

# Cyber Threats From China Russia And Iran Protecting American Critical Infrastructure

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Three Dangerous Men:  
Russia, China, Iran and

the Rise of Irregular  
Warfare Seth G. Jones  
2021-09-07 How three key

figures in Moscow, Beijing, and Tehran built ruthless irregular warfare campaigns that are eroding American power. In *Three Dangerous Men*, defense expert Seth Jones argues that the US is woefully unprepared for the future of global competition. While America has focused on building fighter jets, missiles, and conventional warfighting capabilities, its three principal rivals—Russia, Iran, and China—have increasingly adopted irregular warfare: cyber attacks, the use of proxy forces, propaganda, espionage, and disinformation to undermine American power. Jones profiles three pioneers of irregular warfare in Moscow, Beijing, and Tehran who adapted American techniques and made huge gains without waging traditional

warfare: Russian Chief of Staff Valery Gerasimov; the deceased Iranian Major General Qassem Soleimani; and vice chairman of China's Central Military Commission Zhang Youxia. Each has spent his career studying American power and devised techniques to avoid a conventional or nuclear war with the US. Gerasimov helped oversee a resurgence of Russian irregular warfare, which included attempts to undermine the 2016 and 2020 US presidential elections and the SolarWinds cyber attack. Soleimani was so effective in expanding Iranian power in the Middle East that Washington targeted him for assassination. Zhang Youxia presents the most alarming challenge because China has more power and potential at its disposal. Drawing on interviews with dozens

of US military, diplomatic, and intelligence officials, as well as hundreds of documents translated from Russian, Farsi, and Mandarin, Jones shows how America's rivals have bloodied its reputation and seized territory worldwide. Instead of standing up to autocratic regimes, Jones demonstrates that the United States has largely abandoned the kind of information, special operations, intelligence, and economic and diplomatic action that helped win the Cold War. In a powerful conclusion, Jones details the key steps the United States must take to alter how it thinks about—and engages in—competition before it is too late.

**China-Russia Security Relations : Strategic Parallelism Without Partnership Or Passion?**  
Richard Weitz 2008

**Cyber Threats from China, Russia, and Iran**  
United States. Congress. House. Committee on Homeland Security. Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies 2013

The U.S. Cybersecurity and Intelligence Analysis Challenges John Michael Weaver  
*Dawn of the Code War*  
John P. Carlin  
2018-10-16 The inside story of how America's enemies launched a cyber war against us—and how we've learned to fight back With each passing year, the internet-linked attacks on America's interests have grown in both frequency and severity. Overmatched by our military, countries like North Korea, China, Iran, and Russia have found us vulnerable in cyberspace. The "Code War" is upon us. In this

dramatic book, former Assistant Attorney General John P. Carlin takes readers to the front lines of a global but little-understood fight as the Justice Department and the FBI chases down hackers, online terrorist recruiters, and spies. Today, as our entire economy goes digital, from banking to manufacturing to transportation, the potential targets for our enemies multiply. This firsthand account is both a remarkable untold story and a warning of dangers yet to come.

Cyber Threat: The Rise of Information

Geopolitics in U.S.

National Security Chris Bronk 2016-02-01 This book presents a holistic view of the geopolitics of cyberspace that have arisen over the past decade, utilizing recent events to explain the

international security dimension of cyber threat and vulnerability, and to document the challenges of controlling information resources and protecting computer systems. • Provides relevant, rigorous information to those in the computer security field while also being accessible to a general audience of policy, international security, and military readers who seek to understand the cyber security issue and how it has evolved • Documents how contemporary society is dependent upon cyberspace for its function, and that the understanding of how it works and how it can be broken is knowledge held by a precious few • Informs both technically savvy readers who build and maintain the infrastructure of cyberspace and the

policymakers who develop rules, processes, and laws on how the cyber security problem is managed

## **Industry Perspectives on the President's Cybersecurity**

### **Information-Sharing**

#### **Proposal**

Infrastru

Subcommittee on  
Cybersecurity 2015-07-03

For years, the private sector has been on the front line battling devastating cyber attacks from criminals, activists in nation-states such as Iran, China, Russia, and North Korea. Any cyber threat-sharing legislation produced by Congress should enhance existing capabilities and relationships while establishing procedures to safeguard personal privacy. The cyber breach of health insurance giant Anthem exposed the personal information of up to 80 million Americans,

approximately 1 in every 4 Americans, demonstrating that the quantity and sophistication of these attacks is only increasing. The director of national intelligence, James Clapper, underscored this fact, stating that cyber attacks against the U.S. are increasing in frequency, scale, sophistication, and severity of impact and that the methods of attack and the systems targeted and the victims are also expanding in diversity and intensity on a daily basis.

