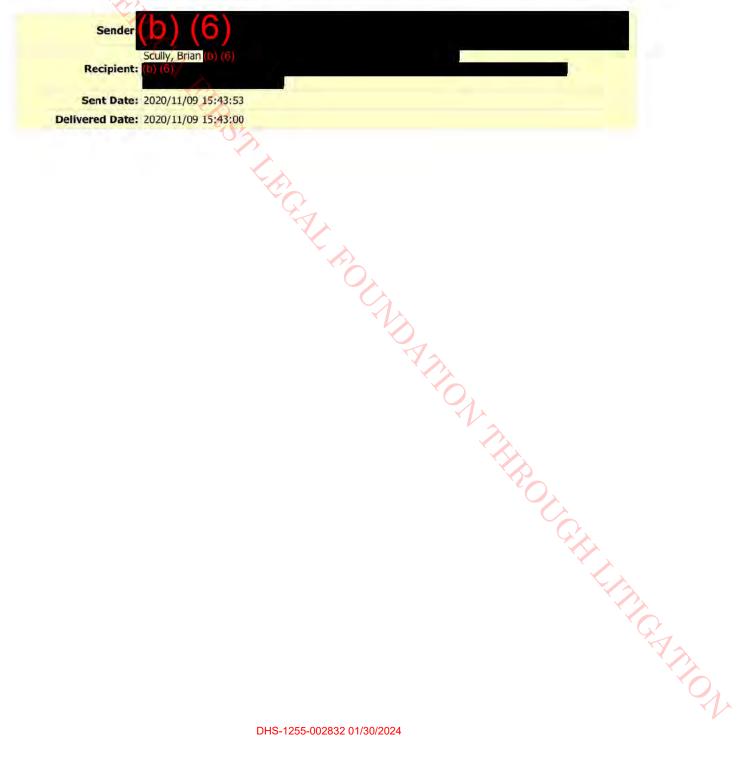
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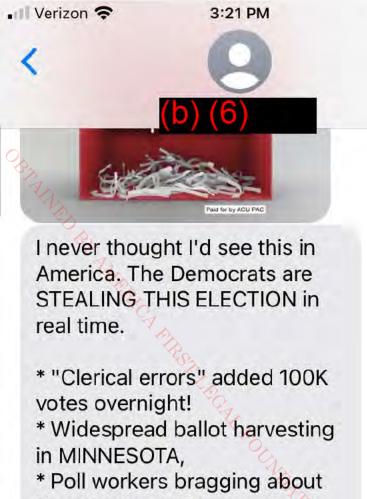
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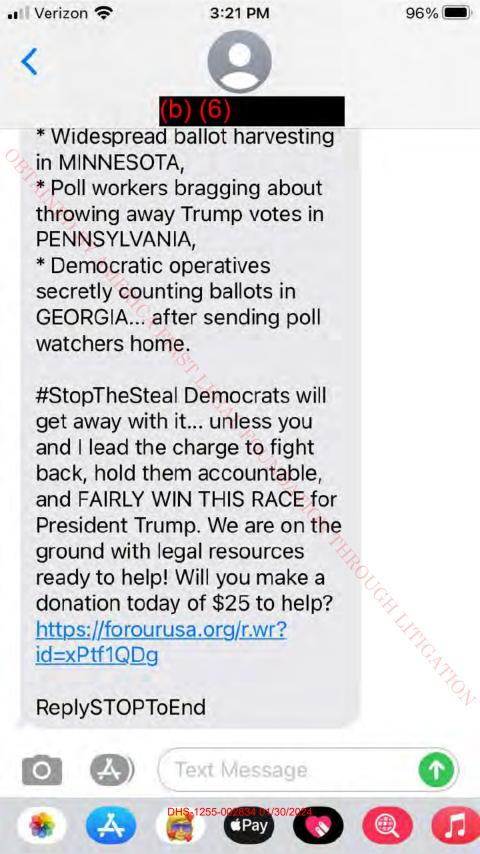














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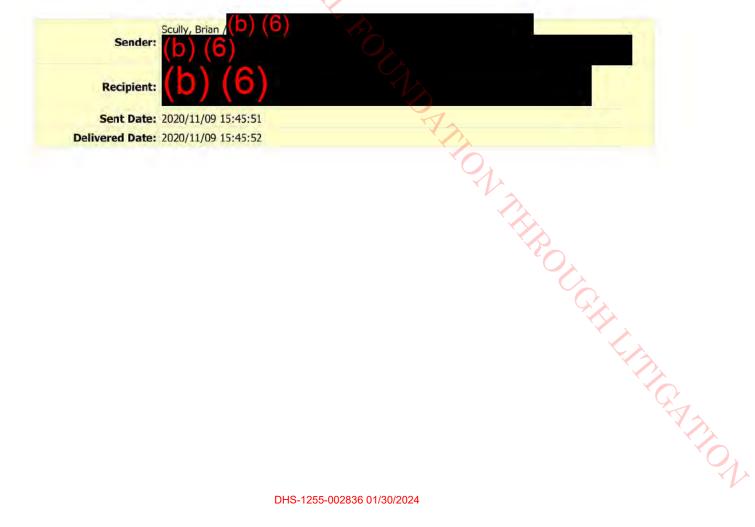


