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**Migration, social capital and transnationalism****Abstract**

Responding to gaps in current studies regarding political participation of immigrants, this paper aims to analyze the impact of transnational ties among a group of Latin American-Canadians. The data used in this paper were drawn from interviews and focus groups with more than 200 Latin American immigrants living in Toronto and Montreal. The results of this enquire suggest that interviewees were engaged in activities that involve participation in their home countries. Interestingly, doing home country politics accounted for a significant part of these activities. For some participants, the new political work aims to improve the social conditions in the home country in a broad sense. Other interviewees highlighted that they were engaged in more specific political tasks, such as fundraising money or bringing candidates from Latin American countries to canvass for votes in Canada. Given the size and the level of politicization of the community, I found that most of the participants who were currently engaged in political activities in their home countries, emigrated from El Salvador. The findings also indicate that many interviewees reported that overseas' involvement reaches not only their country of origin but also "third" countries (especially, albeit not exclusively, of the Latin American region).