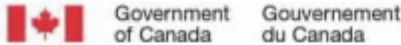


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2023 Federal By-Elections

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Threat Updates

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- (U) RRM Canada did not observe any significant indicators of foreign state-sponsored information manipulation in its monitoring of the broader Canadian digital information ecosystem from June 02 to 04.
- (U) RRM Canada assesses the vast majority of content originated from recognizable Canadian news sites, and found no instances of foreign state-sponsored news outlets commenting on the by-election. On YouTube, niche English-channel political channels also commented on the by-election. However, RRM Canada assesses these channels likely originate from Canada.
- (U) Over the weekend, there was a noticeable uptick in both English and French-language news coverage of the June 19 by-election. However, user engagement with the topic remains low -- between 250 and 1.5K unique user interactions, such as likes, comments, and shares¹. RRM Canada did not observe any indications that a foreign state attempted to manipulate related social media posts on this topic.
- (U) There was no discussion of foreign interference or the June 19 by-elections on Chinese social media platforms over the weekend.

Operational Responses and Updates

- (U) No significant updates at this time.
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¹ In past election cycles, RRM Canada reporting noted 10 to 20K user interactions as "high levels of engagement." However, at this time, RRM Canada has not observed this level of user interest in the June 19 by-election.

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