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Key findings:

- RRM Canada did not observe any significant indicators of foreign state-sponsored information manipulation in its monitoring of the broader Canadian digital information ecosystem during the period of September 21.
- Chinese Communist Party media outlet the *Global Times* [reported](#) on the election day tally of GE44 but offered little commentary on the results. The author writes that electors did not vote for the Conservative Party of Canada because several “MPs were reluctant to clarify whether they were vaccinated” and were “unwilling to take a clear stance on racial issues.” The article received considerable attention on WeChat, but no engagement on Facebook or Twitter.
- Conservative Party candidate Kenny Chiu discussed his GE44 campaign and what impact false information played in his defeat.
 - Commenting in *Sing Tao*, Chiu [said](#) “slander and false attack against him on WeChat and WhatsApp caused harm to his candidacy.” He adds that “Canadian intelligence agencies have long confirmed that China interferes with Canadian society, and the smearing of me may be part of it.”
 - Commenting in *Radio Free Asia*, Chiu [said](#) it was a “pity” that electors are affected by false information, and that there are “blind spots” in Canada’s national security system: “what CSIS does is only analyze and judge whether there is foreign influence, but it has no enforcement power. Who is the law enforcement responsible for Canada’s national security?”

Scan performed at: 8:00PM, September 21, 2021

Scan covers: 9:00AM September 21, 2021 – 8:00PM September 21, 2021.

Platform used: Buzzsumo, Crowdtangle, Tweetdeck, WeChat

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[AD]Highest engagement numbers for English-language media on Facebook, Twitter and Reddit¹

Article title	Date	Publisher	Facebook	Twitter	Reddit	Total engagement
Liberals projected to form minority government; Trudeau bills win as 'clear mandate'	Sep. 21, 2021	Global News	16.8K	782	0	17.6K
Canada federal election results: CTV News declares Liberal minority	Sep. 20, 2021	CTV News	116	325	13.9K	14.3K
Canadians have re-elected a Liberal minority government	Sep. 20, 2021	CBC News	8.9K	1.1K	445	10.5K
New photo of Justin Trudeau in blackface at Arabian Nights party	Sep. 20, 2021	Daily Mail	5.8K	2.4K	30	8.3K
Canada election results: Justin Trudeau's gamble backfires but he clings onto power	Sep. 21, 2021	CNN	5K	740	330	6.0K
CTV News declares Maxime Bernier defeated in Beauce	Sep. 21, 2021	CTV News	3.9K	66	2.1K	6.0K
Canada election: Trudeau's Liberals win minority for third term of government	Sep. 21, 2021	Avios	5.2K	20	0	5.2K
Another Justin Trudeau Blackface Picture Leaks Before Canadian Election	Sep. 20, 2021	Breitbart	5.1K	22	2	5.1K
Justin Trudeau's Liberal Party wins Canada election, but misses majority	Sep. 21, 2021	NBC News	4.1K	350	305	4.8K
Justin Trudeau's Liberals win the most seats in 2021 federal election	Sep. 21, 2021	CityNews	3.7K	120	175	4.0K

¹ Engagement numbers reflect the stated reporting period. RRM Canada uses the following keywords to determine which news stories among Canadian English-language media outlets receive the most engagement: "Canada", "Canadian Election" OR "Canadian Federal Election" OR "44th General Election" OR "GE44", "Bloc Quebecois" OR "Yves Blanchet" OR "Yves-François Blanchet", "Erin O'Toole" OR "Conservative Party of Canada" OR "The Conservatives", "Annamie Paul" OR "Green Party of Canada" OR "The Greens", "Trudeau" OR "Justin Trudeau" OR "Liberal Party of Canada" OR "The Liberals", "Maverick Party", "Maxime Bernier" OR "PPC" OR "People's Party", "New Democratic Party of Canada" OR "NDP" OR "Jagmeet Singh"

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[AD]Highest engagement numbers for French-language media on Facebook, Twitter and Reddit²

Article title	Date	Publisher	Facebook	Twitter	Reddit	Total engagement
Les libéraux restent au pouvoir	Sep. 21, 2021	TVA Nouvelles	9.8K	2	0	9.8K
« Ca ne vous tente plus qu'on parle de politique ou d'élections », constate Trudeau	Sep. 20, 2021	Radio-Canada	4.8K	183	0	5.0K
Parti populaire du Canada « Nous avons fait l'histoire », dit Maxime Bernier	Sep. 21, 2021	La Presse	3.4K	35	0	3.4K
Maxime Bernier est défait en Beauce	Sep. 21, 2021	La Presse	3.4K	10	0	3.4K
Élections canadiennes 2021 : Le Parti libéral de Justin Trudeau reste au pouvoir	Sep. 21, 2021	Narcity	2.3K	0	0	2.3K
Défait, Maxime Bernier promet un retour en force aux prochaines élections	Sep. 21, 2021	Radio-Canada	2.2K	5	0	2.2K
Justin Trudeau obtient un troisième mandat	Sep. 21, 2021	La Presse	2.0K	25	0	2.0K
Tous les détails de l'élection fédérale : « je suis prêt à poursuivre le travail » - Justin Trudeau	Sep. 20, 2021	Journal de Montréal	1.6K	40	0	1.7K
Fédérales 2021: autre défaite pour Maxime Bernier en Beauce	Sep. 21, 2021	Journal de Québec	1.2K	0	0	1.2K
Un recul ne serait pas une défaite, plaident les libéraux	Sep. 21, 2021	Le Devoir	1.1K	5	0	1.1K