### **Cyber Strategy**

Brandon Valeriano 2018-04-17

Some pundits claim cyber weaponry is the most important military innovation in decades, a transformative new technology that promises a paralyzing first-strike advantage difficult for opponents to deter. Yet, what is

cyber strategy? How do actors use cyber capabilities to achieve a position of advantage against rival states? This book examines the emerging art of cyber strategy and its integration as part of a larger approach to coercion by states in the international system between 2000 and 2014. To this end, the book establishes a theoretical framework in the coercion literature for evaluating the efficacy of cyber operations. Cyber coercion represents the use of manipulation, denial, and punishment strategies in the digital frontier to achieve some strategic end. As a contemporary form of covert action and political warfare, cyber operations rarely produce concessions and tend to achieve only limited, signaling objectives. When cyber

operations do produce concessions between rival states, they tend to be part of a larger integrated coercive strategy that combines network intrusions with other traditional forms of statecraft such as military threats, economic sanctions, and diplomacy. The book finds that cyber operations rarely produce concessions in isolation. They are additive instruments that complement traditional statecraft and coercive diplomacy. The book combines an analysis of cyber exchanges between rival states and broader event data on political, military, and economic interactions with case studies on the leading cyber powers: Russia, China, and the United States. The authors investigate cyber strategies in their integrated and isolated

contexts, demonstrating that they are useful for maximizing informational asymmetries and disruptions, and thus are important, but limited coercive tools. This empirical foundation allows the authors to explore how leading actors employ cyber strategy and the implications for international relations in the 21st century. While most military plans involving cyber attributes remain highly classified, the authors piece together strategies based on observations of attacks over time and through the policy discussion in unclassified space. The result will be the first broad evaluation of the efficacy of various strategic options in a digital world.

*Confronting an "Axis of Cyber"?* Fabio Rugge  
2018-10-24 The new US National Cyber Strategy

points to Russia, China, North Korea and Iran as the main international actors responsible for launching malicious cyber and information warfare campaigns against Western interests and democratic processes. Washington made clear its intention of scaling the response to the magnitude of the threat, while actively pursuing the goal of an open, secure and global Internet. The first Report of the ISPI Center on Cybersecurity focuses on the behaviour of these "usual suspects", investigates the security risks implicit in the mounting international confrontation in cyberspace, and highlights the current irreconcilable political cleavage between these four countries and the West in their respective approaches "in and around" cyberspace.

Cyber Threats from China, Russia, and Iran  
Committee on Homeland Security House of Representatives  
2014-01-17 Today's hearing is timely and very relevant. We are examining the cyber threat today that is posed by nation-states, namely China, Russia, and Iran. I focus on the nation-state aspect of this threat because it represents a new battlefield in state relationships and one in which we must prepare accordingly. There have been significant developments in the cyber domain, highlighted by the fact that the U.S. Government has finally begun to name the nation-states most responsible for cyber attacks against the United States. Tom Donilon, the President's National security adviser, outed China as the place where cyber

intrusions are emanating on an unprecedented scale. The annual threat assessment by the United States intelligence community delivered to Congress-Director of National Intelligence, James Clapper, named cyber as the top threat to the United States' National security. This represents a major shift in the threat assessment by the United States intelligence community and makes our work on this committee even more important.

**Cyber War** Committee on Foreign Affairs House of Representatives  
2015-12-03 It is no exaggeration to say that we are at the dawn of a new age of warfare. Computers and the Internet have connected people around the world. However, reliance on these technologies has also made us vulnerable to cyber attacks from other countries,



terrorists, and criminals. So much so that the Pentagon now counts cyberspace as the fifth domain of warfare alongside land, air, sea, and space. Whether or not an all-out cyber war occurs, it is clear that we are in a state of ongoing cyber conflict. The White House, the State Department, and the Department of Defense have all been hacked, and, of course, the Office of Personnel Management had the sensitive information of more than 21 million Americans compromised. In the private sector, hackers have crashed the computers of Sony executives, seized the personal information of more than 78 million people from the Nation's second largest health insurer, and stolen the credit and debit card information of more than 40 million customers of

a major retailer. The magnitude of this theft is staggering, yet it takes companies an average of 205 days to even realize their system has been breached. Across the globe, Estonia found itself at the opposite end of a crippling Russia-backed denial of service attack. A computer worm shut down the air force and navies of France and Great Britain for a time. And an attack by North Korea, coined Dark Seoul, crippled South Korea's banking system. In the coming years, it is likely that Iran will pour more resources into cyber weapons. These have already been used against the U.S. Navy, American banks, a Las Vegas casino, and Saudi Arabia's largest oil producer, all without setting off significant retaliation. Indeed, it has been said that it is

exactly the lack of international norms in responding that make cyber weapons so attractive to Russia, China, Iran, and North Korea.