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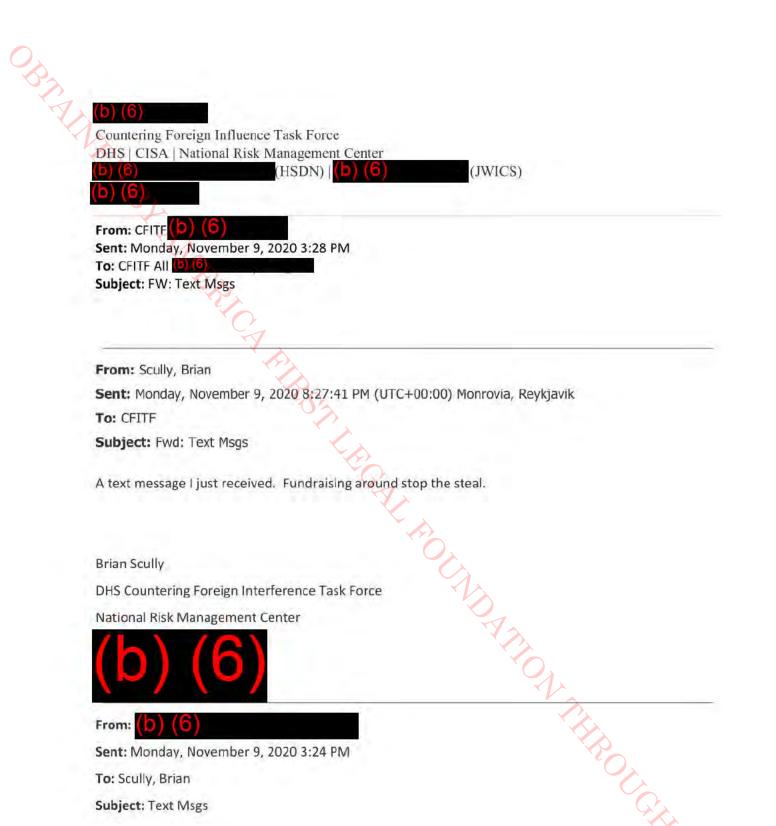
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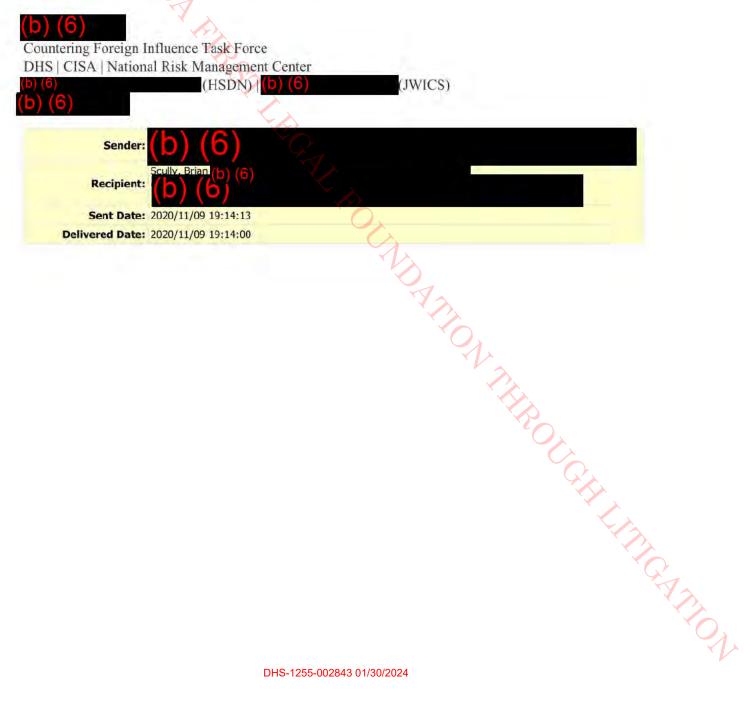
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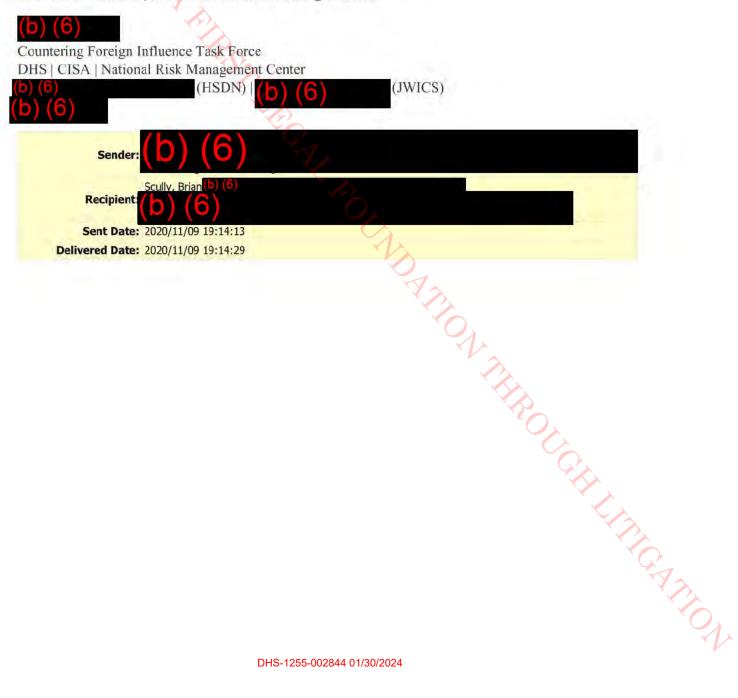
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#### Bottom Line:

- References seemingly peaked over the weekend and have not exhibited signs of virality beyond invested audiences. Estimations of false amplification are hindered by a statistically relevant amount of newly created accounts contributing to the spread (underlying explanations are disputed).
- Platform response has been robust, including both diversion to fact-checking and labelling. This coupled with numerous wide-reaching fact-checks and counter-messages by 3rd parties may account for the narrative's migration to smaller platforms including Parler and Rumble.
- Evidence of foreign amplification is sparse, but present, with some overt foreign propagandists referencing the conspiracy along with other threads to undermine faith in the election process.

#### Background and Timeline

After initially appearing in 2016 and resurfacing in 2017 and 2018, the Hammer and Scorecard narrative has been recycled in the 2020 Presidential Election to undermine faith in election outcomes and further agitate vulnerable right-leaning audiences. The current outbreak seems to have begun with an Oct. 30th article highlighting the conspiracy with little engagement until it was featured on a prominent alt-right livestream on Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Following election day, the narrative has been increasingly merged with others aimed at undermining the election results under the umbrella call to action, "Stop the Steal."

