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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 08.
- (U//OUO) RRM Canada assesses the majority of English and French-language content originated from recognizable Canadian news sites.
- (U//OUO) The *Global Times* – a Chinese Communist Party tabloid – published two stories on WeChat that extensively quote Canadian columnist Jocelyn Coulon's assessment that CPC Leader Erin O'Toole "almost wants to break diplomatic relations with China" and that the CPC's election platform would "certainly lead to Chinese retaliation." One of the articles was released in the middle of the 1st Leader's Debate, but it is unclear if the articles were intentionally timed to coincide with the debate. The articles were carried by news aggregators in mainland China and local Chinese-Canadian media outlets but without additional commentary.

Operational Responses and Updates

- (U) No significant updates at this time.

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