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The article provides a great conversation on how social cybersecurity can be a threat to national security. Social cybersecurity must be understood in order to protect our own country. The spread of disinformation is rampant out on the internet from foreign countries, like Russia, for example. Part of understanding social cybersecurity and how it affects our nation includes recognizing the ways communication and information flow have changed. First, information flow has become decentralized because information can come from multiple sources where it’s the user’s responsibility to check the facts. Second, there’s been less of a physical presence. Many communication channels are open on the internet amongst many countries, increasing threat risk between other nations because social media platforms only focus on improving the user experience instead of focusing on a nation’s policies. Nations that are more centralized, like North Korea, tend to be more resistant to manipulation tactics because of their enclosed nation. Staying educated about the environment of the internet and it’s decentralization, risks, and being able to differ facts from opinions in order to shape our beliefs can help promote a better understanding of social cybersecurity.