While there are now several permutations of the conspiracy theory, the core elements allege that a whistleblower leaked knowledge of a government-built secret supercomputer, HAMMER, and a software component, SCORECARD, being used by Deepstate operatives within the Federal government to change election tallies on behalf of the Democratic Party. Various incarnations posit that this computer and program were developed by the previous administration, used unsuccessfully in the 2016 general election, and was knowingly 'optimized' by pushing mail-in voting under the guise of COVID-19 precautions.

#### Platform Response and Counter Messaging

Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube have all taken remedial actions against this narrative and have prioritized it in their response efforts. After an initial attempt at automated labelling which was stymied by an apparently coordinated 4Chan effort to reverse engineer the labelling logic, Twitter is currently manually labelling and identifying prolific spreaders. Facebook is currently fact-checking and downranking posts spreading the narrative. YouTube is currently providing 3rd party fact-checking in search results. However, a popularly-linked article pushing the disinformation is highly ranked on the results of many search engine, above fact-checkers.

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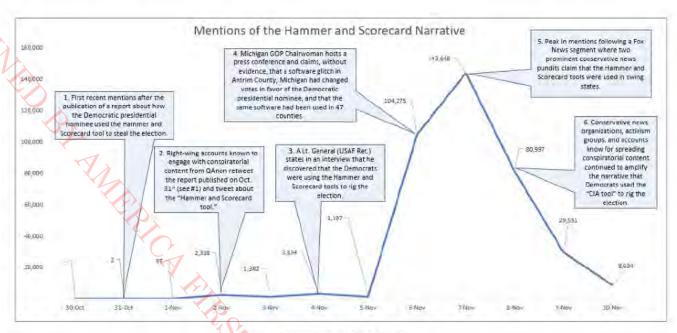


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#### Spread and Engagement:

Posts propagating this narrative exhibit a high number of links back to known disinformation purveyors, fringe media sites, and video content from channels known to post problematic material. A video hosted on Rumble, a less-restricted alternative to YouTube, has, as of the afternoon of Nov. 10, accumulated more than 200,000 views.

Engagement on the larger platforms seems to have picked up on the evening of the 6th following a tweeted video interview with the defense attorney of one of POTUS's former National Security Advisers, who claimed that "the Hammer" and "Scorecard" were used to change "3% of the vote total...in the preelection voting ballots that were collected digitally...across the country." The bulk of post volume accrued over the Nov. 7-8 weekend. Twitter data exhibits a series of spikes in engagement in posting starting morning of the 7th and diminishing to steady low levels by the afternoon of the 9th; the narrative does not appear to have held any sustained level of attention during this period. Measuring engagement with this particular narrative will become increasingly difficult as it continues to be subsumed into larger meta-narratives invoking themes of fraud and Deepstate corruption and emerging conspiracy theories latching onto breaking news.



Timeline constructed by Deloitte

Current spread of the narrative is relegated largely to the less popular platforms, Parler and Rumble, and is presumably still circulating unchecked on the Chans. EIP has noted a discernable migration of the narrative to the smaller platforms, which may be attributable to counter disinformation efforts on the larger ones. It is unlikely that engagement will grow significantly in volume on these platforms, given the general proclivities of the platform membership, but may increase in temperament as the echo chamber effect pushes polarization and reinforcement. These newer, smaller, platforms have shown to be illsuited for wide dissemination and there are numerous examples of viral narratives causing the sites to go down due to capacity restraints. It is likely that members with significant followers on both large and small platforms will attempt to reseed the narrative on large platforms while content continues circulating the smaller platforms.

#### False Amplification and Foreign Propagation

At this time, signs of covert foreign amplification of the Hammer and Scorecard narrative or evidence to suggest it originated from foreign actors is scarce. The narrative topology instead suggests that the narrative is sustained largely by grassroots amplification and exhibits a fair degree of authenticity. The topology, however, may be distorted by quick platform efforts targeting viral spreaders and influencers, which could effectively mute spikes in amplification efforts. Other traditional indicators of false amplification are similarly muddled by the platform response; for example, the narrative spread involves a statistically high number of newly created accounts which is strongly correlated to historic false amplification efforts, but may, in this case, reflect member account suspensions resulting in new genuine account creation.

Some limited overt foreign amplification is observed, however. Known Russian accounts have retweeted members of POTUS's campaign staff who have used the hashtag #HammerAndScorecard. These accounts have also retweeted the Fox News segment in which the Hammer and Scorecard narrative was discussed. Several of these accounts received up to 6k retweets, and many accounts

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#### **Executive Summary**

In this week's ESMC Threatscape: France and Germany went into their second round of pandemic lockdowns; EU leaders are preparing to unveil ambitious plans to regulate the platform economy; Brits gathered outside of the House of Parliament to protest a proposed US-UK FTA; Sinopec is devoting more funding to develop China's hydrogen energy sector; and the US and Vietnam signed multiple deals on agriculture and energy. As a bonus, we've included an additional sixth section on elections for your pleasure.

COVID-19

DIGITAL ECONOMY AGRICULTURE AND AEROSPACE

ENERGY SECURITY VIETNAMESE **ECONOMICS** 

COVID-19: National resurgences of COVID-19 across European countries are endangering both the health of their populations and the health of their economies.

\* 'We Are Submerged': France And Germany Thrust Into Second COVID-19 Lockdown

French President Emmanuel Macron and German Chancellor Angela Merkel ordered their countries back into lockdown on Wednesday (28 October), as a massive second wave of coronavirus infections threatened to overwhelm Europe before the winter. Read

 Ahead Of COVID Summit, Council Chief Calls For Coordination To Avoid A 'Tragedy'

European Council President Charles Michel on Tuesday (27 October) urged member states to adopt the quicker antigen coronavirus testing method, common rules on virus management and to avoid vaccine "chaos." Read more.

Economic Support Will Last 'As Long As Necessary', Says Gentiloni

Given the increasing number of COVID-19 cases and the risk of a double-dip recession, the support to the European economy will be maintained "as much as is needed, for as long as is needed", the Commissioner for Economy, Paolo Gentiloni, said on Tuesday (27 October). Read more.