### **Russia and the Challengers H.**

Belopolsky 2008-11-20 An examination of why Russia chose to jeopardize its embryonic partnership with the West in favour of alignment with states like China, Iran and Iraq and what this means for the stability of the emerging international system.

### **The Russia-China Axis**

Douglas E. Schoen 2014-09-09 The United States is a nation in crisis. While Washington's ability to address our most pressing challenges has been rendered nearly impotent by ongoing partisan warfare, we face an array of foreign-policy crises

for which we seem increasingly unprepared. Among these, none is more formidable than the unprecedented partnership developing between Russia and China, suspicious neighbors for centuries and fellow Communist antagonists during the Cold War. The two longtime foes have drawn increasingly close together because of a confluence of geostrategic, political, and economic interests—all of which have a common theme of diminishing, subverting, or displacing American power. While America's influence around the world recedes—in its military and diplomatic power, in its political leverage, in its economic might, and, perhaps most dangerously, in the power and appeal of its ideas—Russia and China have seen their

influence increase. From their support for rogue regimes such as those in Iran, North Korea, and Syria to their military and nuclear buildups to their aggressive use of cyber warfare and intelligence theft, Moscow and Beijing are playing the game for keeps. Meanwhile America, pledged to "leading from behind," no longer does much leading at all. In *The Russia-China Axis*, Douglas E. Schoen and Melik Kaylan systematically chronicle the growing threat from the Russian-Chinese Axis, and they argue that only a rebirth of American global leadership can counter the corrosive impact of this antidemocratic alliance, which may soon threaten the peace and security of the world. *Defeating Communism One More Time* Mark A. RUSSO  
CISSP-ISSAP 2019-09-22

AN ESSAY AND A SOLUTION While the Trump Administration has recruited some of the best (and controversial) minds in fighting global terrorism, it has yet to identify and recruit experts with the credentials to defeat threats to the US and its allies in cyberspace. The Chinese cyber threat is the #1 menace in the domain of cyberspace as well as Russia, Iran, and North Korea. While the US was historically focused on the former Soviet Union, i.e., Russia, and more recently in the physical world, the threat of radical jihadist terrorism, the Chinese have grown economically, technologically, militarily, and politically to pose the gravest threat to US cyber interests. The solution to defeating Chinese cyber operations may be found in the

leveraging the Administration's counter-terror expertise and applying principles from seasoned experts to thwart and defeat government-sponsored Chinese hackers. The solution will more be found in active use of "soft cyber power" (SCP), that is primarily information dominance focused, AND "hard-cyber power" (HCP), which will be the more comprehensive solution to defeating Chinese supremacy in cyberspace. Soft Military-Information Dominance in the "Age of China" The United States, Russia, and China Paul J. Bolt 2008 Neatly embodying the international cooperation it describes, this book, whose authors are from the United States, Russia, and China, demonstrates how three

key powers can cooperate in managing and responding to global security threats. Central Asian Security Roy Allison 2004-05-13 This volume is the first comprehensive scholarly analysis of the strategic reconfiguration of Central Asia as Russia has become more disengaged from the nations in the region and as these nations have developed new relations to the south, east, and west. The international implications are enormous because of the rich energy sources—oil and natural gas—located in the Caspian Sea area. The authors assess a variety of internal security policy challenges confronting these states—for example, the potential for conflict arising from such factors as a mixed ethnic population,

resource scarcity, particularly in relation to water management, and an Islamic revival. They also examine the security policy content of relations between the Central Asian states and regional and international powers—specifically the stakes, interests, and policies of Russia, China, Iran, Turkey, and the United States. These internal challenges and the evolution of relations with external powers may result in new cooperative relationships, but they may also lead to destabilizing rivalry and interstate enmity in Central Asia. It is important to identify new patterns of relevance for future security cooperation in the region, but the potential for a new security system or for new institutions to manage security in the

region remains uncertain. These issues are explored by a team of prominent specialists from Western Europe, the United States, Russia and China.

Triple-Axis Ariane Tabatabai 2018-07-30 The most significant challenge to the post-Cold War international order is the growing power of ambitious states opposed to the West. Iran, Russia and China each view the global structure through the prism of historical experience. Rejecting the universality of Western liberal values, these states and their governments each consider the relative decline of Western economic hegemony as an opportunity. Yet cooperation between them remains fragmentary. The end of Western sanctions and the Iranian nuclear deal; the Syrian conflict; new

institutions in Central and East Asia: in all these areas and beyond, the potential for unity or divergence is striking. In this new and comprehensive study, Ariane Tabatabai and Dina Esfandiary address the substance of this 'triple axis' in the realms of energy, trade, and military security. In particular they scrutinise Iran-Russia and the often overlooked field of Iran-China relations. Their argument - that interactions between the three will shape the world stage for decades to come - will be of interest to anyone looking to understand the contemporary international security puzzle.

