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Foreign Actor Interference (FAI) Starting the Conversation

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Purpose

- Defining Foreign Actor Interference (FAI)
- The Importance of FAI
 - FAI as a national concern
 - Government of Canada efforts
- Role of Law Enforcement's in addressing FAI
 - RCMP
 - POJs
- Moving forward

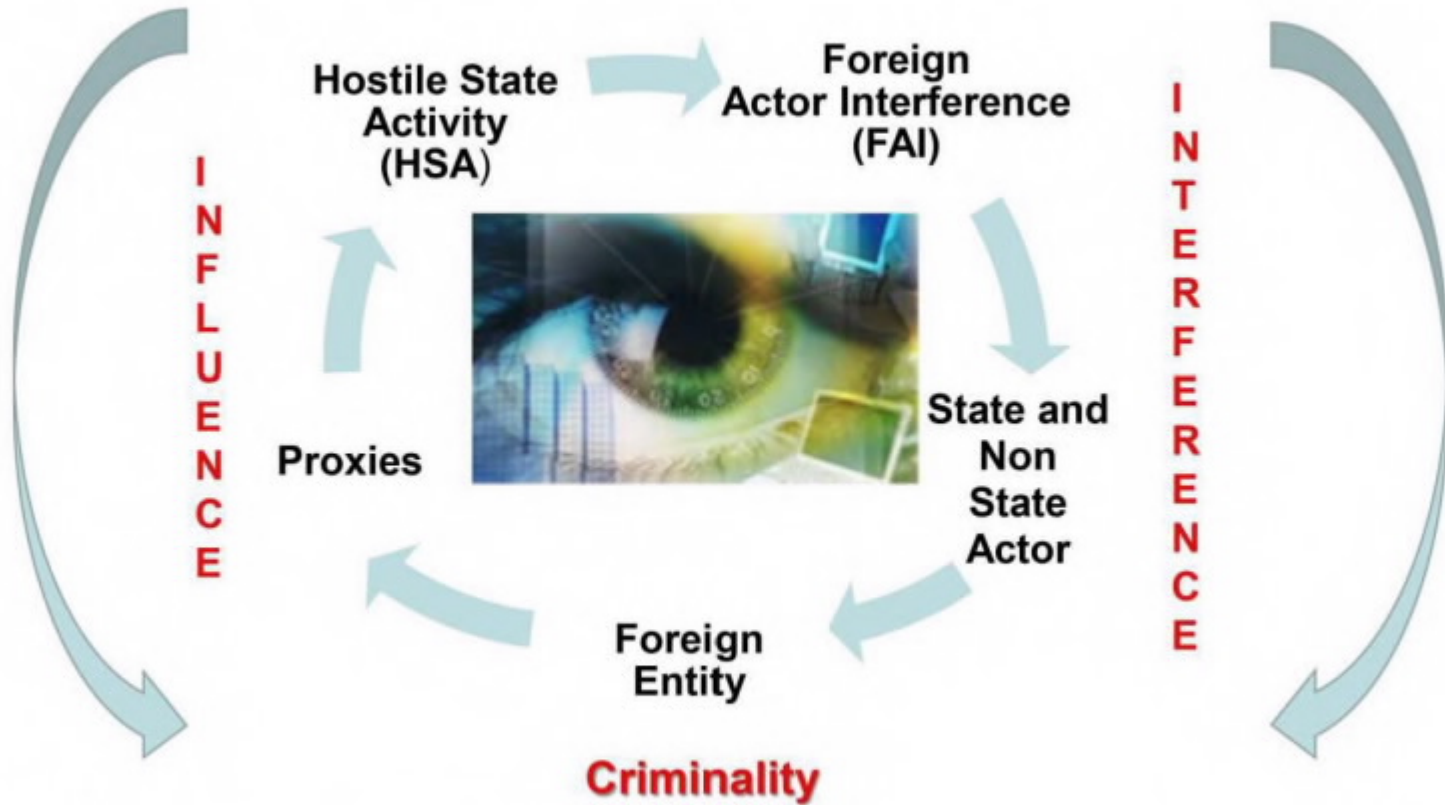


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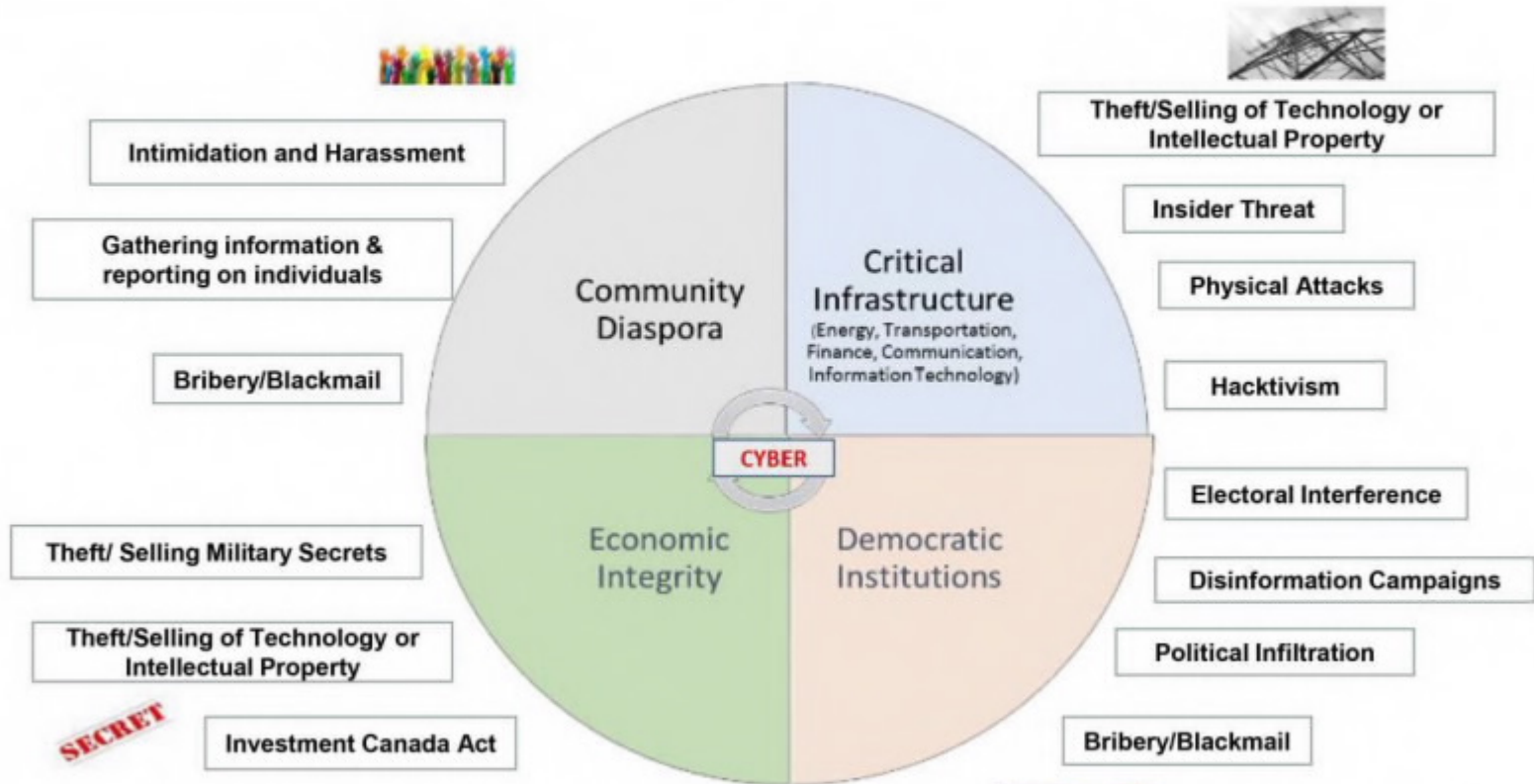
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Before We Begin - Terminology



