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Enemies at the Gate: Protecting American Democracy in 2020



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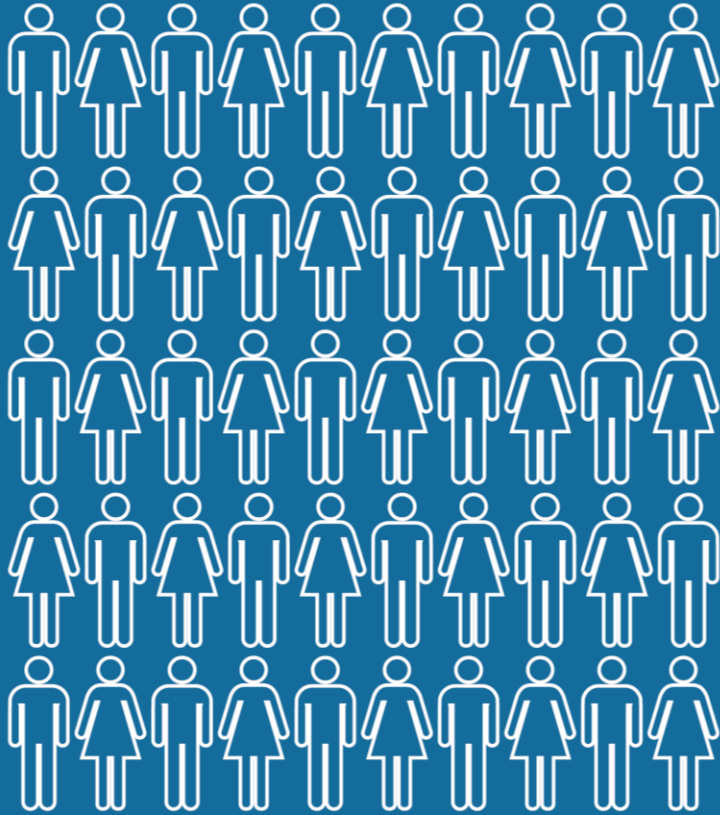
Election Security: What Keeps You Up At Night?

IN THIS TEMPLE
AS IN THE HEARTS OF THE PEOPLE
FOR WHOM HE SAVED THE UNION
THE MEMORY OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN
IS ENSHRINED FOREVER



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DHS CISA
Election Security Accomplishments



OVER 500 CISA EMPLOYEES
— SUPPORTED —
ELECTION SECURITY
PREPAREDNESS NATIONWIDE,

including providing free technical cyber-security assistance, information sharing, and expertise to election offices, campaigns, and technology vendors.

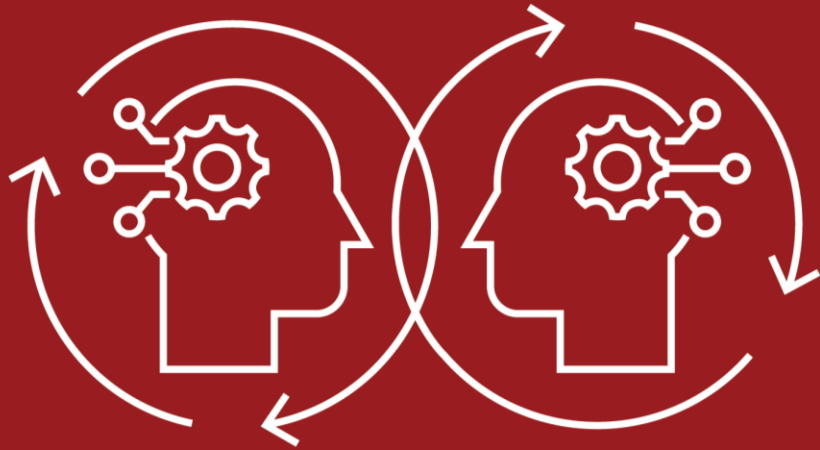
One person equals 10 employees.



HOSTED THE NATIONAL-LEVEL “TABLETOP THE VOTE”

exercise, a three-day, first-of-its-kind event to assist federal partners, state and local election officials, and private sector vendors to assist in incident planning, preparedness, identification, response, and recovery.



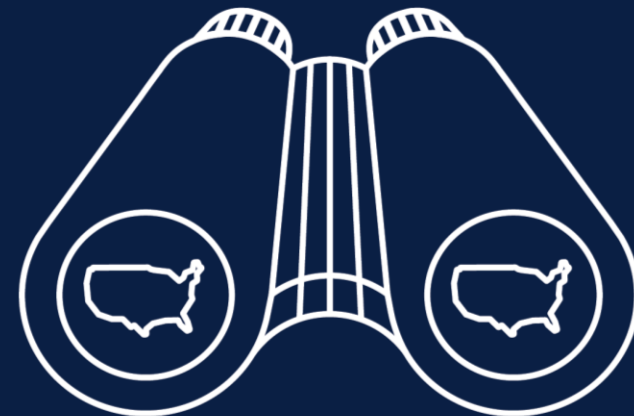


COLLABORATIVELY DEVELOPED & PUBLISHED GUIDANCE ON CRITICAL CYBERSECURITY

actions that should be implemented
in counties and political campaigns.

ESTABLISHED A NATION-WIDE VIRTUAL WATCH FLOOR

CISA field staff were co-located with election officials in their own security operations centers.



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Election Security Notable Quotables

CISA Gears Up For 2020 Election Security

#PROTECT2020

cisa.gov



“We’re exploring all possible ways that we can support state and local election officials while also ensuring that Americans across the country can ***confidently cast their votes.***”



CISA
CYBER+INFRASTRUCTURE

DHS CISA Director Chris Krebs



“The American electorate deserves a ***modern, voter-centric election system*** that runs efficiently and ***inspires trust*** in electoral outcomes.”





“As election officials and voters, we need to be vigilant in the face of true threats to our elections. ***It’s not hypothetical, it’s not an abstract risk, it is real.*** We need to be vigilant and take the threats seriously.”

Trevor Timmons

Colorado Department of State



“We don’t own and operate the systems. Our job is to help them to **increase their security posture and their resilience in the face of threats** both foreign and domestic.”

Geoff Hale

DHS, Cybersecurity and
Infrastructure Security Agency

“The table for this discussion needs to be large.

We need researchers, technologists, policy experts, and statisticians, but most importantly we need election officials who understand the complexity of running a successful election.”

Jennifer Morrell

Democracy Fund
Election Validation Project



"People point at the ***potential vulnerabilities in technology***, but the vulnerabilities aren't just in the technology. They also exist in the processes supporting the technology."

Theresa Payton
Fortalice Solutions

Q & A

State, Local, and Private Sector Partners

- After this panel, you should:
 - Visit [CISA.gov](https://www.cisa.gov) and follow CISA on Twitter ([@CISAgov](https://twitter.com/CISAgov)) to learn more about the **#Protect2020** campaign.
- In the months leading up to the 2020 Election, you should:
 - Join the [Elections Infrastructure Information Sharing and Analysis Center \(EI-ISAC\)](#).
 - Review the DHS CISA [Elections Cyber Tabletop Exercise Package](#).

Disinformation Stops With You

Visit [CISA.gov](https://cisa.gov) for more about building resilience to foreign interference in our elections.

- Recognize the Risk
 - Understand how foreign actors try to affect behavior.
- Question the Source
 - Check who produced the content and question their intent.
- Investigate the Issue
 - Search for other reliable sources before sharing.
- Think Before You Link
 - Ask yourself why you're sharing – and let your emotions cool.
- Talk to Your Circle
 - Talk with your social circle about the risks of spreading disinformation.

