

Re: Data

From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Date: Wed, 06 Oct 2021 23:29:23 +0000

Hi [redacted]
Any one of us will assist you. I will send it to your CTSN tomorrow.
[redacted]

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 6, 2021, at 5:17 PM, [redacted] wrote:

Hi [redacted] I'm not sure who our designated CRO is anymore. Could you have someone forward this email to my CTSN?

From: [redacted]
Sent: October 6, 2021 5:14 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Data

Alright, here's my revised list, adding the database [redacted] sent via dropbox and the three databases [redacted] sent via Google drive.

- 63 screenshots of WeChat news accounts; open to public. (contains duplicates)
- 76 screenshots of messages on the Chinese language York BBS website; open to public. (contains duplicates)
- 7 screenshots of messages on the Chinese-language 51ca BBS website; open to public.
- 3 screenshots of the Chinese Canadian GoTo Vote Association website; open to public.
- 10 pdfs of various Chinese Canadian GoTo Vote Association voting guides, such as how to apply to Elections Canada to vote by mail, register to vote, etc; open to public.
- 25 videos by Chinese Canadian GoTo Vote Association that could be categorized as "get out the vote" promotions; seems to be directly downloaded from YouTube; likely open to public.
- 3 screenshots of WeChat group chats (private, not available to public; likely contains private information of Canadians)
- 12 screenshots of whatsapp group chat (private, not available to public; likely contains private information of Canadians)

From: [redacted]
Sent: October 6, 2021 5:04 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Data

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No rush for tonight but I'll need the list before 12:30 tomorrow if that can be done.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: October 6, 2021 5:03 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Data

Ack, I forgot to include the other files that [REDACTED] sent via dropbox. Let me add them up real quick.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: October 6, 2021 4:59 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Data

Thanks [REDACTED] This is extremely useful. Could you confirm that your list below is this everything from all three files that [REDACTED] sent and as well as the file [REDACTED] sent' or are you still sorting through. Further, could you flag specifically that the whatsapp messages are the only private comms you've seen so far?

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: October 6, 2021 4:54 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Data

I am also not sure why they provided them all by screengrabs. (every single item is either a jpeg file, or a pdf.) My guess is they suspected the WeChat articles were in danger of being taken down after the election; a situation like that happened in 2019 during GE43.

As far as I can tell, all the wechat articles and Chinese-language news sites are still up. I have been using two websites – archive.is and archive.org – to keep a live snapshot of what we monitored on wechat and social media during GE44 instead. It's certainly not ideal for us to research using pdf files. Taking screengrabs is not a good way to OSINT research.

Sorry, just to confirm, here's the ones I'll be looking at (highlighted in yellow) and the ones I won't be (highlighted in red)

- [REDACTED] won't look at this; already monitored and archived everything here during the writ period)
- 38 screengrabs of messages on the Chinese language York BBS message board (open to public)
- 3 website screengrabs of the Chinese Canadian GoTo Vote Association (open to public)
- 10 pdf docs of various Chinese Canadian GoTo Vote Association voting guides, such as how to apply to Elections Canada to vote by mail, register to vote, etc (open to public)
- 25 videos by Chinese Canadian GoTo Vote Association that could be categorized as "get out the vote" promotions; seems to be directly downloaded from youtube (likely open to public)
- [REDACTED] (likely contains private information of Canadians)

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From: [redacted]
Sent: October 6, 2021 4:46 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Data

Sorry – I missed this.

And we have them in screengrabs why? Were they taken down? Or just collected here for research purposes?

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: October-06-21 4:32 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Data

Just to be clear, the wechat group chat screengrabs we saw before did not include any personal information of the wechat users. I felt better looking at those, but I wonder if they also fall into the same category for legal to consider about non-publicly available data.

Sorry [redacted] I realized I didn't answer your second question about what types of data are we looking at.

So here's what they provided:

- 30 screengrabs of WeChat news accounts (open to public)
- 38 screengrabs of messages on the Chinese language York BBS message board (open to public)
- 3 website screengrabs of the Chinese Canadian GoTo Vote Association (open to public)
- 10 pdf docs of various Chinese Canadian GoTo Vote Association voting guides, such as how to apply to Elections Canada to vote by mail, register to vote, etc (open to public)
- 25 videos by Chinese Canadian GoTo Vote Association that could be categorized as "get out the vote" promotions; seems to be directly downloaded from youtube (likely open to public)
- 12 screengrabs of whatsapp group chat (private, not available to public)

From: [redacted]
Sent: October 6, 2021 4:11 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Data

I was literally just talking about this. I'm not sure, [redacted]?

Sent from my Bell Samsung device over Canada's largest network.

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----- Original message -----

From: [REDACTED]
Date: 2021-10-06 4:05 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Data

[REDACTED] we need to talk to our legal colleagues re. engaging with content that is not open and publically available – but at the same time may provide important clues re. broader disinformation campaign.

Would you confirm that the data files shared by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] include screenshot of posts from private and/or encrypted chats? What other type of data are we looking at here?

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