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I think that in a way this can constitute cyber war. This justifies cyber war in how the Russians went out of their way with the intention of sabotaging an American affair. When something like this happens, obviously it is going to cause some sort of tension here in the United States. Thus, warranting the United States to strike back at them in a similar fashion or in a worse way. So, this starts a back and forth that builds and builds until actual physical warfare can potentially happen. All in all, it depends on how severe of a matter the government deems it to be and whether or not they decide what their next course of action should be.

On the other hand, I believe that it is more justifiable that this particular instance does not constitute cyber war. The main reason that this does not constitute cyber war is because this situation took place through a social media ad. Although there are people that can be swayed by ads like this, the majority of people won't be ignorant enough to be swayed by them. The ad doesn't offer any solid facts to justify the position it's taking, but instead offers an over exaggerated opinion, followed by a silly depiction of Jesus arm wrestling Satan. I would hope that no one's political views would be easily changed by an ad like this. Also, even though this was done by Russians, I think this is no different than an American utilizing their free speech. Many viewers who saw this ad most likely thought the same thing instead of thinking "oh, this is definitely an attack on America from Russia." So, in this instance I believe pursuing cyber warfare would cause more problems than what is necessary.