

# Geo-Politics and the Canadian National Security Posture

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# Introduction

- National security, economic prosperity and technological innovation have converged, against a backdrop of underdeveloped global rules
- This has led to a decline in trust at both the individual and state level
- Enhancing national cyber security capabilities will better protect Canadian systems from foreign and domestic exploitation



# Enhancing Canada's National Cyber Security Posture

1. National Cyber Security Strategy
2. The Canadian Centre for Cyber Security
3. Bill C-59
4. Strong, Secure, Engaged: Canada's Defence Policy



“State and non-state actors are increasingly pursuing their agendas using hybrid methods in the ‘grey zone’ that exists just below the threshold of armed conflict. Hybrid methods involve the coordinated application of diplomatic, informational, cyber, military and economic instruments to achieve strategic or operational objectives.”

***-Strong, Secure, Engaged: Canada’s Defence Policy***



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# **The ability of foreign adversaries to operate in this grey zone is possible because there are:**

- No universally understood norms that apply in cyber space
- Actors stretch to interpret existing legal rules



# Why this is concerning....

- Economic espionage represents a long-term threat to Canada's economy and to our prosperity
- Individuals are feeling more vulnerable online, and even more dangerous is the breakdown of trust between states



# Conclusion



- There is a deep geopolitical rivalry at play that will come to define the distribution of both wealth and power in the future
- More robust global rules could create enhanced stability and foster increased trust –pursuing this agenda is a national imperative





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