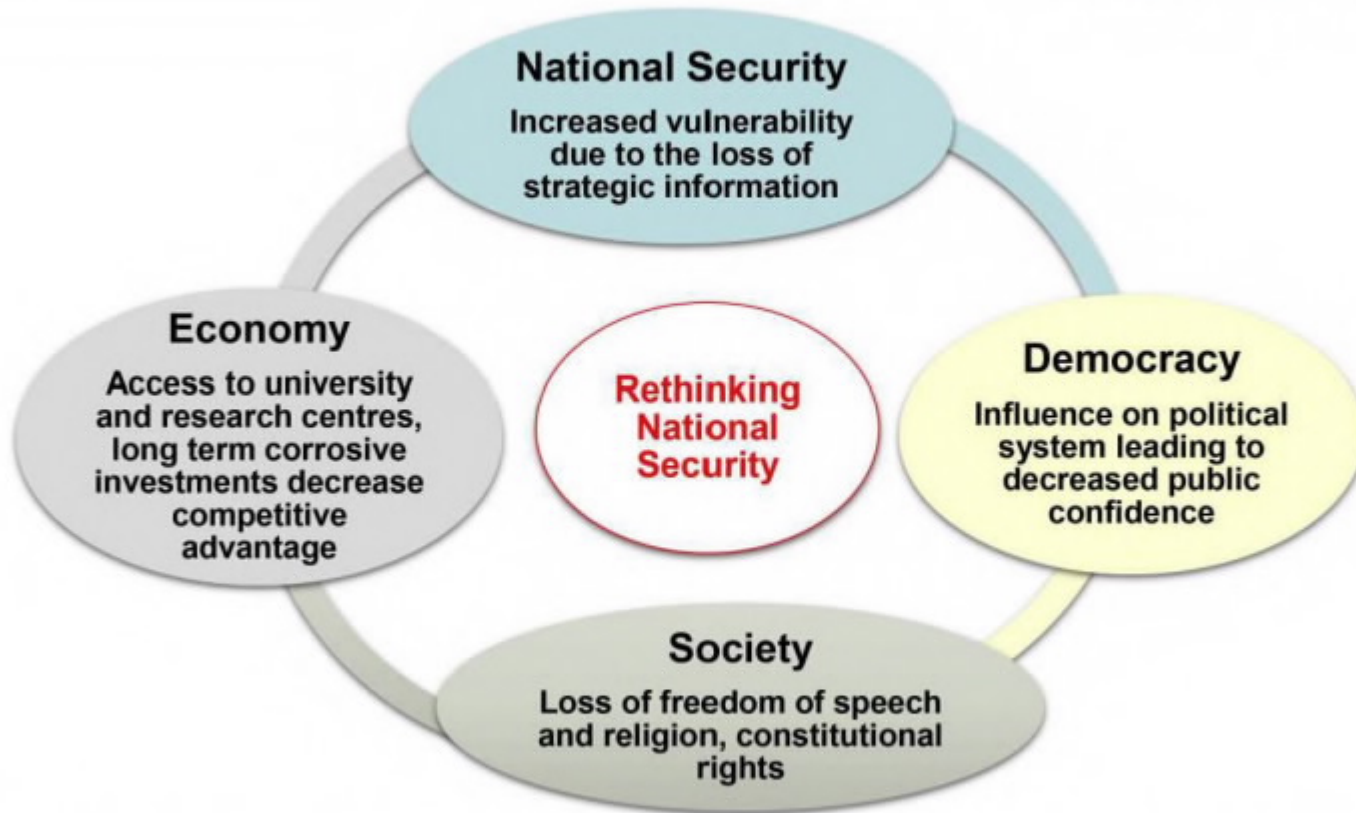
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Foreign Actor Interference (FAI) Activities?



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FAI as a National Concern: What is at risk?



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Government of Canada Actions

- Whole-of-government FAI strategy (Public Safety)
- Democratic institutions
 - Security & Intelligence Threats to Elections (SITE) Taskforce
 - Digital Citizen Initiative
 - Critical Election Incident Public Protocol
- G7 Rapid Response Mechanism (GAC)
- Cyber security

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RCMP Response

- The RCMP has a clear mandate to investigate FAI under the *Security Offences Act*, as a threat to the security of Canada (*CSIS Act*)
- Engaging domestic and international partners
- Critical infrastructure and cyber initiatives
- Reviewing legislative and regulatory regime; existing operational capability and capacity; and the role of law enforcement in addressing the threat



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Police of Jurisdiction

- Eyes and ears on the ground
 - First to hear about harassment or receive complaints related to foreign intimidation tactics
- Robust community network
 - Public Engagement and Outreach initiatives
 - Have the necessary relationships that will enable community members to report intimidation tactics
- Identifying, disrupting and reporting cases
 - Reporting possible incidents of espionage, sabotage, and other activities detrimental to Canada interests and national security



We cannot address this threat alone. We need to work together.



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Key Considerations

- Identifying the FAI component - mosaic effect
- FAI NS investigations – broad range of implications
 - Safety of victims and witnesses
 - International relations
- Police independence
- Maintaining operational security
 - Who could be watching or listening? Sensitive information handling, and using secure devices
- Broader interaction with other individuals, units, government agencies and/or states

Information Handling:

All information is to be handled as per OM 12.3. **Sharing, Handling, and Release & Dissemination of Information**

Secure Devices:

Communication among those who need to know will be conducted via secure phone, video and email technology

- Secure video conference calls
- Use of viper phones
- CE Secure network Email
- Canada Top Secret Network (CTSN) email



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Moving Forward

- Continued policy development work with GoC partners
- Engagement with international law enforcement partners
- Continued engagement with POJs
- Clarification and development of Federal Policing FAI Strategy



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Questions?



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