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Highest engagement numbers on WeChat

Article Title ³	Date	Account	Total views ⁴
特鲁多赢了，但没全赢 (Trudeau won, but didn't win everything)	Sep. 21, 2021	Global Times	132.3K
美国为孟晚舟挖了个陷阱，叫：八月两团圆 (The U.S. set a trap for Meng Wanzhou, it's called: mid-autumn festival)	Sep. 21, 2021	Youji-Yourmian	20.0K
刚刚！特鲁多赢了！多伦多、万锦、列治文山等华人区全部翻红！但奥图尔这样说... (Just in! Trudeau wins! The GTA and Chinese areas turn red! But O'Toole said...)	Sep. 21, 2021	Superlife	19.6K
突发！自由党稳爆！多伦多华人区全红！杜鲁多将连任加拿大总理！ (Sudden! LPC stays steady! GTA Chinese areas are all red! Trudeau is about to be re-elected PM!)	Sep. 21, 2021	51.ca	16.6K
特鲁多又赢了！可他白忙活了？8名华裔当选，上海移民成功连任... (Trudeau wins again! But what was it all for? 8 ethnic Chinese elected, and a Shanghai immigrant re-elected...)	Sep. 21, 2021	BCBay	10.7K
决战时刻！加拿大全民出动 大排长龙为投票 华人空前踊跃 特鲁多 1 家 5 口被围！ (Hour of reckoning! The entire country turned out in long lines to vote; Chinese have never been more enthusiastic! Trudeau's family of 5 were surrounded!)	Sep. 21, 2021	West Canada Weekly	6.8K
白忙一场，特鲁多成功连任！随时可能再大选 (A waste of time, but Trudeau is re-elected! And another election is possible any day now)	Sep. 21, 2021	York BBS	6.2K
自由党赢了！杜鲁多成功连任加拿大总理！这些承诺等待兑现！ (LPC wins! Trudeau successfully re-elected as PM! These promises are waiting to be fulfilled!)	Sep. 21, 2021	51.ca	4.3K
重磅！加拿大大选揭晓，特鲁多又赢了，但仍是少数政府 (Heavy! The results are revealed, Trudeau wins, but it's still a minority government)	Sep. 21, 2021	Rise News	4.3K
快讯！特鲁多已连任！但是... (Newsflash! Trudeau is re-elected! But...)	Sep. 21, 2021	Canada Talks	4.1K

³ Article titles translated by RRM Canada⁴ Total engagement numbers reflect the article's page views; WeChat does not calculate the number of comments an article receives

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On our radar

User engagement with French and English-language online media

- The majority of French and English-language stories shared on Facebook, Twitter and Reddit for September 21 originated from recognizable Canadian, U.K. and U.S. media outlets.

User engagement with Sinophone online media

- The most-viewed stories on WeChat for September 21 were a mix of stories from recognizable Chinese-Canadian WeChat news accounts and CCP media accounts.
- Chinese Communist Party media outlet the *Global Times* reported on the election day tally of GE44 but offered little commentary on the results. The author writes that electors did not vote for the Conservative Party of Canada because several "MPs were reluctant to clarify whether they were vaccinated" and were "unwilling to take a clear stance on racial issues." The article received considerable attention on WeChat, but no engagement on Facebook or Twitter.
- Conservative Party candidate Kenny Chiu discussed his GE44 campaign and what impact false information played in his defeat:
- Commenting in *Sing Tao*, Conservative Party candidate Kenny Chiu says "slander and false attack against him on WeChat and WhatsApp caused harm to his candidacy."
 - Chiu notes that the WeChat messages spread a false narrative that Chiu's proposed private members' bill (C-282) would "require all groups or individuals connected with China to register as spokespersons for the Chinese government" and may lead "ethnic Chinese to have their freedom of speech curbed, which will have a profound negative impact on the Chinese community."
 - The WeChat messages also changed the name of C-282 from "an Act to establish the Foreign Influence Registry Act" to "Foreign Interference Registry Act"
 - He adds that "Canadian intelligence agencies have long confirmed that China interferes with Canadian society, and the smearing of me may be part of it."
- The article did not receive much engagement, but was shared by prominent Hong Kong-Canada cultural groups on Facebook.
 - Commenting in *Radio Free Asia*, Chiu said it was a "pity" that electors are affected by false information, and that there are "blind spots" in Canada's national security system.
 - He says: "What CSIS does is only analyze and judge whether there is foreign influence, but it has no enforcement power. Who is the law enforcement responsible for Canada's national security?"
 - He adds: "First there's no law, second there's no enforcement agency. All this shows is that Canada has a big loophole in national security."

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- The article did not receive much engagement.

User engagement with Russophone online media

- There were no high-engagement posts from Canadian Russian-language media outlets for the September 21 reporting period.

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