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The FTI Cybersecurity Briefing

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What's Trending

China Bans U.S. and Israeli Cybersecurity Software

China has moved to restrict the use of U.S. and Israeli cybersecurity software, citing national security concerns and the risk that foreign technology could expose sensitive data to overseas governments. The decision reflects China's broader strategy to assert data sovereignty, strengthen domestic technology capabilities, and reduce reliance on foreign software amid rising geopolitical tensions. [Read More >>](#)

Service Spotlight

Resiliency Planning: Business Continuity, Disaster Recovery, Incident Response

Why It Matters:

Without proper resiliency planning, organizations experience extended downtime, data loss, and compromised operations during critical incidents, potentially damaging stakeholder relationships with customers and employees. Comprehensive business continuity, disaster recovery, and incident response plans are essential for minimizing these impacts and ensuring that organizations can maintain critical functions and recover quickly from disruptive events.

How FTI Consulting Can Help:

FTI Consulting's comprehensive support includes formally assigning roles and responsibilities for crisis situations, integrating cybersecurity considerations into business continuity and disaster recovery planning, and conducting regular cybersecurity risk assessments. We help organizations develop robust strategies to protect critical assets, minimize disruptions, and respond effectively.

Why Now:

With Beijing's announcement restricting Chinese firms' use of U.S. and Israeli security platforms, concerns from organizations have centered on broader strategic questions of export control exposure, geopolitical risk management, regulatory uncertainty, and global business impacts. FTI Consulting provides strategic guidance on PRC operations governance (physical/network security), security architecture design for regulatory compliance, planning and supporting software migration needs, and business continuity/disaster recovery planning to mitigate operational risks.

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In the News

FTI Consulting Recognized in Lexology Index Data 2026 Report

Congratulations to the 25 FTI Consulting experts who have been recognized by the Lexology Index Data Experts 2026 rankings. [Read More >>](#)

FTI Consulting adds cybersecurity expert **Jason Smolanoff** as a Senior Managing Director, strengthening its cybersecurity practice. [Read More >>](#)

FTI Consulting has been selected as a **finalist for the Real Deals Private Equity Awards 2026** in the "Technology or Cybersecurity Due Diligence Provider of the Year" category. [Read More >>](#)

In this DC News Now Women's Wednesday segment, **Elizabeth Kwok** walks through simple steps everyone can take to safeguard their devices. [Watch Now >>](#)

In this *El Mundo* article, **Ollie Gower** provides insight into cyber incident notification and the need for independent expertise. *Please note the article is in Spanish.* [Read More >>](#)

Kelly Miller shares her insight on an effective cybersecurity communications strategy post-breach in a podcast with *Cyber Insurance News*. [Listen Now >>](#)

Jonah Pitkowsky, **Lily Williams** and **Jamie Singer** examine how threat actors increasingly employ triple extortion tactics in this *Corporate Compliance Insights* article. [Read More >>](#)

Expert Perspectives

ARTICLE National Security: The Overlooked Business Risk

Paul Abbate, **Mike Driscoll**, and **Sara Murray** discuss how the shifting geopolitical landscape makes national security more relevant than ever for the private sector. [Read More >>](#)

In this article, **Breck Heidelberg** explains that companies must develop an agile, adaptable playbook to respond to emerging export control obligations. [Read More >>](#)

In this article, **Jeff Veltri** and **Arjun Ramadevanahalli** highlight that critical infrastructure, particularly the water sector, faces growing threats from sophisticated, nation-state-backed cyber criminals who persistently target this industry. [Read More >>](#)

In this article, **Steven McNew**, **Todd Renner**, and **Jaco Sadie** address how, as financial institutions integrate with digital asset firms, a robust third-party risk management program is essential to mitigate growing risks. [Read More >>](#)

In this article, **Jim Needham**, **John Whitcomb**, and **Chad Coben** examine increased U.S. scrutiny on defense companies and the implications for operational and reputational risk. [Read More >>](#)

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Upcoming Events

February 3 AMERICAS	WilmerHale: Risk, Regulation and Resilience: Hot Topics in Privacy, Cybersecurity and AI	Mike Driscoll David Yousef
February 4 EMEA	Cyber Insurance Europe Awards 2026	David Dunn
February 5-7 EMEA	>_h-c0n : Hackplayers' Hacking Conference	Raul Ramirez Gomez Jorge Kokkinidis
February 9-11 AMERICAS	NetDiligence Miami	Jason Smolanoff
February 10 AMERICAS	Gibson Dunn: Navigating the DOJ Data Security Program Regulations	Elizabeth Kwok Tracy Wilkison
February 10-11 EMEA	EspañaSec Cyber Summit	Ollie Gower Andres Parro
February 16-17 EMEA	DSA and Platform Regulation Conference 2026	Daniel Nunn
February 19-20 AMERICAS	CLA Annual Privacy Summit	Tracy Wilkison Ryan Smyth
February 24 AUSTRALIA	CISOs Connect Sydney	Wouter Veugelen

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