IT and the state

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In general

Specific

- Behavior
- Activities
- Purpose

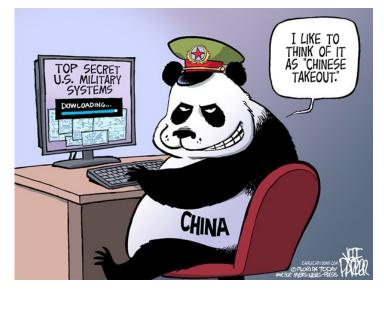


Ideology

Hacktivism Cyberterrorisms Militia







Individuals



Financial crime Stolen identity

Profit

Espionage Sabotage State



Triad of cyber security

CIA

- Confidentiality
- Integrity
- Availability

Main state activities in cyberspace

- Espionage
- Sabotage
- Censure
- Information war/propaganda
- Demonstration of power
- Support of conventional attack

Cyber espionage vs. Sabotage

Espionage

 Obtaining strategically sensitive or strategically important information from individuals or organizations by using or targeting IT means. It is used most often in the context of obtaining a political, economic or military supremacy.

Sabotage

 Deliberate action aimed at weakening a polity or corporation through subversion, obstruction, disruption or destruction. In a workplace setting, sabotage is the conscious withdrawal of efficiency generally directed at causing some change in workplace conditions.

Cases

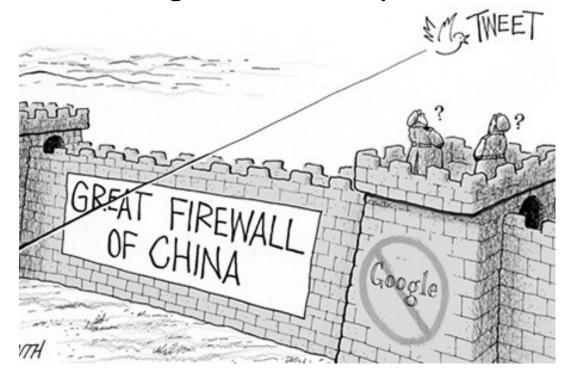






Censure

- Commonly link with non-democratic regime
- Halal internet vs. forbidden applications
- Using different ways from residents





Demonstration of power

Estonia (2007) and Latvia (2008)

- Similar modus operandi (DDoS, defacement and malware)
- Russian Federation absence of direct evidence

Estonia - due to the removal of the bronze statue of an unknown Soviet soldier

for RF symbol of freedom vs. symbol of occupation

Latvia – main reasons: law about non-acceptance Nazi and Soviet symbols, planning of American antimissile defense

Russia

Support conventional attack

Abkhazia s

Georgia (2008)

- In the background of a five-day war

100 Kilometres

Branget destroying of active communication and information

- Methods: defacemente of gran, malware
- Patriotic hacking (nationalistic mode in society)
- Russian Business Network
- Attacks also or Brkey

Armenia

Azerbaijan





Demystification ???

1982: trans-siberian sabotage



Case study – Việt Nam

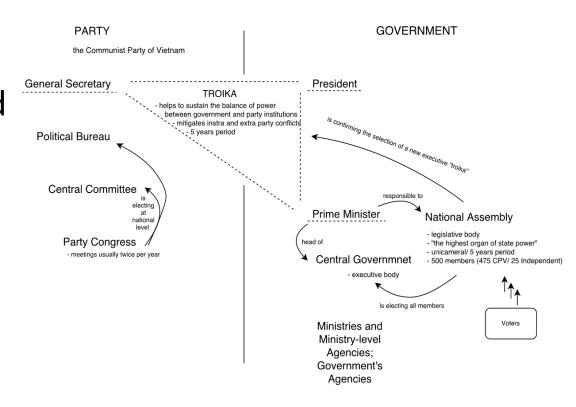


Political and historical background I.

- one-party system state represented by the Communist Party of Vietnam (CPV)
- moves to market-oriented socialism

- 1994 domain .vn has been registered
- 1997 system administration VNPT
- Telecommunication Vittel





Political and historical background II.

