GREAT DECISIONS 2019
Topic 6 – Cyber Conflict and Geopolitics

Cyber conflict is a new and continually developing threat, which can include foreign interference in elections, industrial sabotage and attacks on infrastructure.

Russia has been accused of interfering in the 2016 presidential elections in the United States and China is highly committed to using cyberspace as a tool of national policy. Dealing with cyber conflict will require new ways of looking at 21st century warfare. Is the United States prepared to respond to such threats?

SUGGESTED BACKGROUND RESOURCES

1. Chapter 6 of the *GREAT DECISIONS 2019 Reader*.

2. Glossary of Terms for this topic.

3. If this topic particularly engages you, I might also suggest the following:
   - Robbie Gramer & Elias Groll, Can State's New Cyber Bureau Hack It? *Foreign Policy*, January 18, 2019.
   - The Growing Danger of Great-Power Conflict. *The Economist, January 25, 2018.*
   - Bob Knake, The Next Cyber Battleground: Protecting the U.S. Power Grid from Russian Hackers. *Foreign Affairs*, July 19, 2018.

Further resources are available at the Great Decisions website on Cyber Conflict & Geopolitics.