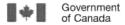
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2021 Federal Election - Threat Trend: STABLE

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## **Threat Updates**

## GAC/RRM

- (U//OUO) 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 August 26.
- (U//OUO) RRM Canada assesses the majority of English and French-language content originated from recognizable Canadian news sites.
- (U//OUO) News sites linked to the Chinese Communist Party likely acted in a coordinated manner
  to push user interest in the topic "Meng Wanzhou has been unlawfully detained by Canada for 1000
  days." The news sites claim the Meng Wanzhou extradition trial is a case of "political persecution
  against a Chinese citizen, planned by the U.S. and carried out by its accomplice, Canada." The
  Meng Wanzhou case became one of the top trending topics on Weibo, WeChat and Douyin. The
  news sites did not link the Meng case to GE44 and did not mention any political party or candidate.
- (U//OUO) A talk show program on Russian state-affiliated network RT interviewed a guest for a
  video entitled "Canada's dark imperialist secret"; the guest and host commented on Canada's role
  in Afghanistan and claimed a parliamentary committee report on human rights abuses in Xinjiang
  featured research from the "C.I.A.-cut out organization, the National Endowment for Democracy."
  The guest and the host did not link their comments to GE44.

## **Operational Responses and Updates**

(U) No significant updates at this time.

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