**Cyber Threats from China, Russia, and Iran**  
United States. Congress. House. Committee on Homeland Security. Subcommittee on

Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies 2013  
*A Practical Introduction to Homeland Security and Emergency Management*  
Bruce Oliver Newsome  
2015-09-24 A Practical Introduction to Homeland Security and Emergency Management: From Home to Abroad offers a comprehensive overview of the homeland security field, examining topics such as counter-terrorism, border and infrastructure security, and emergency management. Authors Bruce Newsome and Jack Jarmon take a holistic look at the issues and risks, their solutions, controls, and countermeasures, and their political and policy implications. They also demonstrate through cases and vignettes how various authorities, policymakers and

practitioners seek to improve homeland security. The authors evaluate the current practices and policies of homeland security and emergency management and provide readers with the analytical framework and skills necessary to improve these practices and policies.

### The Hacker and the State

Ben Buchanan 2020-02-28

“One of the finest books on information security published so far in this century—easily accessible, tightly argued, superbly well-sourced, intimidatingly perceptive.” —Thomas Rid, author of Active Measures “The best examination I have read of how increasingly dramatic developments in cyberspace are defining the ‘new normal’ of geopolitics in the digital age.

Buchanan...captures the dynamics of all of this truly brilliantly.”

—General David Petraeus, former Director of the CIA and Commander of Coalition Forces in Iraq and Afghanistan Few national-security threats are as potent—or as nebulous—as cyber attacks. Ben Buchanan reveals how hackers are transforming spycraft and statecraft, catching us all in the crossfire, whether we know it or not. Ever since WarGames, we have been bracing for the cyberwar to come, conjuring images of exploding power plants and mass panic. But while cyber attacks are now disturbingly common, they don’t look anything like we thought they would. Packed with insider information based on interviews, declassified files, and forensic analysis of company reports, *The Hacker and the State* sets aside fantasies of cyber-annihilation to

explore the real geopolitical competition of the digital age. Tracing the conflict of wills and interests among modern nations, Ben Buchanan reveals little-known details of how China, Russia, North Korea, Britain, and the United States hack one another in a relentless struggle for dominance. His analysis moves deftly from underseas cable taps to underground nuclear sabotage, from blackouts and data breaches to billion-dollar heists and election interference. Buchanan brings to life this continuous cycle of espionage and deception, attack and counterattack, destabilization and retaliation. He explains why cyber attacks are far less destructive than we anticipated, far more pervasive, and much harder to prevent. With

little fanfare and far less scrutiny, they impact our banks, our tech and health systems, our democracy, and every aspect of our lives. Quietly, insidiously, they have reshaped our national-security priorities and transformed spycraft and statecraft. The contest for geopolitical advantage has moved into cyberspace. The United States and its allies can no longer dominate the way they once did. The nation that hacks best will triumph.

### **China, Europe and International Security**

Frans-Paul van der Putten 2012-02-01 This book examines the roles played by China and Europe in the domain of international security in the 21st century. Bringing together Chinese and European expertise on the Sino-European Security relationship , this book



positions Europe - both the EU and the major national actors - and China in a global security context. It offers not merely an elaboration of the theme of bilateral security relations, but also introduces a wider view on Europe and China as global security actors. The chapters cover four main themes: the perceptions of and actual relations between Europe and China as security actors; relations of China and Europe with third parties such as the US, Russia, and Iran; Europe and China as actors in multilateral security approaches; Europe and China as (potential) security actors in each other's technological domain or region. Given the increasingly prominent roles that both China and Europe play in international security as permanent

members of the UN Security Council (in the European case, through the informal and partial representation of the UK and France), through their extensive global economic interests, and their important relations with the USA, this book provides a timely examination of the current state and future developments in the Sino-European relationship. This book will be of much interest to students of international security, Chinese politics, EU studies and IR in general.

**Confronting an Axis of Cyber?: China, Iran, North Korea, Russia in Cyberspace** Fabio Rugge 2018 The first Report of the ISPI Center on Cybersecurity focuses on the behaviour of these "usual suspects," investigates the security risks implicit in the mounting

international confrontation in cyberspace, and highlights the current irreconcilable political cleavage between these four countries and the West.

*The U.S.-China Military Scorecard* Eric Heginbotham 2015-09-14 A RAND study analyzed trends in the development of Chinese and U.S. military capabilities in two scenarios (centered on Taiwan and the Spratly Islands) and multiple types of operations from 1996 to 2017.

