Charlie Hebdo—love them or hate them—is always a controversial topic, especially after the shooting that left 12 dead. *Ukraine* was also a hot topic, with babblers divided on what they thought of Russia's involvement. Much the same could be said of the Syrian conflict and discussion, as always, is ongoing.

babble's *Active Topics* page is consistently ranked near the top in terms of page views, and many forum topics have in the tens of thousands of views. Clearly lots of people are reading babble discussions, many more than are actively contributing.

All in all it was an exiting year for Canadian and world politics and news and babble, as always, represented a progressive voice on topics that were inadequately covered or overly covered in the mainstream media.



IN CAHOOTS

Share your news with the world on *rabble.ca*! in cahoots is our readers' direct link to stories from civil society partners. From the top of *rabble.ca*'s front page, we link directly to social movement groups with news events and urgent issues. **In Cahoots** membership is charged on a sliding scale designed to match an organization's ability to pay.

All Sustaining Partner organizations are in cahoots members.

Staff: Dave Molenhuis, **in cahoots** Editor; Kaitlin McNabb, **in cahoots** editorial editor

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CANADIAN CENTRE FOR POLICY ALTERNATIVES

Saving the green economy, Ontario's Green Energy Act and the WTO

Nov 25 2013

New study examines the WTO ruling on Ontario's Green Energy Act, its implications, and options moving forward.



UNITED FOOD AND COMMERCIAL WORKERS

UFCW union joins global action for fairness and respect at Walmart

Nov 22 2013

UFCW Canada is proud to stand with allies and activists around the globe to urge Walmart to become the responsible employer and corporate citizen that it can and should be.



COUNCIL OF CANADIANS

Message to Canada's Infinito Gold: Drop your outrageous billion-dollar lawsuit against Costa Rica!

Rica!

Nov 22 2013

Calgary-based Infinito is suing the Costa Rican government for over \$1 billion because it rejected the company's plan to build an open-pit gold mine in a tropical forest.



FOOD SECURE CANADA

Festival of Food Ideas in Montreal

Nov 22 2013

A Festival of Food Ideas welcomes food leaders from across Canada in Montreal.



CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

CUPE marks the Transgender Day of Remembrance

Nov 20 2013

in cahoots members 2015:

BC Teachers' Federation
Canada Health Coalition
Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives
Canadians for Tax Fairness
Food Secure Canada
InterPares
Mining Watch
Ontario Health Coalition
Sierra Club Canada
Socialist Worker
United Food and Commercial Workers

Sustaining Partners 2015:

The Council of Canadians
The Canadian Labour Congress
Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario
British Columbia Government Employees Union (NUPGE)
Hospital Employees Union
Public Service Alliance of Canada
Canadian Union of Public Employees
Canadian Union of Postal Workers
National Union of Public and General Employees
Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation
Unifor

RABBLETV

rabbletv is more than a collection of great videos. We present live internet video coverage of events (livestreaming), video commentary (“Not Rex”), Canadian music videos and “best of the net” gems for your viewing pleasure. **rabbletv** is just a click away! In 2015 we expanded to Google Hangout, hosting a live post-federal election debrief.

Staff: Kaitlin McNabb, **News Coordinator,**

Livestream, Google Hangout, and Live Coverage

Staff and Volunteers:

Kim Elliott, **Publisher;** Tor Sandberg (*Livestream consultant*), Wayne MacPhail (*Consultant*), Jase Tanner (*Livestream technician*), Humberto DaSilva (*Not Rex Murphy*), Lisa Santanato (*Livestream technician*), Tania Ehret (*Livestream support*), Joey Coleman

RABBLETV HIGHLIGHTS



NOT REX **Not Rex: On praying for Paris... sort of.** Nov 26 2015 | by Humberto DaSilva | Paris doesn't want your prayers. Paris wants your humanity.

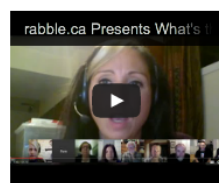


BEST-OF-THE-NET **WATCH: Free trade agreements 101** Nov 19 2015 | by Common Frontiers | Trade and investment agreements increase corporate power, erode state sovereignty, weaken democratic authority and are central to the neoliberal framework of privatization and deregulation.



BEST-OF-THE-NET **On the third anniversary of Idle No More** Nov 10 2015 | by rabble staff | Idle No More continues. Join the movement.

FEATURES **WATCH: a conversation about BDS with Gabor Mate, Mira Sucharov and more** Nov 4 2015 | by rabble staff | Watch a live panel on Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions with Gabor Mate, Mira Sucharov and more.



FEATURES **WTF: What's the future for progressive strategy under Trudeau? A rabble video debate** Nov 3 2015 | by rabble.ca | WTF? What's the Future? Avi Lewis, Libby Davies, Pam Palmater and more discuss the ways Canadian progressives can hold the Liberal government to account.

RABBLETV LIVESTREAM AND LIVE EVENTS HIGHLIGHTS

rabble.ca expanded its livestream services to position itself as one of the go-to media organizations for broadcasting progressive events.

We were indispensable to streaming events ranging from the international launch of the Leap Manifesto, to the national election debate: Young, Canadian and Muslim - Making Our Ballots Count! and events like Toronto's International Women's Day and Vancouver's "a conversation about BDS with Gabor Mate, Mira Sucharov and more", and Jeff Halper's 2015 book tour.

In November we hosted a live Google Hangout with Avi Lewis, Libby Davies, Pam Palmater, Amira Elghawaby, David Climenhaga, Kim Stanton, Fred Wilson - moderated by Victoria Fenner, about the way forward for the left, post-2015 Federal Election.

