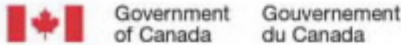


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# SITE TF SITREP: 16 June 2023

## 2023 Federal By-Elections

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### Threat Updates

#### GAC

- **(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 13 to 14.
- **(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.
- **(U)** There was some coverage of the June 19 by-elections today in English, but very little in French:
  - English-language online news outlets in Western Canada continued to report on PPC Leader Maxime Bernier's policy proposal to amend the Criminal Code to allow members of the public to use pepper spray.
  - Several English-language outlets in Manitoba reported on the "record-setting" number of candidates running for office in Winnipeg South Centre.
  - RRM Canada did not surface any French-language news articles about the by-election for June 14.
  - RRM Canada assesses there was likely no attempt by a foreign entity to artificially decrease or increase Canadian user engagement in the above topics.
- **(U)** RRM Canada did not detect any Chinese-language news articles or social media chatter on China-based platforms about the June 19 by-election today.

### Operational Responses and Updates

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

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