### **Essays in Technology, Security and Strategy**

Shoshana Bryen 2020 Powerful writings focused on how technology impacts national security decision making and strategy. Volume III covers NATO, Russia, Korea, China, Middle East, Terrorism, Weapons, Technology and

more. Learn more than anywhere else about missile defense, hypersonic weapons, drones and cruise missiles and the latest from threats from China, Iran, North Korea and Russia. Understand how the US, its allies and friends (including Israel) are responding to changing military and political challenges. "The third volume of Stephen Bryen's essays on technology and diplomacy is about to appear. You will look far and wide to find anything comparable. Steve was a brilliant officer in Ronald Reagan's Pentagon, and then a wizard at the head of Finmeccanica, the Italian company's American division. The current batch of essays explores the complicated ways in which the post-Cold War world seeks to sort itself into a new paradigm. There is no

one better." --Michael Ledeen, Historian, Author and adviser to the Secretary of State "I never fail to gain new insights from reading Dr. Stephen Bryen's books and essays and Volume III of "Essays in Technology, Security and Strategy" is no exception. I highly recommend it to anyone interested or working in international security matters." --The Honorable David Q. Bates, Jr. Assistant to the President and Secretary to the Cabinet for former President George H. W. Bush "These thoughtful essays help illuminate the essential but insufficiently understood nexus between technology and national security strategy. This volume should be of immense interest and value to foreign policy professionals in a rapidly changing world." --Clifford D. May

Founder and president, Foundation for Defense of Democracies" As a defense reporter for more than 30 years, I was heavily reliant on the foresight, analysis and unquestionable integrity of Steve and Shoshana Bryen. For decades, these courageous bellwethers of emerging threats sounded political, operational and technical alarms way before the mainstream caught up with them. Whether it was the Pentagon's undue dependence on commercial software; Russian advances in hypersonic technology that threatened end-runs around US missile defenses and stealth platforms; or Israel's willingness to award critical infrastructure projects to the Chinese, the Bryen's never pulled punches in their ultimate interest of

safeguarding US national security and interests. Kudos on this third volume of essays, which is well worth the read." --Barbara Opall-Rome Former Israel Bureau Chief, Defense News and founding executive editor/host of "Strictly Security," i24News "A gem of a collection by the architect of America's export security policy during the Reagan years, brilliant cyber security expert, whose deep understanding of theoretical issues (a doctorate in political science didn't hurt) is equaled only by his business savvy. Each of these essays offers profound insights into the strategic challenges of our time - and they are well written, in an easy and clear style." - Juliana Pilon Senior Fellow at the Alexander Hamilton Institute for the Study of Western

Civilization in Clinton, New York

**Return to Winter** Douglas E. Schoen 2015-12-01 The United States is a nation in crisis. While Washington's ability to address our most pressing challenges has been rendered nearly impotent by ongoing partisan warfare, we face an array of foreign-policy crises for which we seem increasingly unprepared. Among these, none is more formidable than the unprecedented partnership developing between Russia and China, suspicious neighbors for centuries and fellow Communist antagonists during the Cold War. The two longtime foes have drawn increasingly close together because of a confluence of geostrategic, political, and economic interests—all of which have a common theme of

diminishing, subverting, or displacing American power. While America's influence around the world recedes—in its military and diplomatic power, in its political leverage, in its economic might, and, perhaps most dangerously, in the power and appeal of its ideas—Russia and China have seen their influence increase. From their support for rogue regimes such as those in Iran, North Korea, and Syria to their military and nuclear buildups to their aggressive use of cyber warfare and intelligence theft, Moscow and Beijing are playing the game for keeps. Meanwhile America, pledged to “leading from behind,” no longer does much leading at all. In *Return to Winter*, Douglas E. Schoen and Melik Kaylan systematically chronicle

the growing threat from the Russian-Chinese Axis, and they argue that only a rebirth of American global leadership can counter the corrosive impact of this antidemocratic alliance, which may soon threaten the peace and security of the world. *Cyber Capabilities and National Power 2021* This report sets out a new methodology for assessing cyber power, and then applies it to 15 states: Four members of the Five Eyes intelligence alliance – the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada and Australia ; Three cyber-capable allies of the Five Eyes states – France, Israel and Japan ; Four countries viewed by the Five Eyes and their allies as cyber threats – China, Russia, Iran and North Korea ; Four states at earlier stages in their cyber-power development –

India, Indonesia, Malaysia and Vietnam. The methodology is broad and principally qualitative, assessing each state's capabilities in seven different categories. The cyber ecosystem of each state is analysed, including how it intersects with international security, economic competition and military affairs. On that basis the 15 states are divided into three tiers: Tier One is for states with world-leading strengths across all the categories in the methodology, Tier Two is for those with world-leading strengths in some of the categories, and Tier Three is for those with strengths or potential strengths in some of the categories but significant weaknesses in others. The conclusion is that only one state currently merits

inclusion in Tier One. Seven are placed in Tier Two, and seven in Tier Three.

