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## RRM CANADA DAILY BRIEF

### Key findings:

- RRM Canada did not observe any significant indicators of foreign state-sponsored information manipulation in its monitoring of the broader Canadian digital information ecosystem from May 29 to 30.
- RRM Canada assesses the vast majority of content originated from recognizable Canadian news sites, and found no instances of foreign state-sponsored news outlets commenting on the by-election.
- There were very few news articles or social media chatter about the June 19 by-election during the reporting period. However, there is continuing news coverage and social media discussion on foreign interference during GE44. The top 2 English-language posts originate from YouTubers that discuss political topics, however, RRM Canada assesses they are likely based in Canada and are not affiliated with a foreign government entity.
- There was no discussion of foreign interference or the June 19 by-elections on Chinese social media platforms during the reporting period.

**Scan performed at:** 8:00PM, May 30, 2023

**Scan covers:** 8:00PM May 29, 2023 – 8:00PM May 30, 2023

**Languages monitored:** English, French, simplified Chinese

**Platforms monitored:** Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Reddit, YouTube, TikTok, Weibo, WeChat, and Douyin

**Tools used:** Buzzsumo, Crowdtangle, Tweetdeck

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Highest engagement numbers for English-language media on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Reddit, and YouTube<sup>1</sup>

Article title	Date	Publisher	Face-book	Insta-gram	Twitter	Reddit	You-Tube	Total
<a href="#">Party Leaders TURN On Justin Trudeau</a>	May 29	<i>Mister Sunshine Baby</i>	289	0	30	0	8.1K	8.4K
<a href="#">Justin Trudeau's COALITION with Jagmeet may be coming to an END</a>	May 29	<i>The Pleb</i>	159	0	46	0	4.4K	4.6K
<a href="#">Singh says he won't force an election until confidence in the electoral system is restored</a>	May 30	<i>CBC News</i>	615	0	2.2K	1.8K	0	4.6K
<a href="#">CAUGHT ON CAMERA: Poilievre questions lack of inquiry by Trudeau</a>	May 30	<i>Toronto Sun</i>	74	0	10	0	2.2K	2.3K
<a href="#">Erin O'Toole's revelations of China's interference demand an inquiry</a>	May 30	<i>Toronto Sun</i>	118	0	895	0	1.1K	2.1K
<a href="#">Opinion: Pierre Poilievre is right about one thing: Special rapporteur is a fake job</a>	May 29	<i>Globe and Mail</i>	99	0	562	646	0	1.3K
<a href="#">The New Revelations Shared By O'Toole Have Destroyed What Little Remained Of Johnston's Credibility</a>	May 30	<i>Spencer Fernando</i>	232	0	610	0	0	842
<a href="#">Jagmeet Singh out of excuses for staying in Trudeau deal</a>	May 30	<i>National Post</i>	144	0	392	0	0	536
<a href="#">Tom Mulcair: David Johnston should leave graciously</a>	May 30	<i>CTV News</i>	255	0	94	0	0	349
<a href="#">David Johnston attacked media for not pushing pro-Liberal narrative</a>	May 30	<i>National Post</i>	111	0	153	0	0	264

<sup>1</sup> Engagement numbers reflect the stated reporting period. RRM Canada uses a series of keywords to determine which news stories among English-language media outlets receive the most engagement: "Canada", "election", "by-election", "Liberal", "Conservative", "Bloc Québécois", "New Democratic Party", "Green Party", "People's Party", "LPC", "CPC", "NDP", "BQ", "GPC", "PPC", "Justin Trudeau", "Pierre Poilievre", "Yves-François Blanchet", "Jagmeet Singh", "Elizabeth May", "Maxime Bernier", "Manitoba", "Winnipeg", "Winnipeg South Centre", "Portage la Prairie", "Portage-Lisgar", "Quebec", "Montreal", "Notre-Dame-de-Grâce-Westmount", "London", "Woodstock", "Tillsonburg", "Ingersoll", "Oxford", "Ben Carr", "Julia Riddell", "Damir Stipanovic", "Candice Bergen", "Branden Leslie", "Ken Friesen", "Andrew Carrier", "Kerry Smith", "Marc Garneau", "Anna Gainey", "Mathew Kaminski", "Jean-François Filion", "Malcolm Lewis-Richmond", "Jonathan Pedneault", "Dave MacKenzie", "Arpan Khanna", "David Hilderley", "Cody Groat"

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Article title	Date	Publisher	Face-book	Insta-gram	Twitter	Reddit	You-Tube	Total
<a href="#">Ingérence étrangère   La Chine gagne, la démocratie canadienne perd</a>	May 30	<i>La Presse</i>	36	0	256	0	0	292
<a href="#">Jagmeet Singh réclame le retrait de David Johnston</a>	May 29	<i>Journal de Montreal</i>	103	0	9	0	0	112
<a href="#">Motion du NPD   Les Communes pourraient demander à David Johnston de quitter ses fonctions</a>	May 29	<i>La Presse</i>	44	0	28	0	0	72
<a href="#">Ingérence étrangère   Une députée néo-démocrate affirme être une cible du gouvernement chinois</a>	May 29	<i>La Presse</i>	66	0	5	0	0	71
<a href="#">Ingérence étrangère   Les libéraux défendent le travail de Johnston</a>	May 30	<i>La Presse</i>	62	0	6	0	0	68
<a href="#">Ingérence : le NPD réclame à son tour le retrait du rapporteur spécial David Johnston</a>	May 29	<i>Radio-Canada</i>	47	0	16	0	0	63
<a href="#">Jagmeet Singh veut que le rapporteur spécial, David Johnston, se retire</a>	May 29	<i>Le Devoir</i>	41	0	1	0	0	42
<a href="#">Vers un front commun contre David Johnston</a>	May 30	<i>La Presse</i>	2	0	2	0	0	4
<a href="#">Motion réclamant son départ   Trudeau se porte à la défense du travail de David Johnston</a>	May 30	<i>La Presse</i>	2	0	0	0	0	2
<a href="#">L'ancien chef conservateur Erin O'Toole a été informé qu'il a été ciblé par la Chine</a>	May 30	<i>Noovo Info</i>	2	0	0	0	0	2

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