

My comment:

"Short selling" should be prohibited in Canada. It is already obvious that "naked short selling" occurs when nothing more than a share is said to be located that could be borrowed or bought. Putting the onus upon the victims of this abusive practice to provide evidence of any criminality is akin to asking people who've been defrauded to show that no shares were available anywhere. If someone thinks that a company's stock is too high, they do not need to invest in it; but, to sell shares of a company that they do not own invites fraud and misrepresentation of the fair market price. For example, the Canadian cannabis company Aphria was accused by an American short-seller of worthless acquisitions, and as a result of the false reports on social media, the share price fell from \$10.51 to a 52-week low of \$7.28 in one day.

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