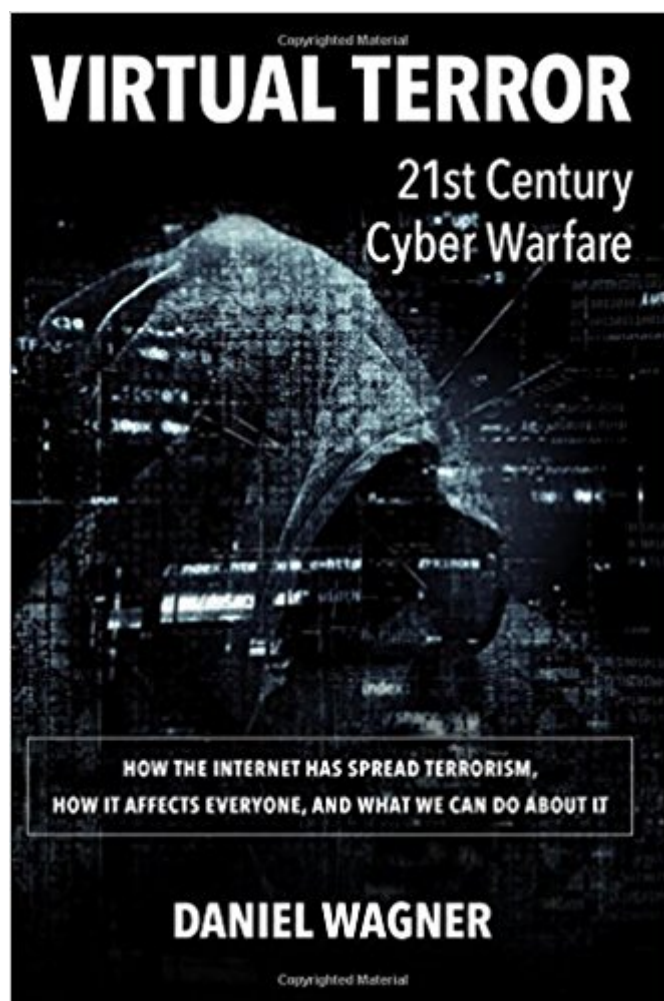The book was found

Virtual Terror: 21st Century Cyber Warfare

Synopsis

Anyone who logs on to the Internet can become a victim of Virtual Terrorism, whether via e-mail, social media, a Google search, or simply by logging on to a computer. Anyone seeking to do harm to others online can be a virtual terrorist, and it is incredibly easy to become one. That is the era we live in now -- someone sitting behind a laptop half a world away can interfere with, invade, or take over your life, business, or government. You may not even realize it, but you may already have become a victim; if you have not, you will become one eventually. In this extremely timely, important, and compelling book, Daniel Wagner redefines what terrorism has become in the 21st century. Unlike more conventional types of terrorism, in which the perpetrator seeks recognition and reveals his or her identity, with Virtual Terrorism the identity of the person, group or government responsible for acts of terror is deliberately hidden in an anonymous, borderless, and lawless world. Their motives and objectives may be unclear, and the length of an attack, or whether it will be repeated, are generally unknown. What virtual terrorists have in common with more traditional terrorists is the use of coercion or intimidation to achieve their objectives -- if they choose to reveal what those objectives are -- but that is where the commonality ends. They can strike at any time, invisibly and silently. You may never know they are even there, and they may plant malware on your computer that steals your information for years without being discovered. Wagner takes us on a comprehensive tour of the Virtual Terrorism landscape -- from cybercrime and bioterrorism to drones and artificial intelligence -- to reveal the chilling reality that confronts us all. After reading this book, you may not ever want to log on to your smartphone or the Internet again. The book is a clarion call for individuals, businesses, and governments to rise up against virtual terrorists, for if we fail to do so now, the battle may soon be lost.

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Daniel Wagner's "Virtual Terror"Â is a thought-provoking and comprehensive look into the world of cyber threats.With national security, economic prosperity, and societal institutions reliant on information technologies in a globally-connected world, we must have our eyes wide open to the risks that accompany the benefits to being "always connected".Â Cybersecurity is a risk management issue, not just a technology problem.Â Daniel superbly sets the table for readers to effectively identify and assess the risk associated with today's evolving cyberthreat landscape.Â Virtual Terror presents you with the information you need to better manage your cyber risk.Â Gregory J. Touhill, CISSP, CISMBrigadierGeneral, USAF (ret) and US Chief Information Security Officer (2016-2017)Â An inspired and fluid exposÃ© of the emerging risks of virtual terrorism in the context of the evolving and faltering global order. Wagner underwrites his analysis with empirical data, with the potential to trigger a call to arms for policy and regulatory wings of government the world over.Â That Wagner makes such a dry, pithy and often geek-centered subject so palatable is a triumph of storytelling and exposition. A page turner.Â Peter J. Middlebrook, CEO of Geopolicity (Dubai)Â Daniel Wagner has produced a well-researched, informative, and insightful book that is loudly ringing the alarm bell about the threats posed by cyber warfare, touching on aspects that should be worrying to everyone. World War III will be a cyber war, and that war has already begun. Virtual TerrorÂ will help educate the world about the menace we already face, and what it may become in a short time if we fail to take the necessary actions to stop it. This is a great book and I recommend it to the lay person and practitioner alike.Â Simon Smith, CEO of Official Intelligence (Australia)Just as the carbon hungry robber barons of the Industrial Age unwittingly gave rise to man-made climate change, the Tech Titans of the Internet Age have unwittingly opened up a Pandora's box of cyber threats. With this new landscape comes the menace of virtual terrorism, which Wagner deftly defines in this important and at times disturbing book. The faceless,stateless, and borderless threat of "Virtual Terror" will not only redefine our lives but will redefine how the world must respond. This book is essential reading for anyone with an Internet connection.Â Dante Disparte,CEO of Risk Cooperative and Chair of the Business Council for American SecurityÂ Wagner unpacks the critical topic of our age -- cybersecurity -- in its many forms. This important work tackles a diverse range of subjects in discrete and digestible bites. "Virtual Terror" makes an impactful contribution to the field and is recommended reading for anyone who wants to better understand how this phenomenon impacts us all. Â Elad Yoran, CEO of

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Insightful, coherent and dynamic. Wagner tackles a complex and pressing issue with the flair and panache one would associate with authors of thrillers- whilst preserving a formidable intellectual integrity. Wagner's work illustrates the profound implications for global governance and security that stem from the phenomenon of virtual terrorism, and will surely serve as a roadmap for efforts to tackle this crisis down the line. A pioneering work.

Daniel Wagner gives the reader a glaring view of the many challenges posed by technology in the hands of those who have ill-intent. The risks of cyber terrorism are daunting and his call to action is a wake-up call for everyone to be vigilant and collaborative in response. Virtual Terror is a 'must read', particularly for those in policy-making positions around the world.

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