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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 27 to 29.
- (U//OUO) RRM Canada assesses the majority of English and French-language content originated from recognizable Canadian news sites.
- (U//OUO) A *Hill Times* interview with Chinese Amb. to Canada Cong Peiwu received some attention from Twitter and Facebook users. Users mostly reacted to Cong's statement that some politicians are putting their own "political interests" ahead of the Canada-China relationship. However, the Chinese Embassy did not translate Cong's comments on Canadian politicians putting "political interests" over Sino-Canadian relations in its [official statement](#) about the *Hill Times* interview. An [article](#) by the *Global Times* about the interview also did not report on Cong's comments on Canadian politicians.
- (U//OUO) *Sputnik* and *Russia Today's* coverage of Maryam Monsef's comments on the Taliban received minimal attention from users.
- (U//OUO) Russian state-linked RT as well as Chinese Communist Party linked *Global Times* published articles about angry protests and the cancelled LPC campaigns event in Bolton, Ont.

Operational Responses and Updates

- (U) No significant updates at this time.

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