*Report on Legislative and Oversight Activities of the House Committee on Homeland Security United States. Congress. House. Committee on Homeland Security 2014 Rise of the Revisionists Gary J. Schmitt 2018-04-02 Rise of the Revisionists: Russia, China, and Iran is a five-essay volume, edited by the American Enterprise Institute's Gary J. Schmitt, that examines the three rising powers as they challenge the US and the global order in three critical regions of the world. Essays by the American Enterprise Institute's Frederick W. Kagan on Russia and Dan Blumenthal on China and by Foundation for the Defense of Democracies Senior Fellow Reuel Marc Gerech on Iran analyze*

the historical roots of each country's ambitions, their strategic goals, and possible US policies for meeting the challenges and threats posed by each. Those essays are framed by an introduction by Gary Schmitt that places the tests facing the US foreign policy in a broader strategic framework and by a concluding essay by Hudson Institute Scholar Walter Russell Mead that looks to the Father of History, Thucydides, to provide insight into the complex set of domestic and foreign realities that shape American statecraft in this most challenging time.

### **U.S. and Iranian Strategic Competition**

D. Brandon Fite 2011 This report shows that China and Russia stand at the pivot of US-Iranian competition with China leaning toward Iran, and

Russia leaning, more gradually, to the West. As major world powers and permanent members of the UN Security Council, both nations are essential to either inhibiting or shielding Iran's nuclear and regional ambitions. Neither China nor Russia is fully committed to either competitor, and both are engaged in a complex balancing act: leveraging support to advance their own positions while at the same minimizing the diplomatic costs of double-dealing. To secure Chinese and Russian support, the US and Iran stress the value of their relationship and the costs of partnership with the other. The struggle to capture Chinese support centers on energy security but is framed as a contest of worldviews. The US works to integrate China

into the present international order, while Iran rejects the status quo and urges China, as a fellow non-Western power, to create a new system apart from the West. Competition plays out over issues of proliferation and sanctions, trade and energy investments, and arms sales. Importantly, Iran seeks to win Chinese support by billing itself as a secure and dedicated source of energy resources for a century of Chinese growth. China has been able to maintain positive if somewhat strained relations with both the US and Iran by selectively supporting each side. As both a supporter and spoiler, China exploits its dual-role as Iranian benefactor and permanent member of the Security Council, and serves as a de facto gatekeeper to

meaningful international sanctions of Iranian nuclear ambitions. China is willing to use US competition with Iran as an opportunity to grow its influence and test the boundaries of the US-led international order. Its moves are calculated to reap the benefits of US-Iranian conflict while deemphasizing the costs associated with supporting both sides. Unlike China whose overriding interest in Iran is energy security, Russia has a multiplicity of interests, none of which are predominant. As a result, Russia's approach to Iran is both broader and more flexible than the PRC's, and the US and Iran compete for Russian support on an issue-by-issue basis. The primary areas of competition are proliferation and sanctions, trade and



energy deals, nuclear technology and infrastructure sales, arms sales, and influence in the Gulf and Middle East. Russia has historically been an important contributor to Iran's nuclear infrastructure and conventional arms capacity, but relations between the two states have been impacted by intensifying Iranian competition with the West and warming Russian relations with the US in the wake of the Obama administration's "reset" policy. Russia has begun to cooperate with the US in meaningful ways, but Moscow's move away from Tehran should not be interpreted as a wholesale shift in Russian policy. Russia's strategy to maintain coeval relations with the US and Iran has been to portray itself as an intermediary power. By cooperating on a limited

basis with the West while advocating for a softer approach to Iran, Russia reaps the benefits of selective cooperation without incurring the costs of full allegiance. The ties that bind China and Russia to Iran are primarily based on an opportunistic assessment of the costs and benefits of partnership. Leaders in Moscow and Beijing are principally concerned with the security and prosperity of their nations, and they will pursue international relationships from that standpoint. External pressure is not yet significant enough to negate the fruits of cooperation with Tehran. If the US is to be successful in its attempt to isolate Iran by severing these great power connections, it must work to upset their present cost-benefit

calculations.

