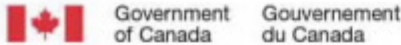


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SITE TF SITREP: 19 June 2023

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 14 to 15.
- **(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)** Three days before voting day, there remains only scattered coverage of the June 19 by-elections in English and French:
 - Political commentators on Rumble - a niche online video sharing site - discussed Maxime Bernier's election campaign in Portage-Lisgar. The video received higher levels of engagement than other news pieces for June 15, but overall, remains low.¹ RRM Canada assesses that the commentator originates from Canada and is not affiliated with a foreign entity.
 - English language online news outlets continue to publish candidate profiles in the 4 ridings that are holding by-elections on June 19.
 - RRM Canada surfaced only two French-language news articles about the by-election in NDG-Westmount.
 - RRM Canada did not observe any attempts to artificially decrease or increase user engagement with any of the above topics.
- **(U)** Over the course of RRM Canada's month-long monitoring of the Chinese-language information space, the Unit surfaced very few Chinese-language articles about the June 19 by-election. For the June 14-15 reporting period, RRM Canada still did not find any Chinese-language news articles or social media chatter about the Monday voting day or other by-election topics.

¹ In past election cycles, RRM Canada reporting noted 10K to 20K user interactions as "high levels of engagement." However, at this time, RRM Canada has not observed this level of user interest in the June 19 by-election.

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- **(U)** The RCMP Ideologically Motivated Criminal Intelligence Team (IMCIT) has not observed any ideologically motivated criminality or threats to the by-elections in the ridings of Portage-Lisgar (MB), Winnipeg South Centre (MB), Oxford (ON) and Notre-Dame-de-Grâce—Westmount (QC). No direct threats to any of the candidates, or to the administration of the election, were identified by IMCIT.
- **(U)** The localized nature of the 2023 by-elections means a reduced likelihood for ideologically motivated threat actors to engage with VIPs or protected persons.
- **(Protected A)** IMCIT assesses that the potential for ideologically motivated threats targeting the by-elections on 19 June 2023 will remain low for the remainder of the election period.

Operational Responses and Updates

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