

Who is "behind" Open Media? Tides Canada? Why did Open Media REMOVE & RE-WRITE Web-pages?

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Mr. Anderson & Mr McMillan,

Below, please find a draft post for my blog:

If I have presented anything here that is factually incorrect, or if I have missed any important points, please let me know.

Sincerely,
Vivian Krause
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[Open Media](#) says that it is working to advance and support an open and innovative communications system in Canada. Back in February, I wrote a [post at this blog](#) in which I tried to raise questions about whether what Open Media is doing is charity or lobbying. This post raises a follow-up question: Is [Open Media](#) is a project of Tides Canada? Or isn't it?

In a [letter](#) that I received from Tides Canada's lawyer, he says, "Tides Canada does not fund Open Media" and "Open Media is not a project of Tides Canada." I find this statement difficult to reconcile with some of the information that I have previously seen at the web-site of Open Media so when I received the lawyer's letter, I tried to go back to the original web-page where I had seen that the information that led me to believe that donations for Open Media were being accepted by Tides Canada. That web-page is now gone. The URL for that web-page is <http://openmedia.ca/donation-media-democracy>. As shown below, the web-page at this URL now says "**Page not found.**"



<http://openmedia.ca/donation-media-democracy>

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Below, here's the material that was presented at <http://openmedia.ca/donation-media-democracy> as of February 11, 2011. That's the day that I first wrote about Open Media, [here at this blog](#). For the .pdf file of this web-page as of Feb. 11, 2011, click [here](#).

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One of the questions that was asked on the web-page of Open Media as it was written as of Feb. 11, was "**How did you hear about this project at Tides Canada?**" The way that this question is worded led me to believe that Open Media is, indeed, a project of Tides Canada. However, the lawyer for Tides Canada says it isn't.

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- I know the person(s) who set up this project.
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- I read or saw a video about their work.
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Below, here's the second page of the .pdf file for the web-page that was posted at <http://openmedia.ca/donation-media-democracy> as of Feb. 11, 2011.

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Any additional information or comments:

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Open Media also changed its web-page titled <http://openmedia.ca/drive>. Below, here are excerpts from this web-page as of February 11, 2011 and as of March 11, 2011:

From <http://openmedia.ca/donation-media-democracy> as of February 11, 2011:

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From <http://openmedia.ca/donation-media-democracy> as of March 9, 2011:

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Below, here's another example of how the web-site of Open Media was re-written between Feb. 11, and March 11:

From <http://openmedia.ca/drive> as of February 11, 2011:

Don't want to use PayPal? You can still support media education work by donating (via credit card) to [the Media Democracy Project of Tides Canada Initiatives](https://www.gifttool.com/donations/Donate?ID=1453&VER=1&LNG=EN&PID=1465) (<https://www.gifttool.com/donations/Donate?ID=1453&VER=1&LNG=EN&PID=1465>) by clicking [here](https://www.gifttool.com/donations/Donate?ID=1453&VER=1&LNG=EN&PID=1465) (<https://www.gifttool.com/donations/Donate?ID=1453&VER=1&LNG=EN&PID=1465>).

From <http://openmedia.ca/drive> as of March 11, 2011:

Don't want to use PayPal? Please consider supporting our charitable work - The Media Democracy Project of Tides Canada Initiatives by [clicking here \(https://www.gittos.com/donations/Donate?ID=14533726-145604794888-1453\)](https://www.gittos.com/donations/Donate?ID=14533726-145604794888-1453). The Media Democracy project works at the national, regional and local levels to support a diverse public service-oriented media system through public education and civic engagement. Our current projects include: Media Democracy Day and Fresh Media.

Thank you for helping us create a more open and democratic media system in Canada!

Here's yet another example of how the web-site of Open Media was re-written between Feb. 11, and March 11. In the version from Feb. 11, Open Media says, "You've bee part of the biggest online campaign in Canadian history! And you've moved politics!" Those sentences have been removed from the version that was posted as of March 11, shown below.

From <http://openmedia.ca/drive> as of February 11, 2011:

Save The Affordable Internet! | OpenMedia.ca 11/02/11 3:06 PM



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Save The Affordable Internet!

Wow! If you're a Stop the Meter supporter, you should feel great about yourself...You've been part of the **biggest online campaign in Canadian history!** And you've moved politics!

Industry Minister Tony Clement has ordered the CRTC back to the drawing board. As you know, the immediate future of the Internet now comes down to the CRTC's decision.

But the CRTC offices are swarming with telecom lobbyists. We can't let them push back the advances we've already made. Will you help boost our campaign to the next level by donating to our non-profit work today?

Donate by selecting one of the options below. Support the open and affordable Internet - before it's too late.

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From <http://openmedia.ca/drive> as of March 11, 2011:

Save The Affordable Internet! | OpenMedia.ca 11/03/11 1:05 PM



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Save The Affordable Internet!

Phone and cable companies have unleashed a deep-pocketed public relations campaign designed to confuse Canadians about new Internet usage fees. One of their most common messages is that Canadians don't understand these issues and are just speaking up based on emotion.

For example, Mark Goldberg, a telecom analyst known for doing the industry's bidding, said this on Thursday February 24th, "nothing rallies a mob like a good ol' fashioned lynching. Hang 'em high!" Goldberg is essentially calling Canadians who are sick of being gouged an angry mob. Comments like that are arrogant, elitist and outright insulting.

While phone and cable companies unleash their PR campaign, broadcasters and cable companies are also meeting in Ottawa to hash out a plan to deal with online services that are "competing for customers".

We can't let them impose new unnecessary fees and control online content.

We urgently need to put together a united front of public interest groups, creators, indie ISPs, online service providers and Canadians.

Please help by chipping in today.

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