



# Federal Voting Laws

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# Voter Fraud **IS**

**Corruption of the process by which:**

- Voters are registered

**OR**

- Ballots are cast or tabulated



# Common Types of Ballot Fraud

- Vote/registration buying
- Multiple voting
- “Aggressive assistance”
- Intimidation
- Preventing qualified voters from voting
- Intentional misconduct by election officials
- Materially false information on voter registrations
- Voting by ineligible: aliens, felons, and more
- Destruction of valid ballots or registrations



# Ballot Fraud is **NOT** (Domestically)

- Campaign “dirty tricks”
- False charges about opponents
- False claims for oneself
- Forged nominating petitions
- Hauling voters
- “Facilitation payments”
- Campaigning too close to polls
- Technical errors in election management



# When to Report to Federal Government

**When should the Federal Government be advised of possible voter fraud, or get involved in a case?**

1. When a federal candidate is on the ballot
  2. When the allegation involves the registration to vote
  3. When the allegation involves voting by non-citizens
  4. When the alleged fraud is in regard to a larger public corruption scheme
- These include voter participation schemes: vote buying, absentee ballot schemes, floating voter schemes, voter “assistance” schemes
  - Non-voter participation schemes: registering bogus people, falsifying vote tallies, obtaining and marking absentee ballots



# Common Statutes for Voter Fraud

- **18 USC 241 and 242**

These are the civil rights statutes relating to voter suppression and voter intimidation. A 10-year felony to threaten, oppress, or intimidate anyone attempting to vote

- **52 USC 10308**

Schemes to deprive minorities of their right to vote

- **18 USC 594**

A one-year misdemeanor for people that intimidate or threaten physical force against a person attempting to vote



# What to Know



## **Malign Foreign Influence**

What is malign foreign influence and how does it work?



## **U.S. Federal Government Response**

What is the U.S. government doing to safeguard our elections?



## **Your Response**

What can you do?