For more information or to book rabble for livestream or other live coverage for your events, contact business@rabble.ca.



WTF What's the future?

*talking tactics
post election*

featuring: AVI LEWIS, LIBBY DAVIES, PAM PALMATER, AND MORE
ON GOOGLE  NOV. 3 @ 8 P.M. EASTERN

NOT REX (MURPHY)

Rex Murphy faced some very serious allegations of conflict of interest this year. Not our Not Rex. [Humberto Da Silva](#)'s commentaries continue to bring a progressive voice to [rabbletv](#). When you've had enough of conservative commentators, you can count on [Not Rex](#) to tell the other side of the story.



INDIE INSIDE

This year *rabble.ca*'s independent recording artist feature, **Indie Inside**, continued to expand in reflecting the diversity of both the progressive and arts communities across Canada. Its highlights included the socially charged Vancouver-based hip-hop R&B artist **K!mmortal**, as well as the eclectic and experimental **Betty Malaise and the Mushroom Souper**. With digital downloads being more accessible and readily available than CD's, **Indie Inside** will be able to turn out features even more regularly in 2015.

Know a band we should feature? Send details to indieinside@rabble.ca

Staff: Tania Ehret, indie inside Coordinator, Arts & Culture Coordinating Editor

Kimmortal - Between the Earth and Sky (Music Video)

Charlie Angus & Grievous Angels

BY **RABBLE STAFF** | FEBRUARY 22, 2014

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The group was originally formed in the mid 1980s as a street-busking operation in downtown Toronto. The line-up consisted of guitarist/song-writer Charlie Angus, vocalist Michelle Rumball and fiddler/accordionist Peter Jellard.

In 1987, stand-up bassist Tim



Indie Inside CD giveaway contest

BY **RABBLE STAFF** | AUGUST 28, 2014

Participate in this month's Indie Inside giveaway contest, featuring Karl Sanden! Take a look at the new **Indie Inside** feature on the local Vancouver indie songster.

Watch the video in the feature and answer the following question for a chance to win a copy of his brand-new EP, *Fort Madeline*. What percussion instrument is the drummer playing in the video? Email answers to

[indieinside\[at\]rabble.ca](mailto:indieinside[at]rabble.ca) or retweet any related Indie Inside content @rabble.ca



WE'VE GOT ISSUES.

issues
on rabble.ca

You think you've got issues? Well, check out ours. Issues at rabble.ca highlights the hot topics you want more of and brings together some of the best content and resources on the issues that matter most. Issue pages are more than "browse by topic" navigation. They draw together all rabble content on a particular topic, as well as curated content from other sources. They are your one stop shop for a source of for news, analysis and resources on the issues that you want to be on top of.

Our **issues** pages continue to be popular on **rabble.ca**. 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.ca** can also create specialty pages with similar news aggregation features.





Loretta Saunders' tragic death sparks calls for national inquiry

ON RABBLE.CA



Activist Communique: New Brunswickers call for a referendum and moratorium on shale gas exploration as fight with SWN heats up | Nov 12 2013 | Krystalline Kraus | At one site near the town of Rexton, New Brunswick, there is an ongoing battle to stop fracking in order to protect the water – which is Mother Earth's First Medicine.

ON RABBLE

Yet another murdered indigenous woman - studying this very issue | Slumberjack said... Just about every forum could take the matter up, in

Allyship | 6079_Smith_W said... I count my allies based on issues of common concern, not issues on which we disagree. In fact, a...

Liberal political commentator Rob Silver mentions rabble.ca twice on CBC Power & Politics | sherpa-finn said... > He also said, not once but twice, that their message only appeals to people who read rabble.ca...

RABBLE.CA FEEDS

- Pam Palmater
- Ben Powless
- Ápihtawikosisân
- Activist Communique
- Daniel Wilson
- Romeo Saganash
- Northwest Notes

MORE ON RABBLE



SITES WE LIKE

- Native Appropriations
- Idle No More
- APTN
- First Perspective
- Defenders of the Land

IN CAHOOTS



Activists from CUPE locals stand together with Operation Solidarity Bonfield

ON RABBLE.CA

Criminal employers are employers too, Alberta government spokesman says, but illegal strikes are still illegal | Jan 10 2014 | David J. Climenhaga | If you strike illegally, or talk about striking illegally, or even look like you might be thinking about talking about talking about thinking about striking illegally, you will be dealt with severely.



The myth of the skills shortage in Canada's labour market | Jan 8 2014 | Tim Stanford

ON RABBLE

Why the timing is good for parties from the left in Canada | socialdemocraticmiddle said... Exactly. The Conservative economic record is NOT good, and we need an alternative. Moreover, if the...

Amazon is our desperate and vacant future | 6079_Smith_W said... Well that's a good solid dose of bad retail news to ring in the Christmas season. Heard the story...

SeaTac votes on highest min wage in US | lagatta said... It would be a great precedent. But what a ghastly town name - I figured that it pertained

RABBLE.CA FEEDS

- Asia Pacific Currents
- The Labour Show
- Canadian Association of Labour Media
- David Bush
- Reitree Matters
- Asia Pacific Currents

SITES WE LIKE

- Rank and File
- Labour Start
- Labour Reporter
- All Together Now
- Labour Rights

IN CAHOOTS



Loretta Saunders' tragic death sparks calls for national inquiry

ON RABBLE.CA



Parliament, let's look back on the year | Dec 30 2013 | rabble staff | rabble.ca's parliamentary correspondent Karl Nerenberg's best articles of 2013. If you need a round-up of government hijinks in 2013, look no further.

