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## RRM CANADA DAILY BRIEF

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### Key findings:

- 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 September 22.
- Conservative Party candidate Kenny Chiu continued to discuss his GE44 campaign and what impact false information played in his defeat.
  - In an interview with the *South China Morning Post*, Chiu said “Communist China endorsed” reports in Chinese-language media had spread “half truths and complete lies” about his position on China and Bill C-282 (An Act to establish the Foreign Influence Registry).
  - The article received some attention from Canadian political pundits on Twitter, with some suggesting Canada should be “more concerned” that “opposing the Chinese government can now make you lose 10-14 seats.”
- Chinese Communist Party outlet *Reference News* [reported](#) on the results of GE44 with the headline “Trudeau’s ‘gamble’ failed.” The outlet suggested the turnout for GE44 was “significantly lower” because electors “refused to vote” as a “protest against Trudeau’s election ‘gamble’ during a health crisis.” It received significant attention on WeChat, but no engagement on Twitter or Facebook.
- *China News Service*, a Chinese Communist Party (CCP) news wire service directed at overseas Chinese, reports that the state-backed Chinese Academy of Science has performed “big data analysis” to discover Covid-19’s “patient zero” originated from Rhode Island in April 2019. The report received considerable user attention on WeChat and Douyin.

**Scan performed at:** 8:00PM, September 22, 2021

**Scan covers:** 9:00AM September 22, 2021 – 8:00PM September 22, 2021.

**Platform used:** Buzzsumo, Crowdtangle, Tweetdeck, WeChat

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[AD]Highest engagement numbers for English-language media on Facebook, Twitter and Reddit<sup>1</sup>

Article title	Date	Publisher	Facebook	Twitter	Reddit	Total engagement
<a href="#">Taking a stand by taking a seat: First Nations student reprimanded after not standing for O Canada</a>	Sep. 22, 2021	CBC News	7K	192	0	7.2K
<a href="#">The PPC got more than 800,000 votes in Election 2021, and that should worry all of us</a>	Sep. 21, 2021	Maclean's	6.4K	487	2.2K	9.0K
<a href="#">'Our Brothers, The Taliban' Minister Loses Seat in Canadian Snap Election</a>	Sep. 21, 2021	Breitbart	8.4K	240	3	8.7K
<a href="#">The election that disappointed everyone</a>	Sep. 21, 2021	Maclean's	667	50	6.7K	7.4K
<a href="#">Canada election result: Trudeau wins third term after early vote gamble</a>	Sep. 21, 2021	The Guardian	5.5K	527	58	6.1K
<a href="#">New Image Appears To Show Justin Trudeau Wearing Blackface</a>	Sep. 21, 2021	Daily Wire	5.4K	3	0	5.4K
<a href="#">Don Martin: Sooner or later in this status quo mandate, Justin Trudeau will take his walk in the snow</a>	Sep. 21, 2021	CTV News	3.4K	383	311	4.1K
<a href="#">Clock starts ticking for Canada's Trudeau after bid for majority fails</a>	Sep. 21, 2021	Reuters	3.3K	76	24	3.4K
<a href="#">Canada to resume flights from India next week with additional COVID-19 measures</a>	Sep. 22, 2021	Global News	3.3K	41	0	3.3K
<a href="#">Supporters of Maxime Bernier and People's Party of Canada Call Election 'Rigged'</a>	Sep. 21, 2021	Vice News	1.8K	175	1.2K	3.2K

<sup>1</sup> Engagement numbers reflect the stated reporting period. RRM Canada uses the following keywords to determine which news stories among Canadian English-language media outlets receive the most engagement: "Canada", "Canadian Election" OR "Canadian Federal Election" OR "44th General Election" OR "GE44", "Bloc Quebecois" OR "Yves Blanchet" OR "Yves-François Blanchet", "Erin O'Toole" OR "Conservative Party of Canada" OR "The Conservatives", "Annamie Paul" OR "Green Party of Canada" OR "The Greens", "Trudeau" OR "Justin Trudeau" OR "Liberal Party of Canada" OR "The Liberals", "Maverick Party", "Maxime Bernier" OR "PPC" OR "People's Party", "New Democratic Party of Canada" OR "NDP" OR "Jagmeet Singh"

