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Tanium Research Reveals Desire For Increased Federal Cybersecurity Investment And Industry Partnership

Tanium partnered with The Harris Poll to survey American attitudes around cybersecurity, as well as the investments, priorities, and need for increased coordination between the private sector and the federal government viewed as essential. In the midst of the massive, ongoing Colonial cyberattack that is rippling across the United States, Tanium is releasing exclusive, timely data that illustrates the urgent need for more robust collaboration between the private sector and the federal government to stop these attacks.

Key Observations

The American public recognizes the realities and challenges of cybersecurity.

78% of respondents are concerned about their online accounts being hacked or having their data stolen.

Cybersecurity has become so top of mind that 54% of Americans have read or heard at least a fair amount about cyberattacks targeting US government agencies and private companies over the past year.

The public recognizes the continuing challenges of cybersecurity. They also have growing expectations that the government and private sector must do more. Americans want the government to increase investment in cybersecurity, even if it takes priority over investment in other critical issues affecting our nation like education and transportation.

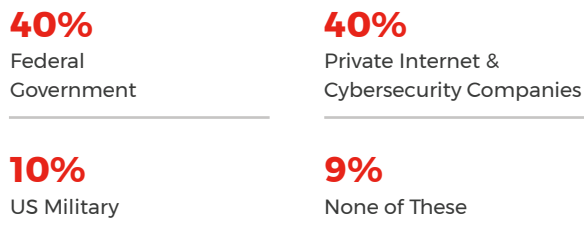**80%** of Americans think the United States government should invest more in cybersecurity.

59% believe it is essential even if that comes at the expense of investment in transportation, infrastructure, and education.

Respondents also expect the federal government and industry to share more information and work more closely together in a collaborative effort to stop cyberattacks.
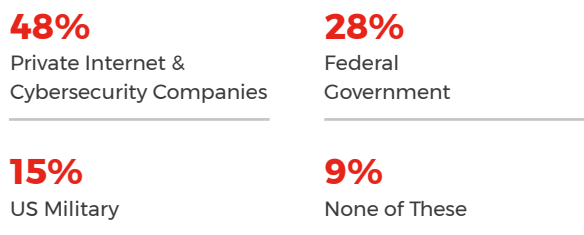
84% of Americans think government agencies, the military, and private companies should share more information and partner together to prevent cybersecurity attacks.

Who do you think is most responsible for protecting Americans against cyberattacks and hacks?

40%
Federal Government

40%
Private Internet & Cybersecurity Companies

10%
US Military

9%
None of These

Who do you think is best suited to defend against cyberattacks in the United States?

48%
Private Internet & Cybersecurity Companies

28%
Federal Government

15%
US Military

9%
None of These

How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

	AGREE	DISAGREE
Government agencies, the military, and private companies should share more information and partner with each other to prevent cyberattacks.	84%	16%
The United States Government should spend more money on cybersecurity to ensure the nation is protected from online attacks.	80%	20%
I am concerned about my online accounts being hacked or having my data stolen.	78%	22%
The United States government should focus more on cybersecurity, even if that focus comes at the expense of other things like transportation, infrastructure and education.	59%	41%

How much have you read or heard about cyberattacks targeting US government agencies and private companies (e.g., Solarwinds cyberattacks, Microsoft Exchange hack) over the past year?

A great deal **14%**

A fair amount **40%**

Not very much **35%**

Nothing at all **11%**

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