Methods and Defences

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Method	What it is
Disinformation	False information spread on purpose, often by fake accounts or AI-made content.
Covert funding	Secret money from a foreign state to influence people, groups or campaigns.
Intimidation	Threats or pressure on people in Canada, often members of diaspora communities.
Cyber attack	Hacking systems or accounts, sometimes to leak or change information.

Label each scenario: open influence, a method of interference (name it) or a defence.

Scenario	Influence, method or defence?
1. A foreign ambassador gives a public speech in Ottawa praising a trade deal.	
2. A network of fake accounts, secretly run from abroad, posts false claims about a candidate.	
3. A person in Canada is warned that relatives abroad will suffer if they keep speaking out.	
4. Hackers break into a campaign's email and leak altered messages.	
5. Money from a foreign government is secretly passed to a local group to back a candidate.	
6. A platform removes hundreds of fake accounts after an investigation.	
7. CSIS warns a community group that it may be targeted.	
8. A student checks a viral election claim on Elections Canada's website before sharing it.	

What makes scenario 1 different from scenario 2?

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Case File: Lakeshore Centre

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Lakeshore Centre is an invented riding holding a by-election. Every person, group and event below is invented.

When	What happened
Week 1	Hundreds of brand-new accounts post the same message: candidate Amira Shah (invented) “plans to close Lakeshore Hospital.” She has never said this.
Week 2	Members of a local cultural association receive private messages warning that their relatives abroad “will have problems” if they volunteer for any campaign.
Week 3	A campaign's emails are hacked and leaked online, with one sentence changed to sound insulting.
Week 4	CSIS briefs the campaigns. A platform removes 300 fake accounts. The Lakeshore Ledger fact-checks the hospital claim as false. Police meet the association.

1. Identify the method of interference used in weeks 1, 2 and 3.

2. How could each method harm a democratic value (democracy, human rights, freedom or the rule of law)? Name the value.

3. Judge the responses in week 4. Which was most effective, and why? What was missing?

4. A voter sees the hospital post in week 1. Using Stop, Investigate, Find and Trace, what should they do?

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