



CYBER ATTACKS ARE RAMPING UP. IS THIS PRECURSOR TO A MAJOR ATTACK?

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Battlefield Update: Kevin Freeman meets with Adam Kraft (West Point grad, Major, US Army, ret., former DIA officer, and CEO of ASOG - Allied Special Operations Group) for a brief review of cyber, energy, and political activities happening around the world.

- » Mid- and small-size businesses are no longer exempt. **They have become targets** with greater frequency.
- » There is increased activity with greater focus on **E-commerce, mid-size banking,** and obtaining personal information even using creative means (e.g. hacking Marriott).
- » Alerts have gone out from Infragard, Homeland Security (DHS), and FBI.



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» Dan Coats, U.S. Intel Chief, says we are facing a cyber 9/11. Coats warns of devastating cyber threat to U.S. infrastructure - Reuters July 2018 / Jonathan Landay

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-russia-cyber-coats/u-s-intel-chief-warns-of-devastating-cyber-threat-to-u-s-infrastructure-idUSKBN1K32M9>

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The U.S. intelligence chief warned that the threat was growing for a devastating cyber assault on critical U.S. infrastructure, saying the "warning lights are blinking red again" nearly two decades after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

Russia, China, Iran and North Korea are launching daily cyber strikes on the computer networks of federal, state and local government agencies, U.S. corporations, and academic institutions, said Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats.



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- » Adam Kraft worked on the inside of DIA in conjunction with NSA and other agencies. He discusses the geo footprint: **The Grid, the markets, and all facets of how the planet works** that could be unraveled through Cyber attacks.
- » Successful cyber attacks could have a massive impact on our lifestyles, economy and even our political structure. Unfortunately, much of the U.S. **infrastructure is unprepared** for the impact if a major cyber attack occurs.
- » Recent hacks of **voting machines** have shown renewed **vulnerabilities** within the election ballot process, the counting process, and renewed calls for a return to paper ballots.
- » Too often we have traded convenience for security and that makes us vulnerable.



- » Cyber can now dovetail into lawfare. Our adversaries are funding D.C. lobby fronts against US economic output. Foreign interests are creating **U.S. legislation as a weapon**. Many are doing this without registering as foreign agents, which offers a legal response.
- » Russia, China and other nation-states are the usual suspects, but now non-state actors and some multi-national corporations that can benefit from economic **chaos are risks as well**.
- » With cyber, it is easier for the "George Soros types" of the world to **implement manipulative intrusions**.
- » Putin is using cyber exploitation, social media manipulation, and lawfare as a threat to U.S. energy production.
- » Foreign-funded lobby fronts use environmental groups as a weapon against energy production. Many are not registering as foreign entities.



- » As little as **\$10-\$15 million** can easily be used to purchase a **lobbying front**. That can use lawfare to work against the U.S. and our citizens with billions of dollars in economic impact.
- » K Street has many groups that are **units for hire**. Foreign governments are leveraging this for increased regulations that would hamper American productivity.
- » The more the government is involved in regulation, the more likely that **foreign governments** can attempt to manipulate the U.S. system and **control the economy**.



K Street- PLA spy encounter with Kevin Freeman

After speaking at an event in Washington D.C., a Chinese professor at a major University came up to speak with me. I looked at her card and said, "you're PLA, aren't you?" She smiled and answered "yes." I asked her if the things I spoke about were correct, she smiled again and said "yes." "Aren't you worried I'm telling people?" "No," she answered smiling again. "They will not believe you, and besides we own half of Washington." "Who owns the other half?" I asked. She quickly answered, "the Saudis."



Current examples of Economic tools America is using around the world.

North Korea and Iran are still threats, but they are being dealt with. We could be turning a corner on these, although there is still more work to do. Examples of using economic warfare can be seen through the use of both a carrot and a stick.



Iran - The U.S. used a stick. Sanctions have hit Iran's economy hard. Their currency is collapsing, and economic weapons being used against the current regime are having an impact. The Iranian government is a controlled economy with a theocratic dictator leadership using a socialist system. Iran's government was an ally with Venezuela. Iranians have seen the collapse of the Venezuelan model and are well aware of the current economic threats they are facing. The Iranians are a great people that is unfortunately controlled by terrible regime, hurting Iran and its citizens. Can economic sanctions help bring freedom? Let's watch and see what happens next.

Iran establishes 'economic war room' in preparation for US sanctions

<https://thenewsrep.com/105765/iran-establishes-economic-war-room-in-preparation-for-us-sanctions/>

Ayatollah Khamenei calls U.S. Treasury 'economic war room'

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/423162/Ayatollah-Khamenei-calls-U-S-Treasury-economic-war-room>



North Korea - We have seen some response, and America initially offered more of a carrot approach. President Trump showed what could be happening economically with freedom in North Korea. We have seen our Korean War veteran remains returned and some progress with nuclear testing being put on hold. With no firm commitment toward denuclearization, however, the stick approach must be leveraged including tightening sanctions. Kim Jung Un has reached out to the Trump administration for further discussions and a few new threats.

Economic Patriot Action Step

1. Check with your advisor to see if you should have some investments **in cyber security/ cyber defense.**
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Cyber Pearl Harbor

Russia's Pearl Harbor 2.0 Asymmetrical War Plans, Gulftainer, Club-K, and EMP

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