- \* (U//FOUO) Earlier this week, Spain became the first European country with one million COVID-19 cases. As COVID-19 resurges, will the local economy be able to stay afloat? What could that mean for Spanish-US trade flows?
- AN ARROCAL CARREST OF THE PARTY \* (U//FOUO) Given a number of recent terror attacks in France or against French authorities, how could this complicate the country's ability to defend itself from COVID-19 since there will likely be vigils en masse? With the country also locking down due to COVID-19, how will this affect French production and manufacturing, and could US companies or citizens be affected by further terrorist attacks?
- \* (U//FOUO) With supranational European entities committing themselves to COVID-19 relief funding, how could this impact budget negotiations, since the recovery funds are tied up with the MFF? Given a potential double-dip recession, will the funds even be enough?

Digital Ecosystems and Financial Markets: World powers are strategizing future policies for greater efficiency and scope within the digital economy, focusing on market reform and foreign capital attraction efforts which may lead to greater integration of financials despite geopolitical tensions.

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\* Thinking Of The Whole Ecosystem: EU's Plans To Regulate The Platform Economy

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In early December, the EU will unveil ambitious new plans to regulate the platform economy in presenting its landmark Digital Services Act together with new digital competition capacities as part of the Digital Markets Act. Read more.

#### \* Beijing And Wall Street Deepen Ties Despite Geopolitical Rivalry

A day after president Trump announced a new initiative to thwart Beijing's alleged efforts to "steal" US technology, senior Chinese financial officials and Wall Street bankers sat down for the China-US Financial Roundtable, highlighting a rare positive front in Sino-US relations: finance, as Beijing attempts to speed up market reforms and attract foreign capital. Read more.

#### \* China Reconsiders Its Global Strategy For The Yuan

China is reconsidering its strategy for the internationalization of the yuan and planning for more policy support after completing a comprehensive review recently, according to a senior central bank official, so that the government can be more proactive with policy support to facilitate the role of the markets. Read more.

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to examine how certain markets are prone to failure. How will the adoption of gatekeeper obligations and restrictions affect the US-Germany trade relationship? Could Germany pursue a similar line to France as they advocate for the potential breakup of tech gants? What could this mean for US tech companies?

\* (U//FOUO) EU Finance Ministers have urged the bloc to harmonize rules, most specifically for stopping money laundering practices. Could this advice lead to the widescale adoption of Germany's approaches across the EU? And what could this mean for US-EU trade on a larger scale? How could the EU's new reforms and regulations affect their trading relationships with other major powers, especially China? Could these regulations in combination with the efforts put forth by the EU markets regulator allowing EU investors to trade sterling-auoted shares of European companies listed in London assuage investor concerns about trading after Brexit?

\* (U//FOUO) China's internationalization plan for the yuan dictates that the central bank can improve bilateral currency swap agreements to better promote trade and investments and try to coordinate various means of yuan cross-border settlements and payments infrastructure. These plans call for increased government policy support. What kind of policy support will China put forth to facilitate the role of the markets? How could the further internationalization of the yuan lead to more efficient and entrenched efforts by China for FDI, especially within emerging markets? How could the US work with partners to inform third countries about the effects of yuan internationalization in their economies? Could this open a gap for US influence and funding, which could have second or third-order effects for market access, resource rights, and access to safe and reliant critical infrastructure?

Agriculture and Aerospace: US-UK FTA negotiations have become studded with concerns, including those focused on food safety standards, geopolitics and geosecurity, and longstanding European economic disputes.

\* UK-US Trade Pact Opposed With Trump, Cows And Pigs As Props

Some 50 demonstrators dressed as chickens, a cow, and President Trump gathered Saturday in London near the Houses of Parliament to protest a proposed US-UK trade deal that activists say will lower food safety standards, which the UK government is counting on to cushion the impact of Britain's departure from the EU. Read more.

\* Brexit Makes Britain 'Less Useful To The Us.' Says Former Top Diplomat.

Britain is no longer Europe's "center of gravity" in the eyes of America—and particularly if Joe Biden is elected president next month—according to former senior diplomat and cross-bench peer Peter Ricketts. Read more.

\* UK Says It Must Have Right To Act If Aerospace Tariffs Remain

Britain said it must have the right to respond in kind to tariffs imposed as part of a 16year Boeing-Airbus row, underscoring the complicated choices the country will face on major trade flashpoints after Brexit. Read more.

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- \* (U//FOUO) As with UK-EU Brexit negotiations, agriculture remains a concern for FTA discussions. Given the fact that American farmers are starting to make gains in other agricultural spaces, could this place less of a pressure on this part of the trade negotiations?
- \* (U//FOUO) With the UK preparing to crash out, how will intelligence sharing between the UK, EU, and US be affected, especially with regards to information related to CBP?
- st (U//FOU0) If the UK decides to respond in kind on aerospace tariffs, could this impact further aspects of US-UK negotiations? How could that impact local US manufacturing and could it encourage the UK to source goods from external to the US?

Alternative Energy Security: With more countries signing up to be carbon neutral around the mid-century mark, more emphasis is being placed on renewable energy sources.

\* European Oil Stocks Dealt €360 Billion Blow While Renewables

Big European oil and gas companies have shed more than €360 billion in market value this year while renewable energy stocks and technology companies focused on cleaner fuels have surged. Read more.

\* Norway's Green Hydrogen Ship Granted €8 Million In EU Funding

A prototype vessel powered by zero-emission hydrogen could take to Norway's coastal waters in a few years, ferrying cargo and delivering hydrogen supplies to strategic areas, after the EU's research and innovation fun Dhts-1255-002883 011/30/2024 pilot project. Read more.

\* China's Sinonec To Accelerate Push Into Hydrogen Energy

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has laid its hands on key gas connections along the borders of Bulgaria. Given Russia's deepening involvement with other European energy 8/16/23, 2:08 PM 031975586.HTML

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economies to become less reliant on malicious actors? Could this be a chance for USG-EU collaboration, which could be especially pertinent to DHS Science and Technology?

