



CYBER MYTHS, SECURE NETWORK CHALLENGES, & SOLUTIONS

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CYBER MYTHS

- **Attribution is impossible/not feasible/ not worth the effort**
- **Nothing on my system is valuable to hackers**
- **Protect the critical infrastructure and we will be fine**
- **Information sharing is the answer**
- **Cyber tool proliferation is inevitable - there is no lasting defense**

CYBER MYTHS (CONT)

- **The problem is easily solvable - install my program**
- **Offense is easy; defense is hard**
- **Cyber attacks occur at the speed of light**
- **Just keep the bad guys out**
- **It's hopeless**

CYBER CHALLENGES

- **Critical infrastructure systems attacks are increasing in number and severity**
- **Systems less secure now than ever before – offense has just gotten better**
- **Security standards are advisory – there are so many from which to choose**
- **Infrastructure data is aggregated – IOT – and linked without regard to risks**

CYBER CHALLENGES (CONT)

- **We really do not know who we are connected to; we assume “safe cyber”**
- **Infrastructure attacks by foreign entities is a constraint on our foreign policy**
- **The most difficult cybersecurity challenges are legal, commercial, and political**

PROPOSED SOLUTIONS

- **Leadership must recognize that change comes from the top**
- **Protecting a company's assets is a business imperative**
- **No one is immune from attack – big or small hackers attack all**
- **Legal system permits defective software; avoids liability; caveat emptor**
- **Commercial decision: more cost effective to accept loss than prevent loss**
- **Government policy makers lack the political will to address issues**

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