- The Government formed the National Internet Steering Board
- penetration rate of 66,3 percent
- only companies that are state-owned can operate as *Internet access* service providers or *Internet exchange providers*

Place of cyberspace today

- The continuation of the rule CPV
- Internet as a place for foreign investments
- Manipulation of information



Important actors

The Ministry of Information and Communication

- Authority for regulation, publication (newspapers) and telecommunication, IT,...
- the Authority of Information Security
- the Vietnam Computer Emergency Response Team (VNCERT)

The Ministry of Public Security

New Cyber Security Law

The Ministry of National Defense

- the Cyber Space Operations Command (January 2018) "help with the state surveillance for protection of the state sovereignty"
- Unit/Force 47 (10 000 members)

Surveillance I.

- Freedom House (2018) Net Freedom Status: not free
- Internet as a tool of destabilization for CPV

Article 69 of the Constitution of the Socialistic Republic of Vietnam (1992)

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Article 79, 88 and 258 of the Penal Code (1999) Article 331 of the Criminal Code (2015)

Surveillance II.

- "propagandistic activities against CPV"
- "threaten of democratic freedoms and the interests of the state"
- "providing activities damaging the state administration"

Result:

- In 2017 arresting 21 bloggers and activists
- Penalties 9 15 years



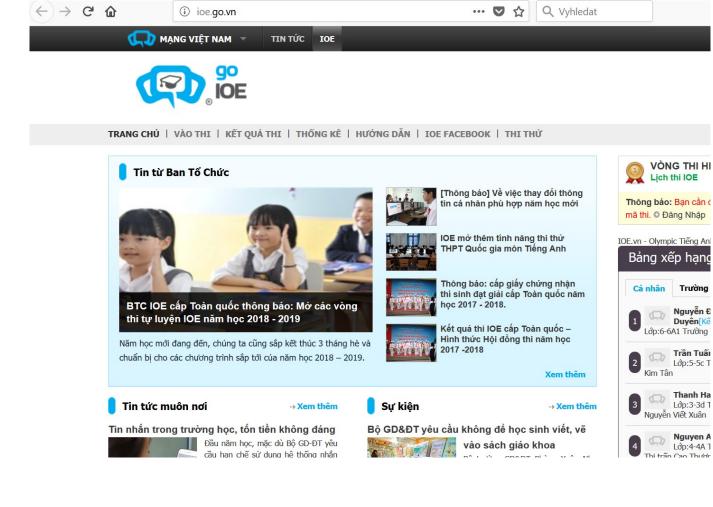


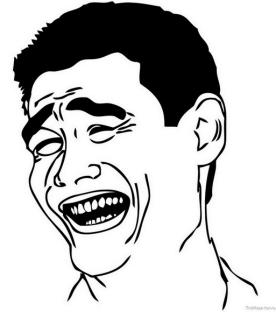


Surveillance III.

- Using applications such as Facebook and Instagram in Vietnam is possible (it The Governmet si able to block these networks in key moments in recent years – for example May 2016)
- Removing "toxic" content form YouTube and Facebook

Go.vn





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Cyber campaigns

APT32 (the OceanLotus Group -APT-C-00)

- the most sophisticated groups of its kind in the region
- since 2012
- activities are associated with attacks targeting the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), human rights organisations, civil society organisations and also organisations across multiple industries and foreign governments, dissidents, and journalists

• Until now, it has not been possible to associate the group cyberespionage activity

with the Vietnamese government directly, but...

Other actors in region

- Chinese 1937CN Team
- Group from North Korea (APT37)

Current situation

- The Cyber Security Law
- -protests from public (restrictions on freedom of expression)
- -protests from members of government (economic limitations)
- -conclusion The dragon is here
- Efficiency: 1.1.2019
- Accepted: 12.6 Nguyen Thi Kim Ngan, chairwoman of the Assembly, said the protesters might have misunderstood the nature of the bill.

"People should stay calm, believe in the decisions of the party and the state, especially in the fact that the National Assembly is always listening to the people's opinions when discussing the bills," Ngan said.



Conclusion

 Vietnam does not focus on the survival of state as such, but the state is here symbolised by the regime



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