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DOJ Issues Much Anticipated Cyber-Digital Task Force Report

This week, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) released a much-anticipated report from its Cyber-Digital Task Force. The task force was formed by Attorney General Jeff Sessions in February of 2018 with the goal of addressing two basic issues: (1) how the department is combatting the global cyber threat and (2) how federal law enforcement can more effectively accomplish its mission in this area. The task force included representatives of all relevant DOJ components, including both the FBI and the DOJ Office of Privacy & and Civil Liberties, and was chaired by Associate Deputy Attorney General Sujit Raman.

Key takeaways from the report include:

- DOJ has identified a variety of malign foreign influence operations targeting U.S. elections, political organizations and elected officials.
- DOJ has developed a new framework to counter malign foreign influence operations in a coordinated way across DOJ and the U.S. government.
- DOJ has issued a new policy governing the public disclosure of foreign influence operations, consistent with remaining politically neutral.
- DOJ continues to aggressively investigate and prosecute other cyber-enabled threats aimed at business and personal computer systems, including data theft, threats to privacy and fraud.
- DOJ remains committed to building relationships with key stakeholders in the effort to combat cyberthreats and to information sharing with the private sector.
- DOJ prescribes ways to confront other cyberthreats, including attacks on critical infrastructure like power grids, and encourages critical infrastructure owners and operators to identify and form relationships with personnel in their local FBI field offices.

The entire report can be found [here](#).

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