**National Security (A Study of Myanmar, Russia, Iran)** Ahmad Reza Taheri

*The Power to Coerce*

David C. Gompert

2016-02-25 Mounting costs, risks, and public misgivings of waging war are raising the importance of U.S. power to coerce (P2C). The best P2C options are financial sanctions, support for nonviolent political opposition to hostile regimes, and offensive cyber operations. The state against which coercion is most difficult and risky is China, which also happens to pose the strongest challenge to U.S. military options in a vital region.

**The Cyber Threat and Globalization** Jack A. Jarmon 2018-06-26 This book is designed for those who want a better grasp of the nature and existential threat of

today's information wars. It uses a conceptual approach to explain the relevant concepts as well as the structural challenges and responsibilities with which policy makers struggle and practitioners must work. Encyclopedia of Cyber Warfare Paul J. Springer 2017-07-07 This definitive reference resource on cyber warfare covers all aspects of this headline topic, providing historical context of cyber warfare and an examination its rapid development into a potent technological weapon of the 21st century. • Provides comprehensive coverage of the major individuals, organizations, impacts, and issues related to cyber warfare that enables readers to better understanding of the impact of cyber

warfare on modern conflicts • Includes a detailed chronology that documents the evolution and use of cyber warfare over the past few decades • Supplies further readings and a lengthy bibliography that offer a wealth of options to students conducting extensive research on the subject

### **Chinese Cybersecurity and Defense**

Daniel Ventre 2014-08-08

Cyberdefense has become, over the past five years, a major issue on the international scene. China, by the place it occupies, is the subject of attention: it is observed, criticized, and designated by many states as a major player in the global cyber-insecurity. The United States is building their cyberdefense strategy against what they call the "Chinese threat." It is therefore important to better understand

today's challenges related to cyber dimension in regard of the rise of China. Contributions from international researchers provide cross perspectives on China, its strategies and policies for cybersecurity and cyberdefense. These issues have now gained major strategic dimension: Is Cyberspace changing the scene of international relations? How China does apprehend cybersecurity and cyberdefense? What are the issues, challenges? What is the role of China in the global cyberspace?

### **Foreign Cyber Threats to the United States**

Committee on Armed Services United State 2019-10-10 Every American should be alarmed by Russia's attacks on our Nation. There is no national security interest more

vital to the United States of America than the ability to hold free and fair elections without foreign interference. That is why Congress must set partisanship aside, follow the facts, and work together to devise comprehensive solutions to deter, defend against and, when necessary, respond to foreign cyber attacks. As we do, we must recognize that the recent Russian attacks are one part of a much bigger cyber problem. Russian cyber attacks have targeted the White House, the Joint Staff, the State Department, our critical infrastructure. Chinese cyber attacks have reportedly targeted NASA, the Departments of State and Commerce, congressional offices, military labs, the Naval War College, and United States businesses, including major defense

contractors. Most recently, China compromised over 20 million background investigations at the Office of Personnel Management. Iran has used cyber tools in recent years to attack the United States Navy, United States partners in the Middle East, major financial institutions, and a dam just 25 miles north of New York City. Of course, North Korea was responsible for the massive cyber attack on Sony Pictures in 2014. What seems clear is that our adversaries have reached a common conclusion: that the reward for attacking America in cyberspace outweighs the risk. *2017 U.S. Intelligence Community Worldwide Threat Assessment - Coats Testimony* Dan R. Coats 2017-05-12 Director of National Intelligence Daniel R.

Coats presented the 2017 annual U.S. intelligence community worldwide threat assessment in Congressional testimony on May 11, 2017. In the published report, Coats provides a thorough review of the status of possible threats from a wide variety of nations and terror groups. In addition to the 2017 assessment, this compilation includes the 2016 assessment for comparison and historical reference, plus important additional material, including the Report of the Select Committee on Intelligence, United States Senate, Covering the Period January 6, 2015 to January 2, 2017. Topics covered include: GLOBAL THREATS - Cyber Threat \* Emerging and Disruptive Technologies \* Terrorism \* Weapons of Mass Destruction and Proliferation \* Space and Counterspace \*

Counterintelligence \* Transnational Organized Crime \* Economics and Natural Resources \* Human Security REGIONAL THREATS - East Asia \* China \* North Korea Southeast Asia \* Russia and Eurasia \* Russia \* Ukraine, Moldova, and Belarus \* The Caucasus and Central Asia \* Europe \* Key Partners \* Turkey \* Middle East and North Africa \* Syria \* Iraq \* Iran \* Yemen \* South Asia \* Afghanistan \* Pakistan \* India-Pakistan \* Sub-Saharan Africa \* South Sudan \* Sudan \* Nigeria \* Sahel \* Somalia \* Ethiopia \* Democratic Republic of the Congo \* Western Hemisphere \* Mexico \* Central America \* Colombia \* Cuba \* Venezuela Coats reported: Our adversaries are becoming more adept at using cyberspace to threaten our interests and advance their own, and

