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In August 2018, FBI Director Christopher Wray outlined the [agency's approach to election security](#) in advance of that year's midterm election. Key to the FBI's work, he said, were the bureau's relationships not just with other government agencies but also with the private sector. Wray pointed specifically to social media companies—which, according to the director, had been collaborating with the FBI to better address “abuse of their platforms by foreign actors.”

“It's going to take all of us working together to hold the field,” Wray said, “because this threat is not going away.”

With time ticking down until the 2024 U.S. presidential election—and heading into a [busy year for elections around the world](#)—you'd expect those partnerships to be more important than ever. And yet, when it comes to identifying malicious foreign activity online, the U.S. government is no longer working with the private sector to hold the field.

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