



Some recent blogs on charities and political activities by Mark Blumberg

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There seems to still be interest in the topic of charities and political activities! My prayers that we focus on more important issues have not been answered. I get calls or emails every few days asking about it. It is not just clients and lawyers but also journalists, students, researchers, charity consultants, activists, or politicians.

If you want to understand the issue you might find our directory of political activities and Canadian charities helpful:

http://www.canadiancharitylaw.ca/blog/category/political_activities_and_canadian_charities

I have also quickly gone through the many blogs and articles in that directory and I have listed here some of the most relevant in reverse chronological order:

[CRA welcomes the Panel Report on the public consultations on charities and political activities](#)

[“Second Thoughts: Why I Changed My Mind About Philanthropy and Public Policy” by David Callahan](#)

[CRA closes consultation on political activities with a press release](#)

[Recording available for CCLA webinar by Mark Blumberg on CRA’s political activities consultation](#)

Imagine Canada's Sector Monitor on Political Activities by Canadian charities 2016

Modernizing charity law in Canada is for now a Pandora's box

Canada Without Poverty charter challenge to political activity rules of Canadian charities

"Donald Trump Accused of Using His Charity as a Political Slush Fund" - The Daily Beast

Sunny days for charities and political activities? But lack of transparency results in some clouds

The important charity information British people get to see that Canadians are forbidden from seeing

Snapshot on Political Activities in the Canadian Charity Sector 2013

Toronto Star article on Fraser Institute and political activities

Political Activity Audits and the CRA Program Update 2015

Which Canadian registered charities spent the most on political activities in 2013?

Andrew Coyne: "Problem with charities isn't their politics, it's their generous tax credit"

Mark Blumberg's submission to the Finance Committee for 2015 pre-budget consultations

Revocation letters by CRA for charities and political activities - over the last 20 years.

Charity Commission forces "environmental" charity to set up campaigning arm

Focus by media on CRA political activity audits - some preliminary thoughts

CRA updates Guidance on Political Activities for Canadian registered charities (CPS-022)

Maytree's Five Good Ideas about Registered Charities and Political Activities

US Bloomberg News "Union Busting by Profiting From Non-Profit May Breach IRS"

CRA Reminder to Canadian Mennonite Publishing Service about political activities

Calgary Herald 'U of C docs point to political donations that may have contravened election law'

Canadian Donor's Guide "Focus on Canadian Charities and Political Activities" article

Finally an environmental group that 99.99% of Canadians would agree should be revoked!

How accurate are the T3010 charity returns when it comes to political activities?

New blog on Political Activities and Canadian charities

How much can a registered charity spend on political activities?

TIDES US 2010 Form 990 - an example of transparency in action

If you are interested in charities and political activities, please check out these blogs.

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