

CISA National Cybersecurity Strategic Plan (FY2024-2026)

Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency

E.J. Corpus

School of Cybersecurity, Old Dominion University

CYSE 425W: Cybersecurity Strategy and Policy

Professor Hamza Demirel

September 26, 2023

Introduction

In an era where our world is connected through digital networks and where cyber threats are as critical as physical threats, the importance of a robust national cybersecurity strategy must be in place. The CISA National Cybersecurity Strategic Plan (FY2024-2026) has created a roadmap for safeguarding the nation's digital infrastructure. The strategic plan could redefine political agendas, influence international relations, and shape regulatory frameworks. In this research, we will dive into the political implications of the new CISA National Cybersecurity Strategic Plan and how it plays a part in security, privacy, governance, and more.

Political Implications

The CISA Cybersecurity Strategic Plan (FY2024–2026) has come with a new focus to prioritize resources that achieve the greatest impact for the American people. The strategy states that they will focus on four sets of stakeholders which are federal civilian executive branch agencies, target rich, resource-poor entities where support is most needed, organizations that are critical to providing National Critical Functions, and cybersecurity companies that contribute to drive security at scale. Prioritizing certain stakeholders over others can lead to debates and political discussions about resource allocation. There may be arguments that resources are unfairly distributed and could lead to tension between stakeholders. This could potentially influence the government's budgeting decisions and stray away from the new strategic plan.

The CISA Cybersecurity Strategic Plan (FY2024–2026) has a goal to “achieve impact or fail fast” to continuously improve on their mistakes. They will determine whether a given program, service, or capability is not resulting in the expected impact to no longer provide their resources. Failing fast can be advantageous in terms of cybersecurity effectiveness and public transparency. But, this could also come with political risks such as damaging public perception

and funding cuts. Failing fast will introduce new services which could mean more vulnerabilities and ways to attack will be developed. There must be a balance to avoid conflict with security and potential political consequences when integrating the CISA's new strategic plan.

Politicians Addressing the Strategy

Currently, the new CISA Cybersecurity Strategic Plan is lined up for the 2024-2026 Fiscal Year which means it is fairly new to the politicians. Here are some general insights into how politicians will address the strategic plan.

Congressional hearings will be held to review and discuss the strategic plan to seek clarification and provide feedback on the priorities and strategies. Politicians have the authority to pass legislation related to cybersecurity and critical infrastructure protection. When proposing new laws or funding for CISA, they can use their new strategic plan as a reference point. Politicians may issue policy statements or press releases expressing their support, concerns, or recommendations regarding CISA's strategic plan. Politicians may use social media or public speeches to express their views and priorities of the CISA Strategic Plan.

Conclusion

CISA National Cybersecurity Strategic Plan for FY2024-2026 carries significant political implications that resonate throughout the government and society. As the plan prioritizes resources, targets key stakeholders, and emphasizes measurable impact, it lays the groundwork for discussions and debates in the political arena. The success of CISA's new strategic plan will be measured by its ability to enhance digital security and the political landscape while maintaining the interests and trust of the American people.

References

Maundrill, B. (2023, August 4). *CISA announces 2024-2026 strategic plan*. Infosecurity Magazine.

<https://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/news/cisa-2024-2026-strategic-plan/>

Johnson, B. (2023, August 9). *New Cisa Cybersecurity Strategic Plan focuses on fundamentals to change the “trajectory of national cybersecurity risk” - HS Today*. Hstoday.

<https://www.hstoday.us/featured/new-cisa-cybersecurity-strategic-plan-focuses-on-fundamentals-to-change-the-trajectory-of-national-cybersecurity-risk/>

Miller, J. (2023, August 7). *The next step in CISA’s maturity is its new cyber strategic plan*. Federal News Network.

<https://federalnewsnetwork.com/cybersecurity/2023/08/the-next-step-in-cisas-maturity-is-its-new-cyber-strategic-plan/>