

# SITE TF SITREP: 04 October 2019

## 2019 Federal Election – Threat Trend: **STABLE**



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### Threat Updates

- **(U)** Relatively mainstream Russian newspaper Vedomosti published an article entitled “Canada Imported Russian Disinformation Technology”. It referenced RRM Canada’s Alberta election report, claiming inauthentic activity was the result of Canada’s “own troll factories” rather than foreign interference. In reference to a recent CBC article that cited an unnamed government source, it reported that Canada’s intelligence services have named six countries – China, India, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Iran and Venezuela – as seeking to influence the outcome of the federal election, pointing out that Russia was not on the list. RRM Canada is monitoring for further developments, including signs of inauthentic amplification.
- **(U)** RRM Canada analysed the online space after the French-language debate and assesses that there was no significant foreign interference. Unless there is additional information, RRM Canada will not be investigating further.

### Operational Responses and Updates

- **(U)** No significant updates at this time.