- \* (U//FOUO) Many countries are making pledges to convert to renewables by a certain year. This past week, <a href="South Korea">South Korea</a> joined China and a number of European nations in the endeavor when President Moon Jae-in announced that they will commit to achieving carbon neutrality by 2050 as part of a "Green New Deal" that closely mirrors commitments made by the EU. With these countries making such deals, they will likely be setting aside R&D funding to achieve their goals; could this lead to an exclusion of the US from future cooperation since we have yet to pledge? Could this lead countries to pivot away from the US to source from non-allied nations with already significant investment in renewable technologies, such as <a href="China">China</a> with their emphasis on solar energy?
- \* (U//FOUO) With hydrogen becoming more and more popular, could the US carve out a specific niche? Could this pave the way for more energy exports for us, while helping local economies, or will it strike the same questions of environmental degradation that fracking did due to poor management and execution?

Vietnam's Economic Popularity Skyrockets: Vietnam has become a cornerstone for large corporate investment by East Asian nations, hefty agricultural trade, and new energy deals, calling attention to the increasing popularity of Vietnamese markets and trading relationships, especially as they are being eyed by both the US and China.

\* <u>Japan's Investment In Vietnam Plummets While Suga Seeks Closer</u>
<u>Ties</u>

Japan, once the largest source of corporate investment in Vietnam, has fallen to fourth place for the first nine months of 2020, overtaken by more agile rivals from South Korea and China. Read more.

\* US, Vietnam Sign \$500 Million Deal To Form 'Pork Consortium'

The Vietnam Trade Alliance, a grouping of buyers and producers, signed a pact on Wednesday to buy up to \$500 million worth of American pork over three years, according to the US embassy in Hanoi on Wednesday. Read more.

\* AES, Petrovietnam Gas To Sign \$2.8 Billion LNG Deal: Pompeo

AES Corp. will sign a deal with PetroVietnam Gas to develop a \$2.8 billion liquefied natural gas import terminal and a power plant in Vietnam, US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said on Wednesday. Read more.

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- \* (U//FOUO) How will the US pork industry fare in the coming years with the new "Pork Consortium" agreement with the Vietnam Trade Alliance in combination with China's increase in purchases of US farm goods climbing to reach its target per the trade deal signed in January? Will the "Pork Consortium" allow for an increase in opportunities in US agricultural trade with Vietnam in markets popular in East Asia such as corn, soybeans, and biofuels which have been substantially imported by China recently?
- (U//FOUO) With an increase in US-Vietnam trade deals, how could Vietnam be targeted by US trade adversaries, such as China who recently passed export control laws allowing the government to ban exports of strategic materials and advanced technology to specific foreign companies on its equivalent of the US Department of Commerce's Entity List? Could Vietnamese companies involved in US trade deals be targeted by this list, thereby impacting supply chain reshoring for companies looking to leave China?
- \* (U//FOUO) With more countries looking to have their firms reshore from China to Vietnam, what could it mean for the control of critical infrastructure if China is serving a main partner for infrastructure investment? Since Japan is the US' main partner for building physical infrastructure overseas, especially in ASEAN countries, could this reduction of funding lead to unintended vulnerabilities down the line, even if Japan continues at a lower flow? If the critical infrastructure is built by China, funded by China, and supplied technologically by China, will US firms actually be safe if they relocate?

Election Special on Interruptions and Security: Although the American news cycle has been swamped with news on our own election, there are a number of elections that are coming up (or have recently passed), which could help serve as indicators of intent for foreign entities, adversaries (such as Russia) and allies (such as the EU) alike.

\* Kyiv Summons Hungarian Envoy Over Election Interference

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\* EU Backs Nigerian Candidate For WTO Top Job

EU ambassadors on Monday (26 October) reached consensus on backing Nigerian candidate Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala in the race for the World Trade Organization's top job. Read more.

#### \* Germany's Christian Democrats Delay Vote On New Party Leader

Germany's governing Christian Democratic Union has decided to postpone a decision on who will take over at the top of the party until 16 January, 2021; the meeting of 1,001 The final me derm.

The fi delegates from the CDU was originally expected to take place in April this year, but due to COVID-19 officials from the party agreed to kick the date back to December since Germany's next federal election is due to be held in autumn 2021. Read more.

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- \* (U//FOUO) With the WTO candidates lining to face off against one another, what could a choice one way or the other mean for US interests? Given that the US has often been at loggerheads with the organization given trade disputes, could a new leader allow for the US to step back into the sphere and regain our influence? At a time of global economic crisis, could this ultimately mean good news for US economic competitiveness and less work for DHS components like CBP if there is a new brokering of customs and enforcement harmonization under new leadership?
- \* (U//FOUO) With Germany delaying its vote, how could that affect the potentials of those in the running? What could new German leadership look like, and how could that affect US-German relations in terms of both geopolitics, geosecurity, and geoeconomics, especially since Germany is such a European economic powerhouse? Could this be a chance for a soft reset on some key German-US trade and economic tensions?
- \* (U//FOUO) Russian election interference isn't anything new; as Moldovans go to polls Sunday (1 November), they will be electing a president under the watchful eye of Moscow which wants the polarized country to remain in its orbit amid political and security crises on Russia's borders. The impoverished country of 3.5 million has been divided between those favoring closer ties with the EU, in particular Romania, and those who cling to Soviet-era relations with Moscow. With the last leader being pro-Russian, a new leader could swing the country back closer to the EU. By studying the tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTPs) used in this election, especially if there is a cyber intersection, perhaps the US, and especially CISA and I&A's Cyber Mission Center, could leverage our knowledge of those identified TTPs to protect our election. With so much hinging on the trustworthiness of the election, European allies have concerns about the election, especially regarding threats from Russia since the 2016 elections remain a tension. If there is a dispute due to a cyber concern, how negatively would that affect the economy, especially since there have multiple attempts at hacking sensitive critical infrastructure?

#### I&A ESMC Feedback

If you have any feedback, content ideas, or questions regarding this newsletter, @hq.dhs.gov.

