

Don Valley North (DVN) Liberal Party Nomination Race in 2019

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SUMMARY

1. There is intelligence information indicating that, in the course of the Liberal Party of Canada (LPC) candidate nomination process for Don Valley North (DVN), preceding the 43rd General Election of Canada in 2019 (GE43), there were irregularities in the nomination that may have included activities undertaken by individuals close to PRC Officials. Information was learned from a variety of different sources with various levels of corroboration. Some information was learned prior to election day, while other pieces were learned after election day.
2. The irregularities include some information, though not firmly substantiated, that was reported before the election. This information was shared with Elections Canada (EC) and the Office of the Commission of Canada Elections (OCCE) during the writ-period.
 1. Intelligence reporting indicated that buses were used to bring international students to the nomination process, in support of Han Dong.
 2. Some Intelligence reporting also indicated that the students were provided with falsified documents to allow them to vote, despite not being residents of DVN. The documents were provided by individuals associated with a known proxy agent¹.
3. Intelligence reported after the election indicated that veiled threats were issued by the PRC Consulate to the Chinese international students, implying their student visæ would be in jeopardy and that there could be consequences for their families back in the PRC if they did not support Han Dong.
4. Intelligence reporting indicated the involvement of an individual who is a known proxy agent of PRC Officials.

¹ Proxy agent: For the purpose of this summary, a proxy agent is a specific individual who takes explicit and/or implicit direction from a foreign state while obfuscating the link between influence activities and a foreign state. Proxy agents are witting participants in furthering the objective of the foreign state in specific circumstances. A proxy agent is a Canada-based individual (Canadian citizen, Canadian Permanent Resident, etc.) who may/may not belong to a specific diaspora community.