

<b>2021-0533</b>	
<b>DATE FILE INITIATED AND ALLEGATIONS</b>	The complaint was submitted to the Office of the Commissioner of Canada Elections (OCCE) during the 2021 federal general election (GE) period via its web-based complaint form. The complainant expressed concern that foreign agents affiliated with the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) may be interfering in the GE. The complaint included 3 attachments which were screenshots of social media messages in Chinese characters.
<b>POTENTIAL CONTRAVENTION(S)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>S. 282.4</b> of the <i>Canada Elections Act</i> (the Act)- Undue influence by foreigners</li> </ul>
<b>STEPS TAKEN</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The social media posts provided with the compliant were translated for review.</li> <li>• Some of the content of these posts was critical of the Conservative Party of Canada (CPC) and referenced MP Derek Sloan who suggested Dr. Theresa Tam (Chief Public Health Officer of Canada) was aligned with China and referenced the potential impact of Bill C-282 proposed by MP Kenny Chiu.</li> <li>• The review identified other posts published in the same time frame on other mediums that contained similar content.</li> <li>• The complainant identified in the complaint was contacted but denied being at the origin of the complaint and stated that, as a Permanent Resident, he/she is not allowed to vote in a GE.</li> <li>• Open-source research was conducted on identified individual(s)/entity(ies) related to the posts which identified some ties to China based entities with associated link(s) to the Communist Party of China (CCP)</li> </ul>
<b>EVIDENTIARY THRESHOLD FOR THE INITIATION OF AN INVESTIGATION REACHED?</b>	<p>No.</p> <p>The review did not identify tangible or direct evidence to substantiate the elements constituting the offence of undue foreign influence or other potential contraventions as defined by the Act.</p>
<b>CURRENT STATUS</b>	Closed
<b>STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT</b>	None