As a reminder, the ESMC Threatscape is a weekly rollup that identifies the top main threat streams of the past week and highlights how these stories fold into larger themes about which DHS should know. Each of the threat streams focuses on different events and highlights the applicable articles, as well as any relevant analysis that ESMC has performed. The HHQs continue to inspire creative reflection on how those events tie in with DHS Intelligence Enterprise affairs, as well as in relation to topics covered by the larger Intelligence Community. This newsletter is meant for those within the federal sphere who wish to understand these connections through a unique lens. As a reminder this email is (U//FOUO) and should not be disseminated to those without the proper security clearances.

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(U//FOUO) SERIAL: OSIR-04001-0020-21

(U//FOUO) SUBJECT: Multiple image board users share ways to circumvent the State of Oregon's Election Website to commit election fraud.

(U//FOUO) SUMMARY: Multiple image board users share ways to circumvent the State of Oregon's Election Website to commit election fraud in the 2020 U.S. Presidential Election.

(U//FOUO) DATE OF ACQUISITION: 18 OCT 2020

(U//FOUO) ACQUISITION CODE: 10010

(U//FOUO) U.S. PERSONS INFORMATION (Y/N): NO

(U//FOUO) REQUIREMENT: 902651250; EEI-94093

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(U//FOUO) COUNTRY OR NONSTATE ENTITY: USA; NZL

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(U//FOUO) SOURCE E CONTEXT: An anonymous image board users who attempts to incite others to commit election fraud. Online content is primarily in English language.

#### (U//FOUO) TEXT:

- 1. (U//FOUO) On 17 October 2020, multiple anonymous image board users posted ways to circumvent the State of Oregon's Election website to commit election fraud. The users stated that with an individual's first name, last name, and date of birth it was possible to view and change a voter's registration. The users shared screenshots that showed registered voters' county, party, residential and mailing address, and ballot status. The users shared screenshots that possibly indicated that a ballot can be printed off the website and then submitted.
- 2. (U//FOUO) Source A created a thread about the State of Oregon's Election Website and discussed the ability to lookup registered voter's personal information with only their name and date of birth, and stated, "[...]What's worse is that you can change people's registration information once you are on their page.[...]". Source A posted a screenshot of the "My Vote" system with an option for an individual to update a voter's registration, and stated, "Can you really just [expletive] over someone from getting their ballot or change their party here?"
- 3. (U//FOUO) Source B posted multiple statements and images. Source B stated, "YOU CAN ACTUALLY VOTE ON THERE [...]", "[...] This is from my friend from high school I know his dob and it let me mark his ballot" (Collector Comment: "dob" likely refers to Date of Birth), "Not fake, I clicked 'mark my ballot'", and "YOU CAN PRINT IT OFF AND BRING IT TO THE COURTHOUSE [expletive]...NO ID REQUIRED". Source B posted an image which showed an "Official Ballot" with the option to select a candidate for President and Vice President, and an image which showed an individual's name, voter status, county, party, residential and mailing address, ballot status, and multiple linked options.

- 4. (U//FOUO) Source C posted a screenshot with an individual's voter registration and a fillable ballot, and stated, "HOLY ACTUAL [expletive] I literally can't believe this. I just tried [U.S. Person] and checked different years. I'm not going to actually click it but holy [expletive]. Literally unbelievable that you can make unlimited requests without a rate limit. This is unprecedented."
- 5. (U//FOUO) Source D posted an image that showed the process of accessing the "My Vote" system and showed screenshots of a fillable ballot. One page displayed a fillable ballot that stated, "Only for use by Military, Overseas and Voters with Disabilities". Another page stated, "Summary of your votes. After reviewing, print this page and return it to your County Election Office."
- 6. (U//FOUO) Source E posted a screenshot from the "My Vote" system showing the information of an American celebrity and shared a link to a list of celebrities that live in Oregon. Source E stated, "sure would be a shame if you know ... [Website listing celebrities living in Oregon]".

(U//FOUO) COMMENTS: No additional comments.

(U//FOUO) PREP: OSRN-068

(U//FOUO) POC: Direct feedback, evaluations, comments, and follow on collection requests to the Current and Emerging Threats Center (CETC), Open Source Collection Operations (OSCO) by accessing the OSIR evaluation link at



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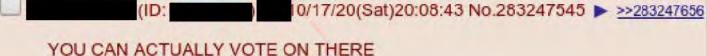
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## Official Ballot Marion County, Oregon November 03, 2020 24-320-1

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### Instructions to Voter

To vote, select the box next to your choice. For write-in candidates, select the box next to write-in and then type the person's first and last name in the text box.

### Attention!

Remember to review your ballot for mistakes! If you have any questions, call Marion County Elections Office at for assistance.

### Warning:

Any person who, by use of force or other means, unduly influences an elector to vote in any particular manner or to refrain from voting is subject to a fine. (Oregon Revised Statutes 254.470)

### Federal: United States President and Vice President

Your vote for the candidates for United States President and Vice President shall be a vote for the electors supporting those candidates, Vote for One



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This is from my friend from high school I know his dob and it let me mark his ballot

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My Vote

Name:

Voter Status: Active

Your voter registration is current and a ballot will be issued for the next election.

