

Why we need an International Attribution Organization

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Attribution = first step toward accountability



Attribution processes are disorganized

Because they are made by state
actors

The problem of nation-state actors



Cyber Attribution by governments means that
judgments will be distorted by geopolitics.
Evidence will not be transparent

The solution is institutional

RAND Corp study

- Proposes a **Global Cyber Attribution Consortium**
- It would work with victims upon their request and with their cooperation to investigate cyber incidents
- Membership from two sectors:
 - Technical experts from cybersecurity and information technology companies and academia,
 - Cyberspace policy experts, legal scholars, and international policy experts
- No formal representation of nation-states
- Push to standardize diffuse methodological approaches, naming conventions, and confidence metrics

Key research and development questions

- Funding
- Incentives of key actors
- Globally shared infrastructure components
- Will it affect the behavior of states?



Questions?