ON RABBLE

PQ Budget Proposes Quebec Government take Equity Stake in Oil and Mineral Projects | KenS said... I don't know if its some kind of poison pill even guessing the likelihood of that is beyond my...

Senator Patrick Brazeau qualifies for Employment Insurance | lagatta said... Well, he's four Manager at an Ottawa strip club http://www.ottawacitizen.com/

"Fair" Elections Act | onlinediscourantvis said... Quote: ~ Forbids Elections Canada from launching ad campaigns to encourage people to...

RABBLE.CA FEEDS

- Alberta Diary
- Alice Klein
- Am Johal
- Christine Saulnier
- Christopher Majka
- Daniel Tseghay
- Daniel Wilson
- Democracy Watch
- Elizabeth May
- George Lessard
- Gerry Caplan
- Michael Laxer
- Murray Dobbin
- Naomi Klein
- Policy Note
- Pulpit and Politics
- Steve Shrybman
- You Heart's on the Left
- rabble radio
- Rick Salutin
- Ralph Surette



Tar Sands Reporting Project hopes to create change

ON RABBLE.CA

Line in the Sand project dissects Northern Gateway pipeline | Dec 18 2013 | June Chua | With a small stash of funds, Tomas Borsa and four friends hit the road -- gathering information, interviews and creating an interactive site called

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frozen bicycle brake | Bachchus said... Rear gets more spray of snow/water which then freezes in

Les animaux ne sont pas des choses/Animals are not objects | Slumberjack said... I'm finding post-humanist theory, animal studies, and related sociology to be quite an eye opener...

Destruction of science libraries | chambered said... I surmise that the destruction of these libraries: "Eliminates key information useful for..."

Liberal political commentator Rob

RABBLE.CA FEEDS

- Alternatives Podcast
- Climate Action Network Canada
- David Suzuki
- Emma Pullman
- John Bennett
- Making Waves
- Mining Watch
- The Otesha Project
- Velcrow Ripper

SITES WE LIKE

- Indigenous Environmental Network
- Wilderness Committee
- Defend Our Coast
- Alternatives Journal
- The Climate Reality Project

IN CAHOOTS



Charlie Angus & Grievous Angels

ON RABBLE.CA



Fourth Graders and the Magic of Theatre | Dec 17 2013 | Holly Adams | Arts and Ed, fourth graders, and unbelievable bravery and magic.

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Six key lessons in social

ON RABBLE

Bless Me Now With Your Fierce Tears XI | Unionist said... Ray Bradbury, in

The Evolution of Snow White | Boom Boom said... Thanks for starting this thread, CF. I've seen previews of the new Snow White and I went "what the..."

Cannes 2012 | Bärliuer said... Not a huge fan of Haneke (I make mine most of the comments made in this amusing review of "The...")

The Great Gatsby | Kaitlin McNabb said... I for one am excited! Baz Luhrmann! Based on the trailer it already seems

RABBLE.CA FEEDS

- bound but not gagged
- Adventures from the e-book frontier
- Love 2.0 - It's Complicated
- Raffi's Blog
- Enter Up Left
- Needs No Introduction
- indie inside
- June Chua
- Living On Purpose
- Bob Wiseman

MORE ON RABBLE



Video: Day of Action against the Trans-Pacific Partnership and Corporate Globalization

ON RABBLE.CA



Let's talk about solutions - for Canada's broken telecom market | Dec 18 2013 | Steve Anderson | OpenMedia is calling for wireless companies like Ting to be able to reach Canadians just like indie ISPs can for wired Internet.

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2013: We did all this together, Canada! | Dec 18 2013 | David

ON RABBLE

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Hi I'm new | Rebecca West said... Welcome!

Australia's Coalition Government Prepares for Privatization Bent | PrairieDemocrat15 said... More links: http://www.abc.net.au/news/2... 02-13/australia-post-selloff-possible-sa... http://www...

A Living Minimum | Slumberjack said... A Living Minimum Quote: If

RABBLE.CA FEEDS

- Praxis: A Popular Economics Blog
- Progressive Economics Forum
- Sheila Block
- Trish Hennessy
- Duncan Cameron
- Linda McQuaig
- Jim Stanford
- Hennessy's Index
- Ellen Russell
- Behind the Numbers
- Policy Note
- Northern Plains Drifter
- Policyfix

MORE ON RABBLE



G20/G8

SITES WE LIKE

- Other Worlds
- Sum of Us
- CUPE Justice

NETTED NEWS/NEWSWIRE

In the interest of connecting to and supporting independent media, *rabble.ca*'s netted news on our homepage brings RSS feeds from:

The Media Coop, Canadian Dimension, Briarpatch, The Tyee, The Bullet, Herizons, Alternet, This Magazine, The New Internationalist, The Vancouver Observer and The Daily Nuisance.

rabble.ca also offers a newswire on our front page with feeds from *CBC, Al Jazeera and The Guardian.*

[In Cahoots](#) [Columnists](#) [Netted News](#)