County: Marion County

Party: Not a member of a party

Residential Address: ST NE

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Mailing Address: -Same-

My Ballot: November 3, 2020 General Election

A ballot was sent to the following address on October 14, 2020:

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Voting instructions for voters with disabilities

Voting instructions for military and overseas voters

Mark My Ballot

Military/Overseas Voters Only - Download and print your required ballot return forms

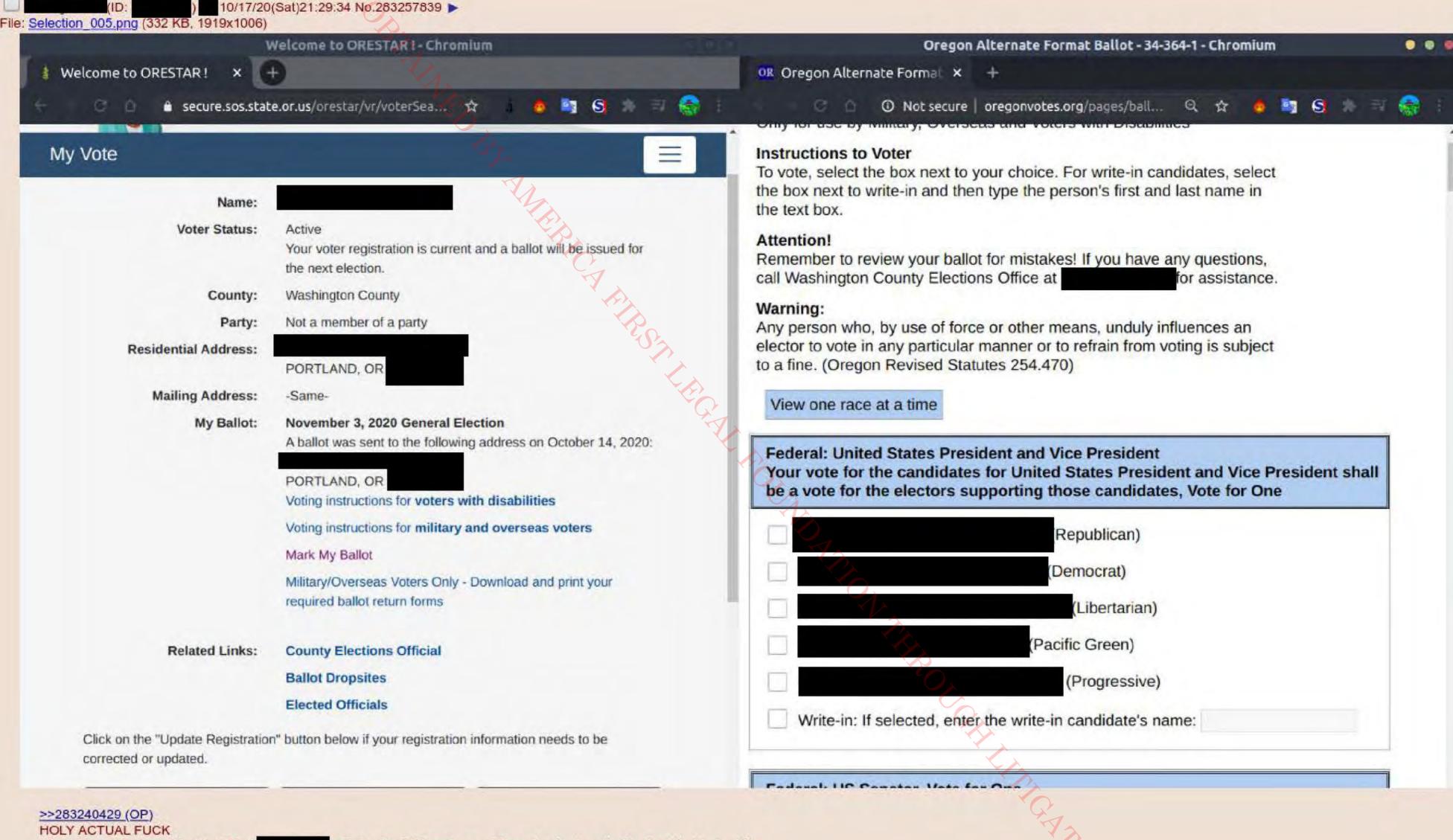
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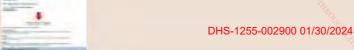
Click on the "Update Registration" button below if your registration information needs to be corrected or updated.

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I literally can't believe this. I just tried and checked different years. I'm not going to actually click it but holy shit.





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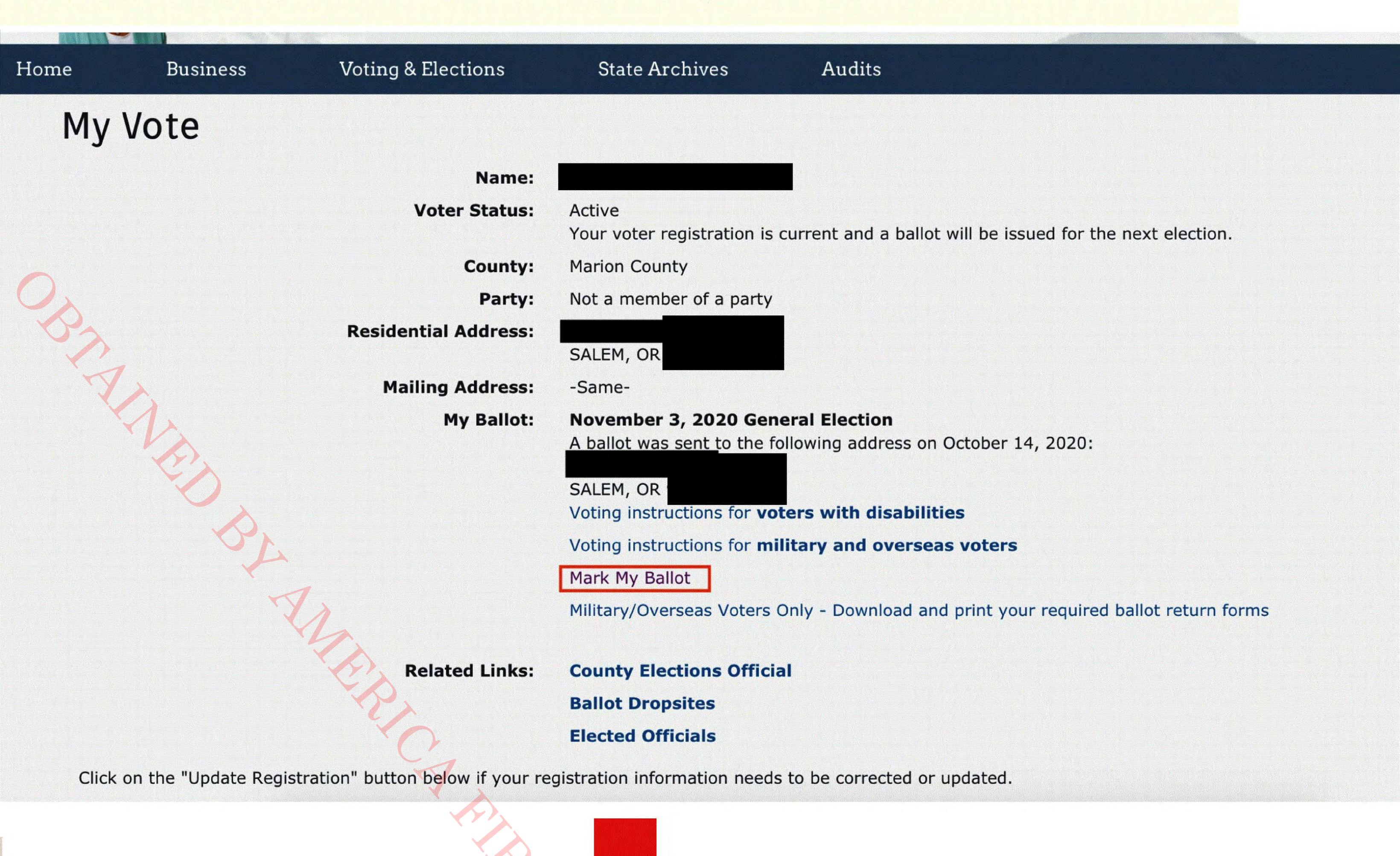
>it's one of the few states that has 100% mail in balloting >the voter system online is so insecure that if you know someone's name and DOB you can change their registration