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Article title	Date	Publisher	Facebook	Twitter	Reddit	Total engagement
<a href="#">Voter 15 fois, c'est possible au Canada. On l'a vu de nos yeux.</a>	Sep. 21, 2021	Journal Métro	3.2K	318	40	3.6K
<a href="#">Un recul ne serait pas une défaite, plaident les libéraux</a>	Sep. 21, 2021	Le Devoir	2.9K	4	0	2.9K
<a href="#">Une loi spéciale dès jeudi pour stopper les manifestations antivaccin</a>	Sep. 22, 2021	Le Devoir	2.9K	11	0	2.9K
<a href="#">Le mathématicien radicalisé</a>	Sep. 22, 2021	La Presse	2.6K	97	0	2.7K
<a href="#">De la "blackface" aux propos sur la liberté d'expression, le pire de Justin Trudeau</a>	Sep. 21, 2021	Marianne	2.2K	313	0	2.5K
<a href="#">Montréal-Nord: des militants antivaccins accueillis par des parents mécontents devant une école</a>	Sep. 21, 2021	Journal de Montréal	2.5K	32	0	2.5K
<a href="#">Militants antivaccin: Québec envisage une loi spéciale pour interdire les manifs près des écoles et des hôpitaux</a>	Sep. 21, 2021	Journal de Montréal	1.8K	25	345	2.2K
<a href="#">Le maire de Saint-Georges soulagé après la défaite de Bernier</a>	Sep. 21, 2021	TVA Nouvelles	1.5K	0	0	1.5K
<a href="#">Le Canada est aussi divisé qu'avant</a>	Sep. 21, 2021	Journal de Québec	1.2K	8	0	1.2K
<a href="#">Voici où s'est jouée l'élection (ou pas)</a>	Sep. 21, 2021	Radio-Canada	1.2K	0	0	1.2K

<sup>2</sup> Engagement numbers reflect the stated reporting period. RRM Canada uses the following keywords to determine which news stories among Canadian French-language media outlets receive the most engagement: "Canada", "Élections fédérales" OR "Élections Canada", "Bloc Québécois" OR "Le Bloc" OR "Yves Blanchet" OR "Yves-François Blanchet", "Erin O'Toole" OR "Les conservateurs" OR "Parti conservateur du Canada", "Trudeau" OR "Justin Trudeau" OR "les libéraux" OR "Parti libéral du Canada", "Nouveau Parti démocratique" OR "Le NDP" OR "Le NDP du Canada" OR "Jagmeet Singh", "Annamie Paul" OR "Parti vert du Canada", "Maxime Bernier" OR "Parti populaire", "Le Parti maverick"

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## Highest engagement numbers on WeChat

Article Title <sup>3</sup>	Date	Account	Total views <sup>4</sup>
特鲁多“赌博”失败…… (Trudeau's "gamble" fails...)	Sep. 22, 2021	Reference News	72.9K
快讯！加拿大选举结果出炉，特鲁多赢了！然而奇葩的是，随时可能要再重选一次…… (The results are in, and Trudeau won! But another election might be around the corner)	Sep. 22, 2021	Canada Talks	43.0K
重磅！杜鲁多承诺 9 大新政+福利！加拿大 18 个月后再次大选！ (Trudeau promises 9 new policies + benefits! Canada may have another election in 18 months!)	Sep. 22, 2021	51.ca	32.7K
特鲁多将组建新政府，承诺 8 大福利！9 名华裔当选！网友：保守党输得不冤，华人区竟没生出 裔候选人 (Trudeau will form government, and promises 8 new benefits! 9 ethnic Chinese MPs are victorious! Web user: the CPC loss wasn't fair, now there's no Chinese candidate in a Chinese area) 大数据溯源：美国新冠“零号病人”大概率 2019 年 4 月出现	Sep. 22, 2021	Superlife	29.3K
(Big data tracking: Covid-19 "Patient zero" was an American that appeared in April 2019)	Sep. 22, 2021	China News Service	26.9K
特鲁多又赢了，除了他没失业，这些加拿大与自由党不得不说的事情你都知道吗？ (Trudeau wins again, he doesn't lose his job; do you know these facts about Canada and the LPC?)	Sep. 22, 2021	Canada Bidu	6.0K
创纪录！9 华裔当选 特鲁多 6 亿成功连任！股市飙升 房价看好 华人获最大胜利！ (Nine ethnic Chinese elected, and Trudeau wins the \$600M re-election campaign! The stock markets soar and house prices look good! Ethnic Chinese come out the big winners!)	Sep. 22, 2021	CAC News-ca	5.8K
发几千万也没用！特鲁多白忙一场！最大的赢家可能是他 (A few hundred million won't help! Trudeau wastes our time! The biggest winner might be him...)	Sep. 22, 2021	Superlife	4.6K
[重磅]特鲁多连任成定局！下一步瞄准准我的钱包！ (Trudeau's re-election is a foregone conclusion. Next is all of our wallets!)	Sep. 22, 2021	Vancouver Headlines	4.4K
华人被惹急了！列治文翻红显示力量！8 华裔胜出 自由党料再组少数政府 (Ethnic Chinese are angry! Richmond turns red! 8 ethnic Chinese are victorious! LPC expected to form government)	Sep. 22, 2021	Dushi-Van	4.2K