- **Are European tax havens getting illegal state subsidies?**
- **The Bullet: The UAW at Volkswagen: Workers, Unions and the Left**
- **The Top Five Things You Need to Know About Email Scandal Enveloping Gov. Scott Walker**
- **Russia Feels Double-Crossed over Ukraine – But What Will Putin Do?**
- **News Quiz on Some Shocking Events of the Week – What Do You Know?**
- **Is Sex in Cinema Getting Too Real?**
- **Exxon CEO Joins Anti-Fracking Lawsuit After Drilling Threatens His Property Value**
- **What a Victory: How a \$40 Million Attack on the Middle Class Went Up in Smoke**
- **6 Signs of Psychosis From GOP Fringe This Week**
- **Robert Reich: WhatsApp Is Everything Wrong with the U.S. Economy**
- **What's New: The Steel Company and the 1,184 acres stolen from Aamjiwnaang**
- **What's New: Tougher Than the Rest**
- **At Stake In Ukraine's Drama is the Future of Putin, Russia and Europe**
- **What's New: Israel, Palestine, Occupation and International Law**
- **Children Murdered, Homes Foreclosed: How the Government Makes 'Mistakes' With Impunity**

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Newswire: Top Headlines Elsewhere

Egypt's government resigns

Uganda politicians celebrate passing of anti-gay laws

Pakistan Taliban commander killed by gunmen

New evidence delays coroner's ruling on death of soldier who said she was raped

Ugandan president signs anti-gay bill

Russian court sentences anti-Putin protesters

Phishing scam emails, texts on the rise, surveys show

Malala Yousafzai backs campaign against FGM

Pentagon to propose shrinking US Army

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SUPPORTING DONORS

COMMUNITY-SUPPORTED MEDIA



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

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

In 2015, rabble continued our partnership with independent print magazines and ended the year with over 800 monthly members contributing between \$5 and \$100 a month.

Monthly supporters get a variety of perks—ranging from thank you gifts upon sign up to special event invitations and a monthly newsletter just for monthly supporters.

We kick off each fundraising drive with an old school mailing (we get a good return!)

Our mailing depends on volunteers to help us stuff envelopes. There is always great conversation and good snacks. Thanks to our volunteers!

You can sign up to become a monthly supporter at <http://rabble.ca/donate>



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“rabble is a crucial resource for achieving media democracy in Canada, in this era of increasing corporate media centralization. That’s why the Council of Canadians supports rabble.ca”

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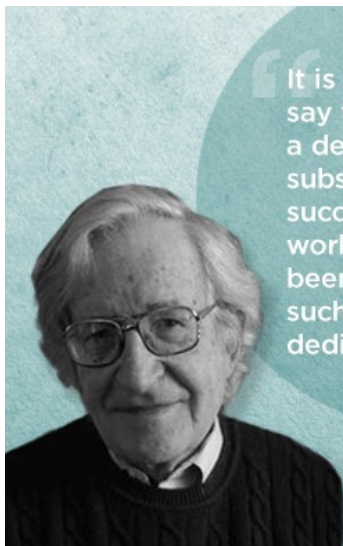
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NEWS FOR THE REST OF US



“Over the last two decades, at least, corporate speech and state speech, in tandem, have narrowed the public space pushing us into ever disappearing, ever meagre definitions of the communal. Contesting that hegemony, over language and politics, rabble reclaims and widens the space of citizenship.”

Join Dionne Brand
(poet, author)
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NEWS FOR THE REST OF US



“It is no exaggeration to say that the hopes for a decent world rest substantially on the success of the kind of work that rabble.ca has been carrying out with such distinction and dedication.”

Join Noam Chomsky
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“With mainstream media abdicating its role of holding power to truth, independent media, like rabble.ca, are now more important than ever for ensuring our democratic aspirations can be realized.”

Join Joel Bakan
Author, *The Corporation*
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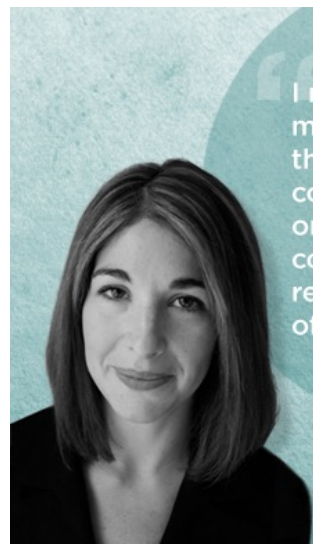
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Join Pam Palmater (Mi'kmaw
Citizen/Lawyer/Professor)
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“I rely on rabble to bring me the real debates that are shaping our country. I also depend on rabble to bring my columns to a remarkable community of Canadians.”

Join Naomi Klein
(author *The Shock Doctrine*)
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DONATION DRIVE

COMMUNITY-SUPPORTED MEDIA

We also held our annual donation drive for those that wanted to support us with a one-time donation. This year *rabble.ca* tried to attract new supporters by highlighting what we do best: changing the conversation in Canada so that we can change the government.

With the help of Steven Staples from the Rideau Institute, we launched an unprecedented campaign to ensure that Canadians sick of a right-wing government in Ottawa (which is to say, most of us), realized that *rabble.ca* is the best place to get their news, analysis and activist tips.

We offered a vast array of radically awesome gifts, like Naomi Klein's acclaimed *This Changes Everything* and Karl Nerenberg's first book for *rabble.ca*, *Harper vs. Canada*. We also hosted several fundraising events and house parties. There was much rejoicing.

The result was astonishing. This year's was our most successful fundraising campaign ever, raising more than \$140,000 from readers. Now it's time to finish the job.



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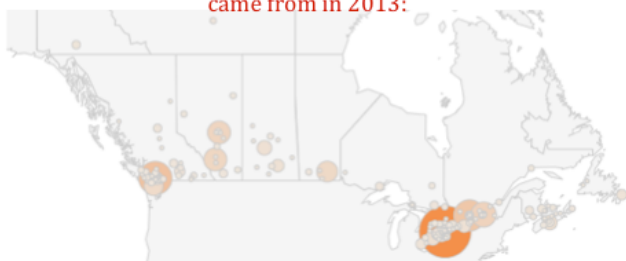
rabble.ca sprang to life in 2001 as an independent news source with strong roots in the various movements working for social justice and equality.

