

# New version of Politwoops captures deleted tweets of most candidates in Dutch elections

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## SUMMARY

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## Forum for Democracy, Labourparty and PVV deleted the most

The past month, politicians of [Forum for Democratie](#) deleted relatively most tweets (1 in 13), followed by candidates of the [Dutch Labourparty](#), [PVV](#) and the [Libertarian party](#). SGP politicians, StemNL, VNL and socialist candidates deleted relatively the least amount of tweets. On average, politicians delete one in 32 tweets. On Tuesdays they are the most active, not only by posting tweets but also by deleting them, most often, within an hour.

## Geert Wilders deletes his own retweets to retweet

The past month, Mohammed Chahim of the Dutch Labourparty deleted [169 tweets](#). He deleted most tweets on one single day, 30 January, at the beginning of the election campaign. Candidates of Forum for Democracy, Arjan de Kok, Sassen van Elsloo and Gert Reedijk deleted tweets that included a [fake poll](#). Arjan Kok of Forum for Democracy, PVV leader Geert Wilders and PVV candidate Maikel Boon and 50PLUS-candidate André van Wanrooij also delete a lot of tweets. Geert Wilders deletes mostly retweets of his own tweets in order to retweet them again. For example, his

new [campaign add](#).

## Total Twitter reach of Dutch politicians is 5.6 million followers

With 768 candidates with a Twitter account, Dutch politicians have a total reach of 5.6 million followers on Twitter. More than 80% of the candidates of VVD, Geenpeil, D66, Christenunie, GroenLinks, de Ondernemerspartij, SP and PVV have a Twitter account. Geert Wilders has the largest amount of followers (770K) followed by Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte. His Prime Minister account has 750K followers and his own personal account is followed by 84K Twitter accounts.

## Politwoops

Politwoops archives and publishes since 2010 deleted tweets of politicians. [Open State Foundation](#) has launched Politwoops since then in 54 countries and the European parliament. These websites are often used by journalists and others, especially during elections. The US version of Politwoops is run by ProPublica.



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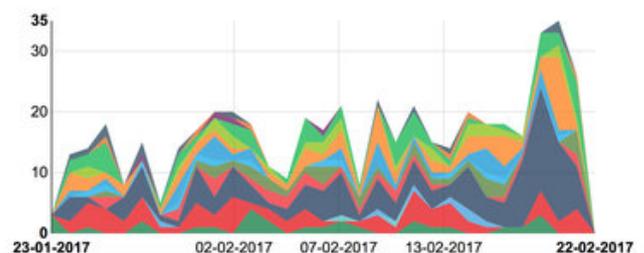
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