<sup>3</sup> Article titles translated by RRM Canada<sup>4</sup> Total engagement numbers reflect the article's page views; WeChat does not calculate the number of comments an article receives

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#### On our radar

##### User engagement with French and English-language online media

- The majority of French and English-language stories shared on Facebook, Twitter and Reddit for September 22 originated from recognizable Canadian, U.K. and U.S. media outlets.
- *Journal Métro* [reported](#) on an anonymous individual who registered at 15 Montreal polling stations on election day. The individual did not cast their ballot but claimed they could do so if they wished. The article received considerable user attention on Facebook (3.6K total engagements). Most of the Facebook pages and groups that shared the article appear to be located in Quebec.

##### User engagement with Sinophone online media

- The most-viewed stories on WeChat for September 22 were a mix of stories from recognizable Chinese-Canadian WeChat news accounts and CCP media accounts.
- Conservative Party candidate Kenny Chiu continued to discuss his GE44 campaign and what impact false information played in his defeat.
  - In an interview with the *South China Morning Post*, Chiu said “Communist China endorsed” reports in Chinese-language media had spread “half truths and complete lies” about his position on China and Bill C-282 (An Act to establish the Foreign Influence Registry).
  - The article received some attention from Canadian political pundits on Twitter. Some expressed interest in “seeing these messages on WeChat” mentioned in the SCMP article, while others wondered if it would lead the Conservatives to “soften their stance on China”? Pollster Bryan Breguet [tweeted](#) Canada should be “more concerned” that “opposing the Chinese government can now make you lose 10-14 seats in Canada.”
- Chinese Communist Party outlet *Reference News* [reported](#) on the results of GE44 with the headline “Trudeau’s ‘gamble’ failed.”
  - The outlet reported on the events and the results of the election in a neutral way, but suggested the turnout for GE44 was “significantly lower” because electors “refused to vote” as a “protest against Trudeau’s election ‘gamble’ during a health crisis.”
  - The article received considerable user interest on WeChat (72.9K page views), but solicited no comments on Twitter or Facebook.
  - The People’s Daily English edition [also reported](#) on the results of GE44 but did so in a neutral way. The report did not elicit any comment on social media.
- *China News Service*, a Chinese Communist Party (CCP) news wire service directed at overseas Chinese, reports that the state-backed Chinese Academy of Science has performed “big data analysis” to discover Covid-19’s “patient zero” originated from Rhode Island in April 2019.

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- The report received considerable user interest on WeChat (over 37K views), with some users claiming the U.S. “covered up the case to blame others.”
- *The China Daily*, a CCP media company that targets users in North America, posted a 20-second video on its Douyin account (34.7 million followers) that also claimed “patient zero” first emerged in the U.S. in April 2019. The video also claims that Covid-19 appeared in the U.S., Spain, France, Italy and Brazil much earlier than the first outbreak in China. The video received high user engagement (49K likes).

#### **User engagement with Russophone online media**

- There were no high-engagement posts from Canadian Russian-language media outlets for the September 22 reporting period.

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