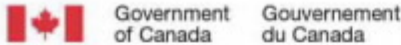


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SITE TF SITREP: 21 June 2023

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 18 to 20.
- (U) RRM Canada assesses the vast majority of content originated from recognizable Canadian news sites, and found no foreign state-sponsored news outlets commenting on the by-election.
- (U) On voting day, both French- and English-language news outlets in Canada took stock of the results, and provided some colour commentary:
 - Due to the recent publishing date of vote result articles, RRM Canada was not able to receive a full picture of user engagement with the topic. Based on a preliminary assessment, there are no outward signs that a foreign entity attempted to artificially decrease or increase Canadian user engagement with news about the June 19 by-election results.
 - Overall, user engagement with by-election topics remained low on both the eve of voting day, and voting day. User engagement with French-language articles hovered between 10 to 115 unique user interactions – including “likes,” “comments”, and “shares” – while user engagement with English-language articles ranged between 75 and 1K unique user interactions.
- (U) For the June 18-20 reporting period, RRM Canada did not surface any Chinese-language news articles about the vote result.

Operational Responses and Updates

- (U) No significant updates at this time.

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