

CISPA AND EINSTEIN:

Battle of cyber security legislation!



Need for cyber security legislation..

- * Growing number of cyber threats!

- phishing

- botnets

- denial-of-service

- malicious hackers

- * House Representative produced CISPA

- * White House invented EINSTEIN

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CYBERSECURITY PROVIDER:



SELF-PROTECTED ENTITY:



CYBER THREAT INFORMATION:

- disrupting or destroying networks
- theft of private information
- theft of government information
- theft of intellectual property
- theft of p.i.i.

Furthermore, CISPA..

- * Bypasses existing privacy legislation.
- * Bypasses warrants for private information.
- * Prevents lawsuits over information shared “in good faith.”
- * Allows intergovernmental sharing of provided information.
- * Allows the government to use information in unrelated contexts.

Problem?

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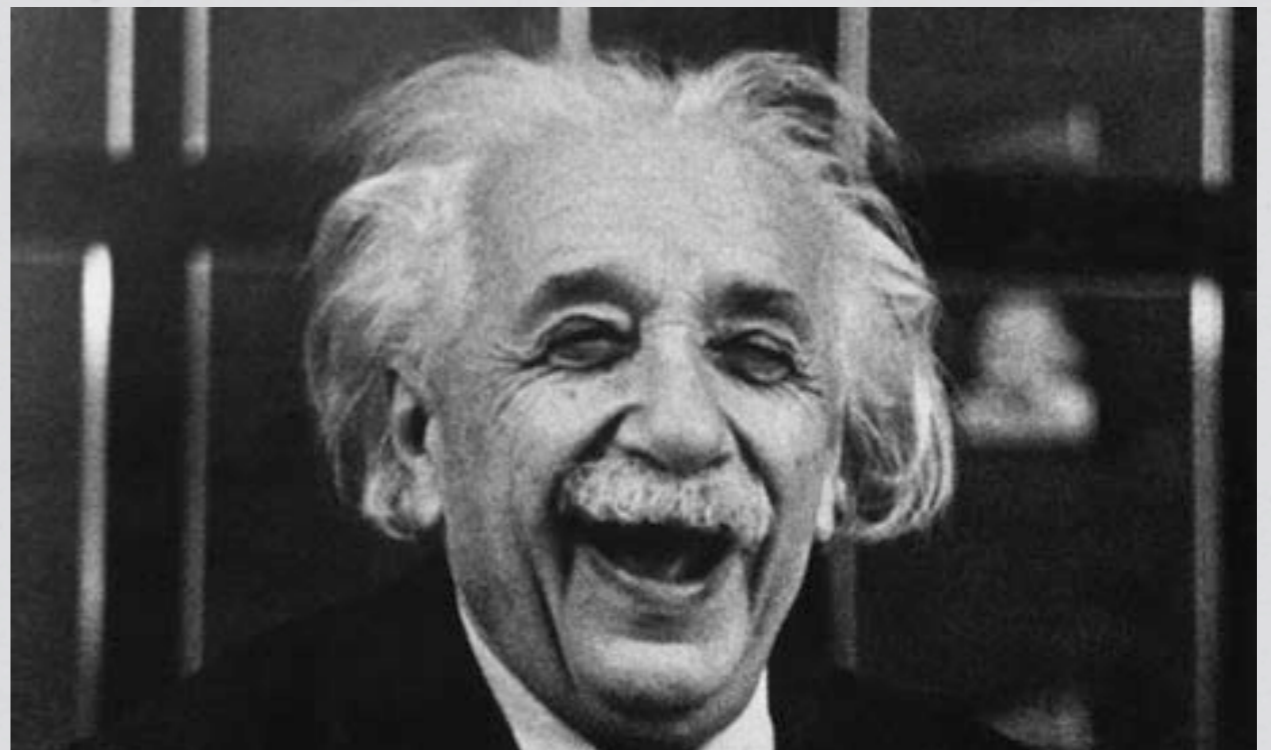
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THE
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INITIATIVES



EINSTEIN 2&3

Intrusion Detection System/Intrusion Prevention System

- * Part of the “Comprehensive National Cyber Security Initiative”
- * **Currently:** monitors and screens traffic between the internet and federal agencies
 - Performs deep packet inspection for virus/malware signatures
 - Collects communication session data
 - Detects patterns for anomalous traffic
- * **Future:** provide same services to **private critical infrastructure** ?

Extending EINSTEIN to protect Critical Infrastructure - **Problem Ridden**

- Collecting communication session data

Scalable? 2 million vs. 300 million people, 1.5-30% of packets

- Performing deep packet inspection for virus/malware signatures

Almost achievable. Private companies IDS/IPS, encryption

- Detecting patterns for anomalous traffic

What is “anomalous”? Open problem in machine learning!

References!

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