Today *rabble.ca* gets up to **450,000 unique visitors a month** and two million page views every month. We have over **30,000** followers on twitter. Over **29,000 people have an account on rabble** (allowing them to comment on articles, participate in the discussion board, and post on our events calendar).

In 2013 *rabble.ca* had **4,419,421** visits from 229 countries/territories and 77% of traffic to the site came from Canada. Thousands of Canadians are registered for rabble's discussion board *babble*.

Over 16000 people subscribe to our newsletters (and we have ad space there too!).

Where rabble's visitors
came from in 2013:



We updated our ad kit in 2014 and continue to offer very competitive rates to reach large audiences. **Contact us at** advertise@rabble.ca.

MARKETING



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

From March to May 2015, [rabble.ca](#) partnered with [Women Transforming Cities](#) to organize [#FierceVoices](#), a three-part community series that aimed to claim space for women in media.

It focused on both analyzing representation in media and building capacity for women to create their own voices and media platforms. The events aimed to especially highlight marginalized voices, voices that are silenced in mainstream media.

[rabble.ca](#) staff and board are in demand to present and participate in conferences. Blogs Coordinator Michael Stewart presented at the closing keynote of [Media Democracy Day Vancouver](#) in a panel called “Changing the Channel: News, Independent Media and Campaign 2015.” Managing Editor Michelle Gregus once again judged and presented a student Journalism award at the [Canadian University Press Conference](#), where [rabble](#) was again a sponsor for a student journalism award.

On September 14, 2015, [rabble](#), working with the Canadian Association of Community Television Users and Stations (CACTUS) organized the Vancouver focus group, in relation to the CRTC review of Community TV Policy in Fall 2015.

Vancouver International Film Festival: [rabble.ca](#) sponsored the film [Songs My Brothers Taught Me](#) on Oct 6, 2015 at the Vancouver International Film Festival. The film, made with the co-operation of the Lakota People and cast with locals, aims to shatter the Indigenous stereotypes often on the silver screen.

And of course, *rabble.ca*'s landmark event, **Framing Progressive Values and Language to Win the Next Election**, featuring **George Lakoff**, was a smash success in Toronto on April 18. The event featured some of Canada's brightest political and progressive minds as well as a barnburner presentation by Layoff himself. Mandatory for Canadians who can imagine a better world.

A sampling of conferences that *rabble.ca* participated in and/or presented at included:

CUPE National Convention 2015
Media Consortium Conference
Media Democracy Day Vancouver
Be Alternative: Student & Independent Media Conference
Tommy Douglas Institute Conference
Canadian Association of Labour Media Conference
Canadian University Press conference
HEU convention
Unifor Canadian Council meeting
OPSEU convention, Toronto
The Word On The Street in Toronto and Vancouver
Clean Energy Conference
Canzine Toronto
Canadian Association of Journalists conference
Alternative Media Fair, Toronto
LeftWords Festival of Books and Ideas, Toronto
Unifor Political Action conference
The Progressive Media Consortium



RABBLE SPONSORED EVENTS

Each year rabble.ca partners with community organizations and sponsors events. While we don't have any funds to offer, we provide promotion to our large audience. We offer free advertising on the site and promotion on our social media and in our newsletter(s) to events we sponsor.

The advertisements and posters over the next few pages showcases the events that rabble sponsored in 2014.

SFU ANTHROPOLOGY & SOCIOLOGY, INDEPENDENT JEWISH VOICES & RABBLE.CA PRESENT:


NAHLA ABDO

CAPTIVE REVOLUTION

Palestinian Women's
Anti-Colonial Struggle Within
the Israeli Prison System

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 2015
6:30-9PM
ROOM 7000 • SFU 515 WEST HASTINGS

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:
Nahla Abdo is an Arab feminist activist and Professor of Sociology at Carleton University. She has published extensively on women, racism, nationalism, and the State in the Middle East, with a special focus on Palestinian women. *Captive Revolution* seeks to break the silence on Palestinian women political detainees, providing a vital contribution to research on women, revolution, national liberation and anti-colonial resistance.



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National Forum on Clean Energy and Industry
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Inscrivez-vous dès maintenant/ Register now!

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Building the Feminist Agenda // Vers une avenir féministe
October 30th 2014 // le 30 Octobre 2014
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HARPERISM
HOW STEPHEN HARPER AND HIS THINK TANK COLLEAGUES HAVE TRANSFORMED CANADA

DONALD GUTSTEIN

Join Donald Gutstein with a panel of experts as he launches his latest book

October 8th 2014
5:30pm-7:30pm
Simon Fraser University,
Harbor Centre
515 West Hastings
Segal Centre



Louise Mandell

Lawyer with Mandell Pinder, specializing in aboriginal law for 4 decades



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Child and youth advocate



Gwen Barlee

Environmental and health advocate

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Towards Collective Liberation
Anti-Racist Organizing, Feminist Praxis, and Movement Building Strategy

TOGETHER WE CAN

March 6th, 3 PM
Student Centre, York University, Room TBA

"Guided by a vision of collective liberation that centers the experience and leadership of women of color, Chris has done groundbreaking work to realize the revolutionary potential of grassroots multiracial alliances." —Harsha Walla

"Chris Crass has been at the forefront of building the grassroots, multi-racial, feminist movements for justice we need." —Elizabeth Sletta Martinez

