

TF SITREP: 21 September 2021

2021 Federal Election – Threat Trend: **STABLE**



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Threat Updates

GAC/RRM

- (U//OUO) 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 20.
- (U//OUO) Chinese Communist Party media outlets did not comment on the LPC minority government projection. Canadian WeChat accounts carried neutral commentary pieces on the results of GE44.
- (U//OUO) Russian state media outlet Russia Today commented on the CBC's decision to call the election for the LPC while "incredulous" electors were still waiting in line to cast their ballot. The article received little attention from social media users.

RCMP

(U) *Information current as of 21 September 2021, 0900hrs*

- (PB) Threats specifically directed towards the Prime Minister (PM) continued to be found on several social media platforms.
- (PB) Elections Canada reported disruptions at some polling stations as Canadians voted. On social media, a small number of users reported disturbances at polling stations by anti-maskers, however, no major incidents of violence have been reported to the RCMP.
- (PB) At the time of this writing, RCMP is not seeing any formalized organized protests as a result of the election outcome. There is an increase in chatter with sentiment to the effect of "this fight isn't over", which is expected. There are planned anti-vax/anti-mask/anti-lockdown protests in the coming days. However, these protests were planned prior to the election outcome.
- (PB) RCMP expects online chatter related to election fraud will increase in the coming days.

Operational Responses and Updates

- (U) No significant updates at this time