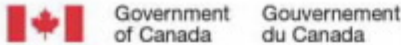


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Threat Updates

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- (U) 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 June 04 to 05.
- (U) 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.
- (U) Canadian news coverage of the by-election continues apace, however, user engagement with the topic remains low in English (less than 1K unique user interactions, such as "likes", "comments" or "shares") and very low in French (less than 100 unique user interactions). RRM Canada found only five French-language articles pertaining to the by-election during the reporting period. For comparison's sake, stories on the East Coast wildfires and Paul Bernardo's transfer to a medium security correctional facility received higher levels of engagement (1.5 to 3K user interactions) during the reporting period. RRM Canada found no indications that a foreign entity attempted to manipulate the information space to decrease or increase user engagement on the June 19 by-election.

Operational Responses and Updates

- (U) No significant updates at this time.
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