Supported by: OPRG Toronto, OPRG York, CUPE 5903 and the following programs, faculties and departments at York University - Graduate Program in Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies; Faculty of Graduate Studies; Department of Sociology; Sexuality Studies Program; Graduate Program in Social and Political Thought; Senate Committee on Research; Aid Hoc Research Fund; Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies, Research Events and Outreach Fund

RABBLE SPONSORED EVENTS

Picturing Transformation Nexw-áyantsut Book
Vancouver International Film Festival
Word on the Street (Toronto)
Media Democracy Day (Vancouver)
DisOrientation — York U
CUP journalism award sponsorship
Harpersim — SFU book launch
Clean Energy Conference
Open Media Campaign: Save our Privacy
Canadian Association of Labour Media annual conference
Jack Layton Book Club (toronto)
Towards Collective Liberation (Toronto)
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Tommy Douglas Institute launch
Power shift Atlantic
LeadNow — Fair Elections Act
Eystir Productions: Glenn Greenwald in Ottawa
Sodom, Toronto
Ad trade: Funky Bento Collective
Indy Media Tribute to Ali Mustafa
The Corporation screening at the People's Social Forum
The People's Social Forum
Canzine 2014
Big Transit Mayoral Debate
Nahla Abdo book launch *Captive Revolution* (Vancouver)
Line in the Tar Sands Book launch
National Student Journalism Conference: Best news
writing awards financial sponsorship
CCPA event at the CLC Convention: Tax is Not A Four Letter
Word

Go Vegan

rabble.ca vegan challenge

Once again, *rabble.ca* sponsored the **Vegan Challenge** and had some staff, contributors and interns taking part to eat vegan during **Earth Week 2015**.

One of our stories, “**Why my Saskatchewan family went vegan,**” went viral. The story of a 60-year-old grandmother choosing to give up meat products proved too mouthwatering to pass up. It ended up the main course in an already appetizing spread.

rabble readers participated by sharing their experiences, successes and, um, lapses on social media. But this popular feature continues to spur conversations on diet, choice, sustainability and ethical eating.



memberships

rabble.ca is an Associate Member of the U.S. [progressive network The Media Consortium](#). The Media Consortium is a network of leading progressive independent journalism organizations who work to “amplify our voices; increase our collective clout; leverage our current audience and reach out to new ones; transform our sector’s position in a rapidly changing media and political environment; and redefine ourselves and progressivism for a new century.”

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 continues to flourish in Vancouver’s historic Dominion Building after moving in with our friends the CCPA-BC in late 2014.



WHAT'S UP

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
Ottawa	Lecture: Sudan and South Sudan's Bitter and Incomplete Divorce by James Copnall	Mon, Oct 20, 2014
Toronto	Ontario Health Coalition: Health Action Assembly and Conference	Sat, Oct 18, 2014 - Sun, Oct 19, 2014
Gatineau	Inner Peace is the key for World Peace	Sat, Oct 18, 2014
Toronto	Ontario Health Coalition: Health Action Assembly and Conference	Sat, Oct 18, 2014
Halifax	Nocturne: Art at Night	Sat, Oct 18, 2014
Ottawa	Launch of 'Norval Morriseau: Man Changing into Thunderbird' with Armand Garnet Ruffo	Fri, Oct 17, 2014
Ottawa	The Blue Dot Tour: An evening with David Suzuki in Ottawa	Fri, Oct 17, 2014
	Symposium on Cultural Diplomacy: 'Art as Cultural Diplomacy in the Commonwealth of Nations'	Wed, Oct 15, 2014 - Fri, Oct 17, 2014
Vancouver	Know your rights for non-violent direct action	Tue, Oct 14, 2014
Vancouver	Vancouver International Film Festival	Thu, Sep 25, 2014 - Fri, Oct 10, 2014
Toronto	Inanna Publications Fall Book Launch No. 1	Thu, Oct 9, 2014
Halifax	The Story from an Insider: How Israel Spins Gaza to You and to the World	Thu, Oct 9, 2014
Toronto	Gender & The City: A Mayoral Debate	Thu, Oct 9, 2014
Vancouver	Media Democracy Days Presents: Bandwidth -- a multimedia fundraiser	Wed, Oct 8, 2014 - Thu, Oct 9, 2014
Vancouver	Book launch: Harperism: How Stephen Harper and his think tank colleagues have transformed Canada	Wed, Oct 8, 2014

TECH REFLECTIONS

Staff: Brian Sharpe, **Tech Support**; Allan Graham, **Tech Support**; Justin Saunders, **Tech Support**

rabble.ca's tech infrastructure continues to mature.

This year has had some significant changes in how we manage our back end as we moved to an enterprise-level, hosted solution.

After over a decade of work with rabble, Allan Graham, who maintained our custom-built server infrastructure, moved on to other work opportunities.

Rather than find another in-house dev ops/sys admin for our aging systems, we began the move to our new hosting provider Acquia.

This provides us with the stability we need and the ability to scale our resources as demand requires. All of it is handled by leaders in the Drupal community.

This move brings us inline with best practice approaches for large sites like *rabble.ca*.

Accompanying this shift, we are putting the final touches on the migration of our software to Drupal 7 from Pressflow 6.

While this is largely a behind-the-scenes upgrade, the work has been quite significant, and lays the groundwork for future rabble development.

Other tech staff include Justin Saunders who provided on-call emergency support and helped us with some podcast and iTunes integration.

Brian Sharpe continues to coordinate and take care of the day to day rabble tech.

