

# SITE TF SITREP: 20 August 2021

## 2021 Federal Election – Threat Trend: STABLE



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### Threat Updates

#### CSIS

- (TS//CEO) [Redacted]
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#### 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 August 19.
- (U//OUO) RRM Canada assesses the majority of content originated from recognizable Canadian news sites.
- (U//OUO) A *Global Times* petition calling on Amb. Barton to “release Meng Wanzhou” continues to receive high levels on engagement on Chinese social media platforms WeChat and Weibo and comparatively little engagement on Facebook, Twitter and Reddit. RRM Canada will continue to monitor for any signs of manipulation in the context of GE44.
- (U//OUO) Several U.S. alternative online media outlets commented on the LPC leader’s use of the words “she-covey” and “she-cession” at an LPC campaign event. At least one of these alternative media outlets appears to also promote narratives that the 2020 US election was fraudulent. RRM Canada has not observed any of these outlets promoting narratives about the current federal elections in Canada.

### Operational Responses and Updates

- (U) No significant updates at this time.