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## 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 23.
- (U//OUO) Former CPC MP Kenny Chiu continued to discuss his GE44 campaign and what impact false information played in his defeat. In an interview on 980 CKNW, Chiu said false information spread in three stages: 1) through WeChat op-eds 2) through WeChat and WhatsApp group chats where additional incendiary remarks were made about Chiu 3) through diaspora radio stations who repeated the false claims. Chiu believes there are "a dozen ridings" in the GTA and GVA where CPC candidates were targeted in a similar manner.
- (U//OUO) *Buyidao*, an anonymous blog reported to be run by Chinese Communist Party (CCP) outlet the *Global Times*, reported on the loss of Conservative Party candidates Kenny Chiu and Alice Wong in GE44. The blog author claims: Chiu's defeat to an "Indian candidate" (the LPC's Parm Bains) in a city with the "highest density of Chinese residents" was "disastrous"; ethnic Chinese in Canada have "only one wish – whoever is more anti-China, they must be pulled down! If one political party is more anti-China, than oppose that party!"; Chiu's loss is a success because "there's 'less dog food' among the ethnic Chinese" in Canada. The article received some attention from WeChat users (15.6K views) but no engagement on Facebook or Twitter.

### Operational Responses and Updates

- (U) No significant updates at this time.

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