despite improving cyber defenses, nearly all information, communication networks, and systems will be at risk for years. Cyber threats are already challenging public trust and confidence in global institutions, governance, and norms, while imposing costs on the US and global economies. Cyber threats also pose an increasing risk to public health, safety, and prosperity as cyber technologies are integrated with critical infrastructure in key sectors. These threats are amplified by our ongoing delegation of decisionmaking, sensing, and authentication roles to potentially vulnerable automated systems. This delegation increases the likely physical, economic, and psychological consequences of cyber attack and exploitation

events when they do occur. Many countries view cyber capabilities as a viable tool for projecting their influence and will continue developing cyber capabilities. Some adversaries also remain undeterred from conducting reconnaissance, espionage, influence, and even attacks in cyberspace.

### **Cyber War versus Cyber Realities**

Brandon Valeriano 2015-04-27 In 2011, the United States government declared a cyber attack as equal to an act of war, punishable with conventional military means. Cyber operations, cyber crime, and other forms of cyber activities directed by one state against another are now considered part of the normal relations range of combat and conflict, and the rising fear of

cyber conflict has brought about a reorientation of military affairs. What is the reality of this threat? Is it actual or inflated, fear or fact-based? Taking a bold stand against the mainstream wisdom, Valeriano and Maness argue that there is very little evidence that cyber war is, or is likely to become, a serious threat. Their claim is empirically grounded, involving a careful analysis of cyber incidents and disputes experienced by international states since 2001, and an examination of the processes leading to cyber conflict. As the authors convincingly show, cyber incidents are a little-used tactic, with low-level intensity and few to no long-term effects. As well, cyber incidents are motivated by the

same dynamics that prompt regional conflicts. Based on this evidence, Valeriano and Maness lay out a set of policy recommendations for proper defense against cyber threats that is built on restraint and regionalism.

### **Cyber Threats from China, Russia, and Iran**

United States Congress  
2017-10 Cyber threats from China, Russia, and Iran : protecting American critical infrastructure : hearing before the Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies of the Committee on Homeland Security, House of Representatives, One Hundred Thirteenth Congress, first session, March 20, 2013.

### **The Future of Global**

**Competition** Robert Hinck  
2021-12-01 With today's social and geopolitical

order in significant flux this project offers vital insight into the future global order by comparatively charting national media perceptions regarding the future of global competition, through the lens of Ontological Security (OS). The authors employ a mixed-method approach to analyze 620 news articles from 47 Russian, Chinese, Venezuelan, and Iranian news sources over a five-year period (2014-2019), quantitatively comparing the drivers of their visions while providing in-depth qualitative case studies for each nation. Not only do these narratives reveal how these four nations understand the current global order, but also point to their (in)flexibility and agentic capacity for reflection in adapting,

even shaping the future order, and their identity-roles within it, around an economic and diplomatic battleground. The authors argue these narratives create trajectories with inertial effects grounded in their OS needs, providing enduring insights into their behavior and interests moving into the future. The Future of Global Competition will help readers understand how influential nations typical aligned in opposition to the US, envision the drivers of global competition and the make-up of the future international system. Those engaged in the study of media, global politics, international relations, and communication will find this book to be a critical source.

**Emerging Cyber Threats**



**to the United States**  
Cybersecurity,  
Infrastructure  
Protection, and Security  
Technologies of the  
Committee on Homeland  
Security House of  
Representatives  
Subcommittee 2017-05-05  
The United States faces  
evolving cybersecurity  
threats from nation-  
states such as China,  
Russia, North Korea, and  
Iran, as well as cyber  
threats from criminal  
organizations and  
terrorist groups such as  
ISIS. These actors  
continue to develop and  
build more sophisticated  
cyber capabilities.  
These hackers now pose  
an even greater threat  
to the U.S. homeland and  
critical infrastructure.  
Cybersecurity more than  
ever is National  
security. In 2015, the  
U.S. was the victim of  
one of the most  
significant cyber  
attacks in its history.

The breach at the Office  
of Personnel Management  
exposed the personal and  
security clearance  
information of 21.5  
million current and  
former Government  
employees. In 2014,  
North Korea conducted a  
cyber attack on Sony  
Pictures that not only  
destroyed computers, but  
also was intended to  
stifle free speech and  
threaten American  
ideals. The Obama  
administration's lack of  
proportional responses  
to these cyber attacks  
has signaled to the  
world that there are no  
real consequences for  
such actions. Without a  
comprehensive National  
cybersecurity strategy  
that establishes  
deterrence, the future  
could bring an  
increasing number of  
adversaries that are  
willing to conduct cyber  
attacks against the  
United States.