

(f) FOREIGN MALIGN INFLUENCE CAMPAIGNS ON SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS TARGETING ELECTIONS FOR FEDERAL OFFICE.—

(1) REPORTS.—

(A) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 90 days before the date of each regularly scheduled general election for Federal office, the Director of the Center shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report on foreign malign influence campaigns on and across social media platforms targeting such election.

(B) MATTERS INCLUDED.—Each report under subparagraph (A) shall include an analysis of the following:

(i) The patterns, tools, and techniques of foreign malign influence campaigns across all platforms on social media by a covered foreign country targeting a regularly scheduled general election for Federal office.

(ii) Inauthentic accounts and ‘bot’ networks across platforms, including the scale to which such accounts or networks exist, how platforms currently act to remove such accounts or networks, and what percentage of such accounts or networks have been removed during the period covered by the report.

(iii) The estimated reach and impact of intentional or weaponized disinformation by inauthentic accounts and ‘bot’ networks, including an analysis of amplification by users and algorithmic distribution.

(iv) The trends of types of media that are being used for dissemination through foreign malign influence campaigns, including machine-manipulated media, and the intended targeted groups.

(C) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than August 1, 2021, the Director of the Center shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report under subparagraph (A) addressing the regularly scheduled general election for Federal office occurring during 2020.

(D) FORM.—Each report under this paragraph shall be submitted in an unclassified form, but may include a classified annex.

(2) BRIEFINGS.—

(A) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 30 days after the date on which the Director submits to the appropriate congressional committees a report under paragraph (1), the Director of National Intelligence, in coordination with the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Homeland Security, and the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, shall provide to such committees a briefing assessing threats from foreign malign influence campaigns on social media from covered countries to the regularly scheduled general election for Federal office covered by the report.

(B) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—Each briefing under subparagraph (A) shall include the following:

(i) The patterns, tools, and techniques of foreign malign influence campaigns across all platforms on social media by a covered foreign country targeting a regularly scheduled general election for Federal office.

(ii) An assessment of the findings from the report for which the briefing is provided.

(iii) The activities and methods used to mitigate the threats associated with such findings by the Department of Defense, the Department of Homeland Security, or other relevant departments or agencies of the Federal Government.

(iv) The steps taken by departments or agencies of the Federal Government to cooperate with social media companies to mitigate the threats identified.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—Subsection (h) of such section, as redesignated by subsection (b) of this section, is amended to read as follows:

(h) DEFINITIONS.—

(1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—The term ‘appropriate congressional committees’ means—

(A) the congressional intelligence committees;

(B) the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on Homeland Security, the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives; and

(C) the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs, the Committee on Foreign Relations, and the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate.

(2) COVERED FOREIGN COUNTRY AND FOREIGN MALIGN INFLUENCE.—The terms ‘covered foreign country’ and ‘foreign malign influence’ have the meanings given those terms in section 119C of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3059).

(3) MACHINE-MANIPULATED MEDIA.—The term ‘machine-manipulated media’ has the meaning given that term in section 5724.