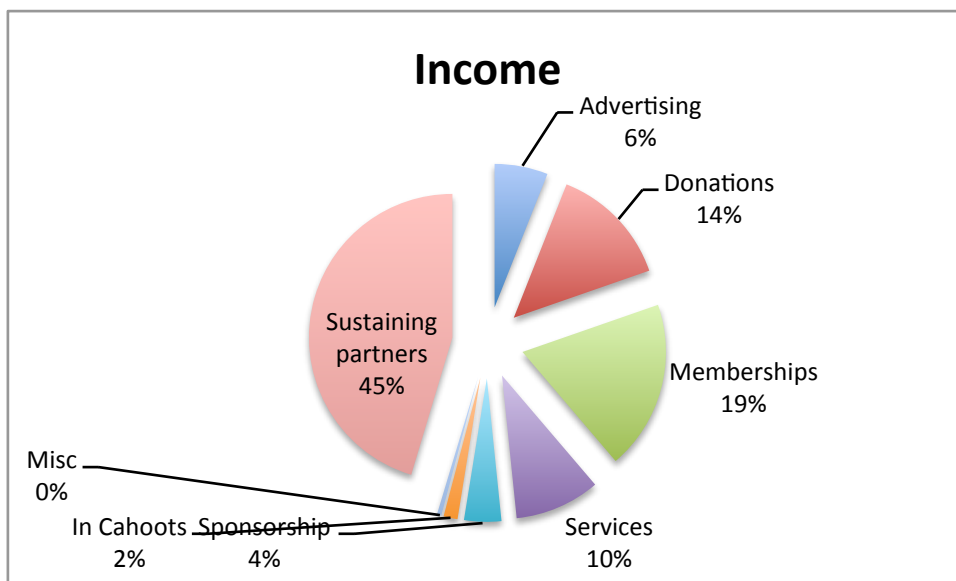


FINANCIAL REFLECTIONS

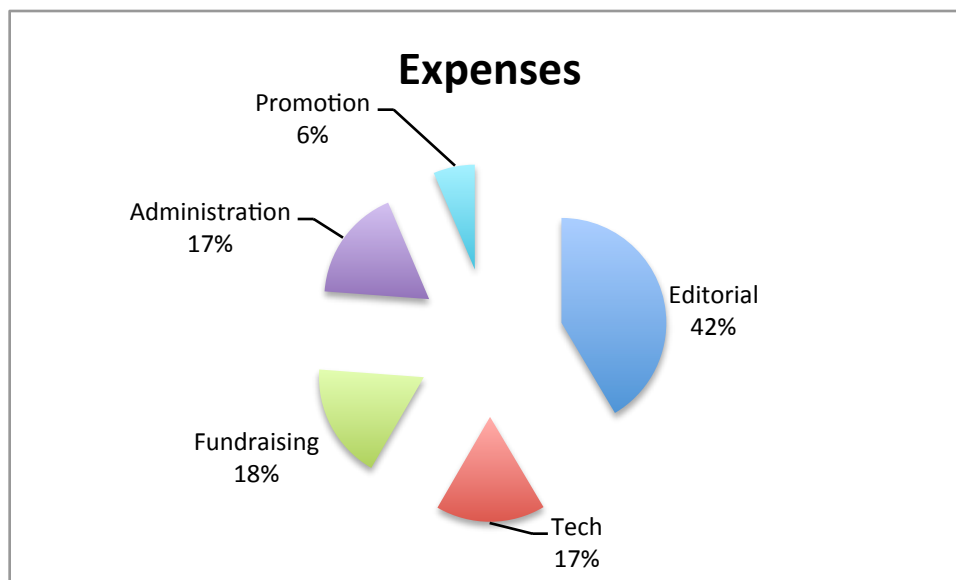
The total operating budget for *rabble.ca* in 2015 was \$416,629

rabble.ca's reliance on Sustaining Partners income was represented in 45 per cent of our total income. Monthly donor support grew to 19% percent of the annual budget, single donations accounted for 14 per cent and advertising sales, services, in Cahoots and sponsorships together accounted for 22% of the the total income in 2015.

Income



Budget



In 2015, editorial staffing and writers fees accounted for 42% of rabble's expenditures, fundraising 18%, tech 17%, and promotion 6%. Administration costs accounted for 17th - this category is a catch all that includes bookkeeping, accounting, legal, rent, banking fees, administration, human resources and board meeting costs, etc.

Statistics

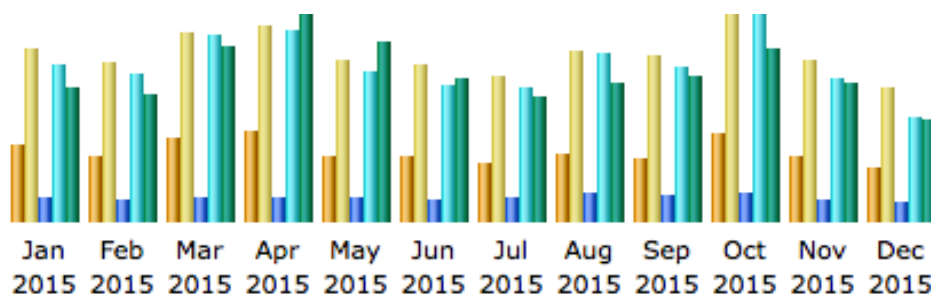
Measuring traffic

rabble.ca measures statistics using a variety of sources: site statistics are derived Google Analytics, AWStats and Chartbeat. 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. Chartbeat measures real time traffic day to day.