>anon in another thread enters his friends information and realizes

>he can change who he voted for

>this is one of the easiest ways to tamper with an election ever conceived

>if the dems use this they can make every person who has ever registered in oregon as a vote for the dem candidate





November 03, 2020 24-320-1

Summary of your votes. After reviewing, print this page and return it to your County Election Office.

Federal: United States President and Vice PresidentYour vote for the candidates for United States President and Vice President shall be a vote for the electors supporting those candidates, Vote for One

(Republican) You voted for: Change your choice

Federal: US Senator, Vote for One

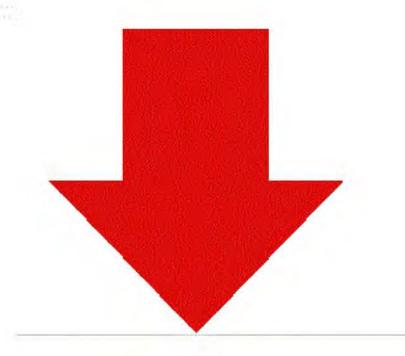
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Federal: US Representative, 5th District, Vote for One

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Official Ballot Marion County, Oregon November 03, 2020 24-320-1

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## Instructions to Voter

To vote, select the box next to your choice. For write-in candidates, select the box next to write-in and then type the person's first and last name in the text box.

# Attention!

Remember to review your ballot for mistakes! If you have any questions, call Marion County Elections Office at for assistance.

## Warning:

Any person who, by use of force or other means, unduly influences an elector to vote in any particular manner or to refrain from voting is subject to a fine. (Oregon Revised Statutes 254.470)

Federal: United States President and Vice President

Your vote for the candidates for United States President and Vice President shall be a vote for the electors supporting those candidates, Vote for One



10/17/20(Sat)20:29:57 No.283250371 > >>283250616 >>283250694 >>283254535 >>283254930 >>283260391 File: chrome RIO0RGVdai.png (41 KB, 1694x689) My Vote Name: **Voter Status:** Active Your voter registration is current and a ballot will be issued for the next election. Jackson County County: Not a member of a party Party: Residential Address: JACKSONVILLE, OR Mailing Address: JACKSONVILLE, OR November 3, 2020 General Election My Ballot: A ballot was sent to the following address on October 16, 2020: JACKSONVILLE, OR Voting instructions for voters with disabilities Voting Instructions for military and overseas voters Mark My Ballot Military/Overseas Voters Only - Download and print your required ballot return forms Related Links: **County Elections Official Ballot Dropsites Elected Officials** Click on the "Update Registration" button below if your registration information needs to be corrected or updated. **Update Registration** New Search Cancel

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sure would be a shame if you know ...



Can you work with 6 on this? Our response will been to be coordinated internally with CISA peeps and I&A.

#### Allison L. Snell

**Election Security Initiative** 

Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Adency

Cell: (b) (6) | Email:(b) (6)

From (b) (6)

Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2020 10:52 AM

To: Snell, Allison (b) (6) Cc: Wieczorek, Erin (b) (6)

Subject: FW: OSIR disinformation

Do you have a timeline as laid out as below from Jason?

From: Lamote, Jason (6)

Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2020 10:20 AM

To: Wieczorek, Erin (b) (6)

Subject: FW: OSIR disinformation

My understanding is that I&A and CISA engaged with the Oregon Secretary of State regarding the attached open source intelligence report. Oregon determined that the vulnerabilities alleged online were not legitimate.

Can you check on the timeline for CISA/I&A engagement with Oregon? And any other relevant information that's worth sharing? I'll makes sure to include you in the response back to SSCI once I&A gathers more information on their process.

#### Jason Lamote

Director - Cyber, Intelligence, Operations

Office of Legislative Affairs

Department of Homeland Security

Cell: (b) (6) | Email: (b) (6)

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The attached OSIR is disinformation. As local election officials have confirmed to Sen. Wyden's office, one cannot corrupt the Oregon vote by mail process as the posters claim. I&A has previously written analyses about disinformation related to vote by mail, including from the Russians. Disseminating this OSIR, which not only fails to correct the disinformation but seems to give it credence, would seem to operate at cross purposes to I&A's, and CISA's, mission of debunking election disinformation.

This particular OSIR came to my attention because Sen. Wyden's office tracks the election process in Oregon. How many OSIRs is I&A disseminating nationally on election matters and what is I&A doing to ensure that its products serve to educate rather than misinform its customers?

Thanks,

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