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Foreign Actor Interference

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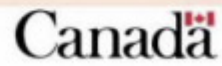


FOREIGN ACTOR INTERFERENCE

Foreign actor interference is any overt or covert illegal activity conducted at the direction or for the benefit of a foreign entity which targets Canadian interests, or interferes in Canadian society and threatens Canadians or Canada's security.

States engage in FAI activities to further their national interests, including:

-  Regime protection
-  Projection of power
-  To gain economic, political and military strategic influence and advantage



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As highlighted by CSIS annual report 2020, states of concern regarding FAI activities in Canada include:



People's Republic of China (PRC)



Islamic Republic of Iran



Russia

“In 2020, CSIS observed espionage and foreign interference activity at levels not seen since the Cold War”

– CSIS annual report 2021

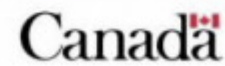
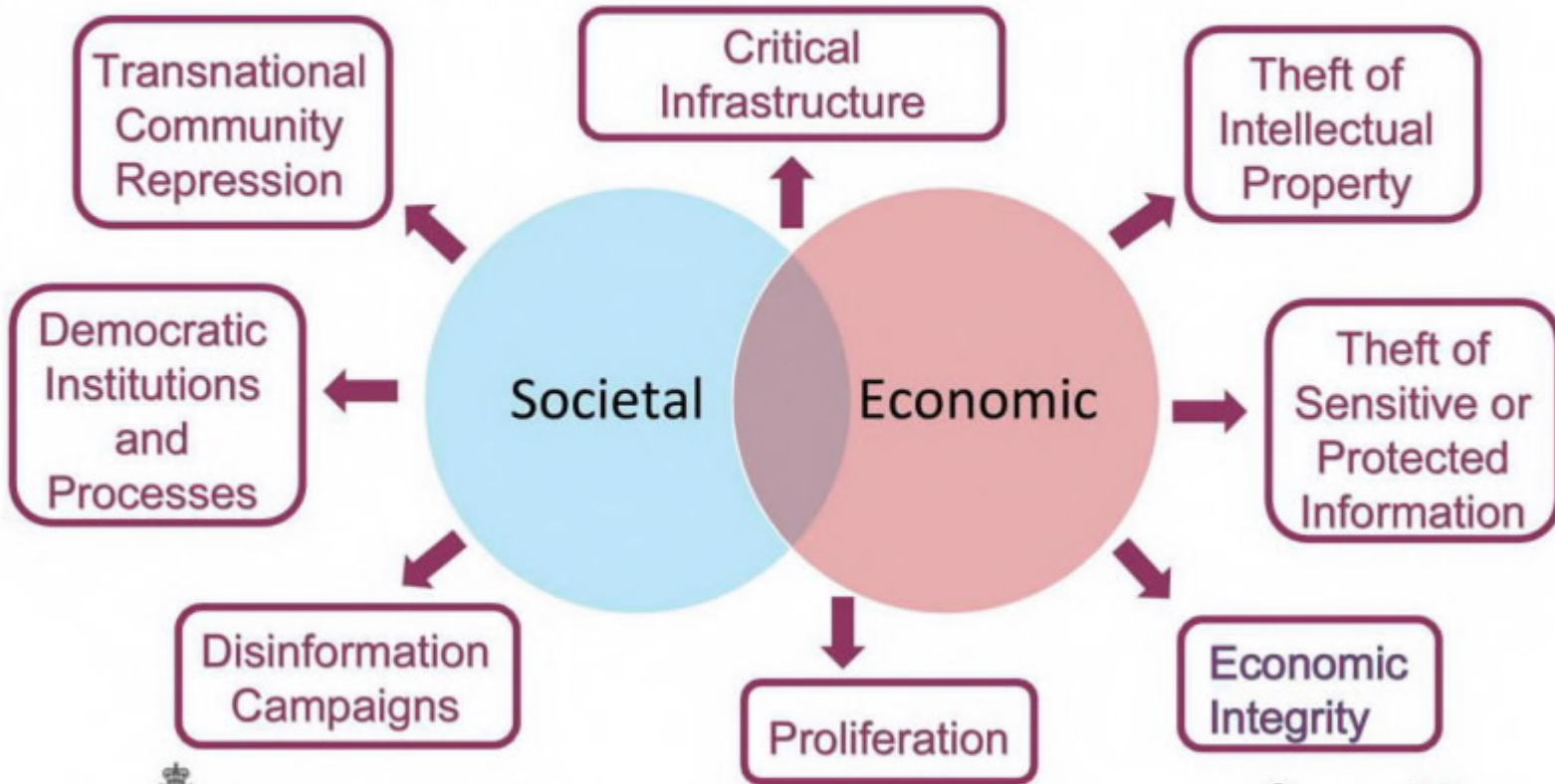


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TACTICS, TECHNIQUES, AND PROCEDURES (TTPs)

- Invitations to international exhibits, seminars and conventions
- Co-opting employees/agent recruitment
- Cyber attacks
- Exploitation of social and corporate networks
- Exploitation of joint ventures and research projects
- Government sponsored talent recruitment programs
- Blackmail / Intimidation
- Circulating false information on social media



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FOREIGN ACTOR INTERFERENCE ACTIVITIES ONLINE



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OBSERVABLE INDICATORS

- Removing proprietary or sensitive material via documents, removable storage devices, or email without need or authorization
- Frequent, unexplained travel to foreign countries
- Sudden change in lifestyle inconsistent with income
- Irregular computer or equipment use unrelated to job requirements
- Part-time employment or other outside activity (e.g. consulting) that may create a conflict of interest with one's obligation to protect classified or sensitive information
- Attempting to recruit researchers or staff for talent programs or collaborations with foreign enterprises
- Working odd hours without authorization; unnecessary and repeated work outside of normal hours of work when clandestine activities could be conducted



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FOREIGN ACTOR INTERFERENCE IN THE NEWS

Global NEWS Ex-Canada Space Agency engineer charged for allegedly working with Chinese firm

Canadian spy agency says China hacked into National Research Council computers

The federal government says a "state-sponsored" cyberattack on National Research Council was detected by Canada's cyber espionage outfit.

Spy agency investigating 'credible' death threats from Iran against individuals in Canada



CSIS says it has intelligence about hostile activities undermining Canadians' security

RCMP investigating Chinese 'police' stations in Canada



NEWS MONTREAL
RCMP charges Hydro-Quebec employee with spying for China

Navy spy sold secrets to Russia for \$3K a month



Canadian intelligence officer Jeffrey Delisle smuggled data on U.S., U.K. operations on thumb drive



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ENGAGEMENT WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT



Public reporting of suspicious activity is paramount to law enforcement efforts to keep people safe.

To report an immediate threat to national security, please call 911 or your local police department.

To report non-immediate threat information related to national security, please contact the RCMP National Security Information Network at 1-800-420-5805.



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