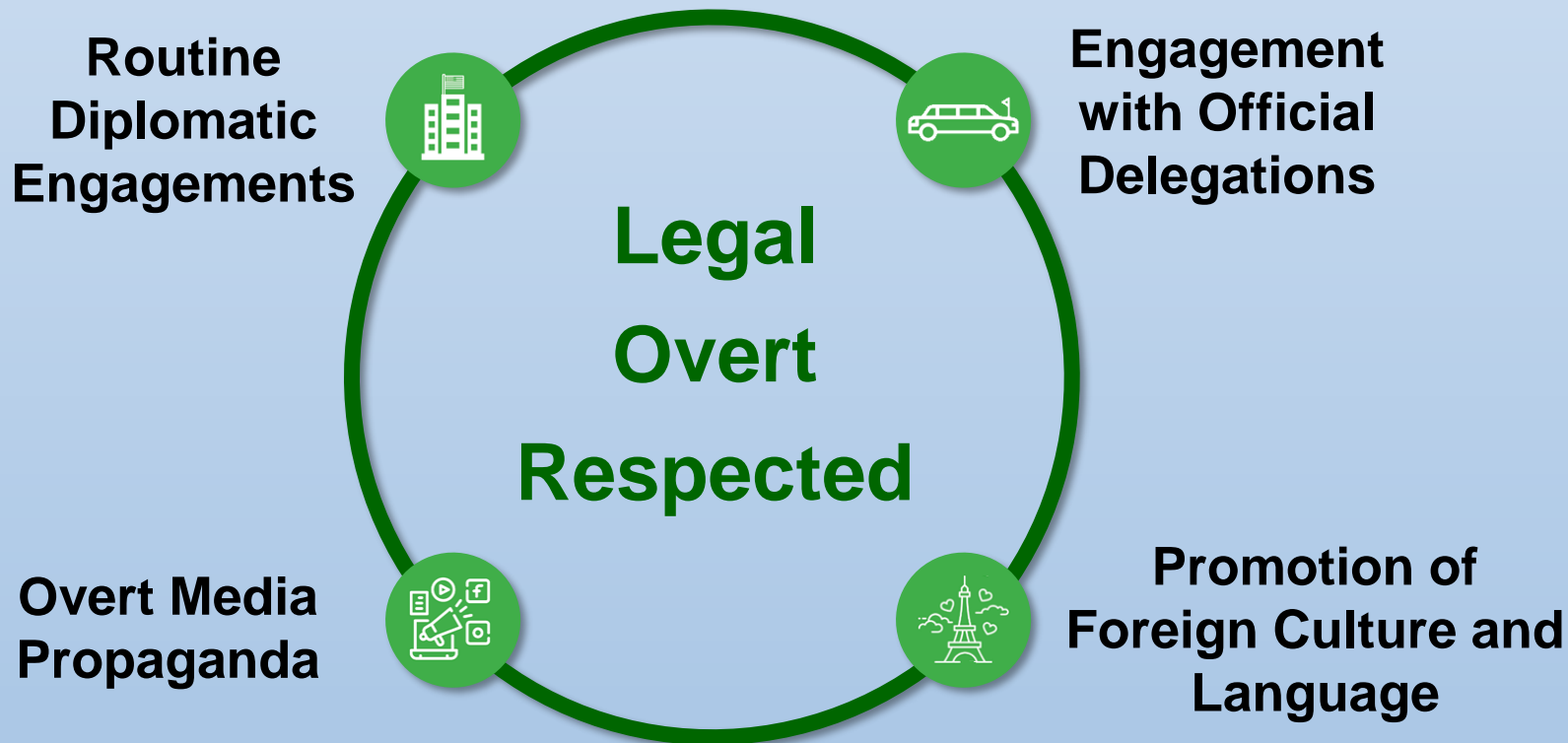




# Not All Foreign Influence is Malign

## Foreign Influence

Promote goals without harm through diplomatic channels





# What is Malign Foreign Influence?

## Malign Foreign Influence

Do harm to the United States through multiple components





# Types of Foreign Influence Operations



**Cyber Operations**  
targeting election  
infrastructure



**Cyber Attacks**  
on political parties,  
campaigns, and  
public officials



**Covert Influence Operations**  
to assist or harm political  
organizations, campaigns,  
or public officials



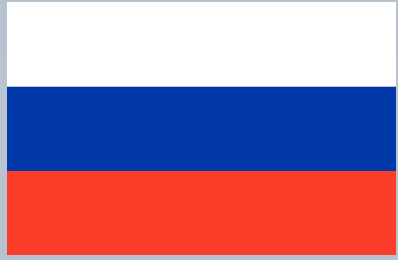
**Disinformation Operations**  
against the public



**Overt Influence Efforts**  
to manipulate policymakers  
and the public



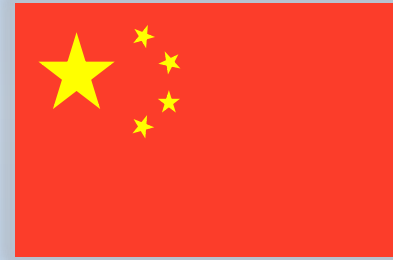
# Top Malign Influencers



**Russia**

**Best at:**

Pitting Americans  
against each other  
by inflaming existing  
social conflicts



**China**

**Best at:**

Using economic levers  
to influence people to  
do what is good for  
China



## JUSTICE NEWS

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### **United States Seizes Domain Names Used by Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps**

#### **Seizure Documents Describe Iranian Government's Efforts to Use Domains as Part of Global Disinformation Campaign**

The United States has seized 92 domain names that were unlawfully used by Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) to engage in a global disinformation campaign, announced the Department of Justice.

According to the seizure documents, four of the domains purported to be genuine news outlets but were actually controlled by the IRGC and targeted the United States for the spread of Iranian propaganda to influence United States domestic and foreign policy in violation of the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA), and the remainder spread Iranian propaganda to other parts of the world. In addition, the seizure documents describe how all 92 domains were being used in violation of U.S. sanctions targeting both the Government of Iran and the IRGC.

"We will continue to use all of our tools to stop the Iranian Government from misusing U.S. companies and social media to



# What is the U.S. Government Doing?



## Office of the Director of National Intelligence

Compiles and analyzes  
intelligence



## Department of Homeland Security

Protects Election  
Infrastructure



## Federal Bureau of Investigation

Conducts malign foreign  
influence investigations,  
including cyber intrusions





# FBI and Election Security



## Examples of FBI programs:

- Foreign Influence Task Force
- Election Crime Coordinators in every field office
- Cyber incident response
- National Election Day command post
- FBI Legal Attaché





# FBI and Election Security



## The FBI does not:

- Have jurisdiction over the physical security of polling locations or voting machines themselves
- Open investigations based solely on activities protected by the First Amendment







# What you can do

## Key Cyber Hygiene Actions

If you only do three things, PLEASE do these:

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### Passphrase diligently

A longer passphrase is better than a short and complicated password



### Multi-factor regularly

Use more than one piece of data to log in



### Patch automatically

Ensure that automatic patching is turned on in your computer system





# What you can do

## Know your suppliers (Supply Chain Vetting)



Know **what access** you are giving and **to whom** – especially with apps



Check whether your partners' **security** – cyber and physical – meets your **standards**



Know the **parent company**



Know the partner's **insider threat mitigation plan**



# Resources

## Your voice matters. Protect it.

- Get more info at **[fbi.gov/protectedvoices](https://fbi.gov/protectedvoices)**
- Establish contact with your local FBI office at **[fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices](https://fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices)**
- If you're a U.S. Citizen and work in the critical infrastructure sector, join **[InfoGard.org](https://infoGard.org)**
- Discover DHS tools at **[dhs.gov/cisa/protect2020](https://dhs.gov/cisa/protect2020)**





# Questions

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