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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 August 26.
- (U//OUO) RRM Canada assesses the majority of English and French-language content originated from recognizable Canadian news sites.
- (U//OUO) News sites linked to the Chinese Communist Party likely acted in a coordinated manner to push user interest in the topic "Meng Wanzhou has been unlawfully detained by Canada for 1000 days." The news sites claim the Meng Wanzhou extradition trial is a case of "political persecution against a Chinese citizen, planned by the U.S. and carried out by its accomplice, Canada." The Meng Wanzhou case became one of the top trending topics on Weibo, WeChat and Douyin. The news sites did not link the Meng case to GE44 and did not mention any political party or candidate.
- (U//OUO) A talk show program on Russian state-affiliated network *RT* interviewed a guest for a video entitled "Canada's dark imperialist secret"; the guest and host commented on Canada's role in Afghanistan and claimed a parliamentary committee report on human rights abuses in Xinjiang featured research from the "C.I.A.-cut out organization, the National Endowment for Democracy." The guest and the host did not link their comments to GE44.

Operational Responses and Updates

- (U) No significant updates at this time.