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2023 Federal By-Elections

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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 12 to 13.
- **(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)** There was some coverage of the June 19 by-elections today in English, but very little in French:
 - Local online news in Portage la Prairie published a series of candidate profiles for the Portage-Lisgar riding.
 - Online news outlets in Western Canada covered a People's Party of Canada policy announcement on removing pepper spray from the list of prohibited weapons under the Criminal Code.
 - RRM Canada found no French-language online news coverage of the June by-election for June 13.
 - RRM Canada did not observe any attempts by a foreign entity to artificially decrease or increase user engagement on the above topics.
- **(U)** RRM Canada did not detect any Chinese-language news articles or social media chatter on China-based platforms about the June 19 by-election today.

Operational Responses and Updates

- **(U)** No significant updates at this time.

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