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?