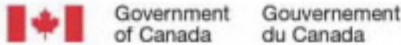


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2023 Federal By-Elections

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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 during the period of May 26 to 28.
- (U) The top 2 most engaged English-language stories and the top French language post originate from alternative media commentators on YouTube. However, the content creators are very likely Canadian with no indications of any connections to a foreign state-actor.
- (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 were some articles about the June 19 by-election, with English-language stories about PM Justin Trudeau and NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh's visit to Oxford County receiving low to medium levels of user engagement (1K to 5K unique interactions, including "likes", "shares", and "comments"). Users also engaged with news stories about the Special Rapporteur's recommendation for no public inquiry, but engagement remains low (1K to 3K).
- (U) There was no discussion of foreign interference or the June 19 by-elections on Chinese social media platforms over the weekend.

Operational Responses and Updates

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