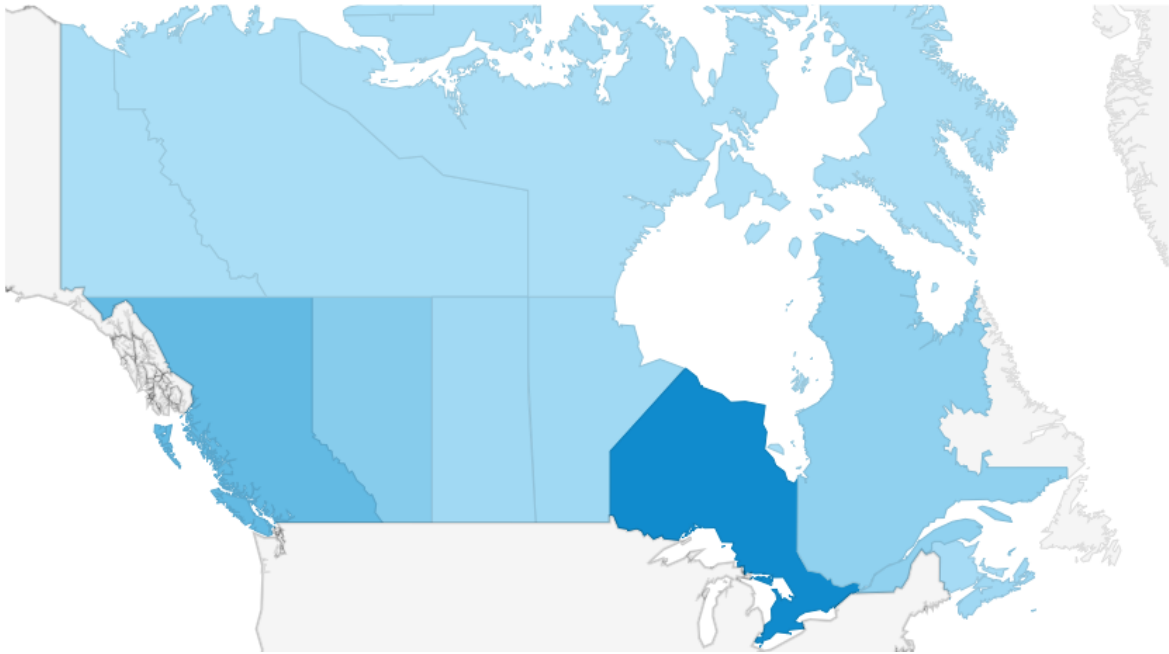
We also track statistics for our presences on other sources, including Google Newstand, SoundCloud, YouTube, Livestream.com, Twitter and Facebook. rabble also offers a number of daily and weekly email products (a full list can be found at <http://lists.rabble.ca>) and measures statistics for emails using WhatCounts.

In 2015 rabble averaged 436,000 unique visits per month, and over one million page views per month. In addition, we had over 50,000 unique users on Google Newsstand. Our Facebook fan page grew to over 17,000 fans, and our very active Facebook group to over 6000. Twitter surpassed 37,000—a growth of 7,000 in one year.

Over the period of the Federal Election the site was especially active: over 800,000 users visited the rabble site alone. Our reach, including social media, was over one million readers.

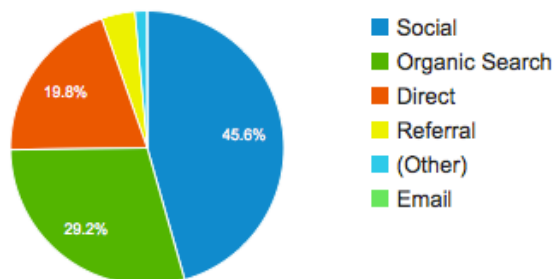


The above graphic, drawn from AWStats, is an indication of the traffic trends



In 2014 *rabble.ca* had 5,758,932 unique sessions from 238 countries/territories. Sixty-two per cent of traffic to the site came from Canada, and 25% from the United States. Within Canada, traffic predominately comes from Ontario (47%), British Columbia (23%), and interestingly, for the first time in the third largest readership was from Alberta (10%).

Top Channels



The above graphic indicates the primary methods by which people came to *rabble.ca*. In a significant change from past years, over 45% of our traffic came from social searches.

PEOPLE AT

rabble.ca operates with a dedicated crew of part-time and volunteer staff. 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 2014, we had editorial staff in British Columbia, Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and New York. We have columnists, bloggers, podcasters and video makers coast to coast and beyond the Canadian borders. In 2014 the staff had a rare opportunity to get together in person for a retreat in Toronto to reflect and plan.

rabble.ca is a proud 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, we *rent space* with our friends at the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives (CCPA) in Vancouver's historic Dominion Building. In Ottawa you can find us at 25OneCommunity. Our Parliamentary Bureau in 2015 was located at 280 Albert Street in Ottawa.

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RABBLE BY THE NUMBERS 2014

of feature contributors **390**

of columns **approximately 400**

of events rabble streamed live on rabbletv

of podcast shows **24**

of community events sponsored by rabble **28**

of podcast episodes **over 600**

of posts on babble in 2014 **approximately one billion**

of original book reviews **49**

of sustaining partners **13**

of Not Rex videos **13**

of blog posts on rabble **over 2,400**

of supporting members **800**

of average unique visitors a month **450,000**

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

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- Become an individual rabble member for \$5/month by visiting www.rabble.ca/membership. rabble depends on memberships to survive and thrive. We offer great thank you gifts for all members. Of course, we also accept donations. See <https://secure.rabble.ca/supportrabble>
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