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Hatch Foundation Hosts "Cybersecurity and Geopolitics" Symposium

Orem, UT—Today, the Hatch Center—the policy arm of the Orrin G. Hatch Foundation—hosted a symposium on cybersecurity and geopolitics entitled "America's Cyber Resilience in the Digital Age" with keynote speaker John Sherman, Chief Information Officer of the Intelligence Community in the Office of the Director of National Intelligence. The event was held at Utah Valley University.



"In an economy as digitally dependent as ours, a strong cybersecurity infrastructure is not an option but an absolute necessity," said Orrin G. Hatch, Chairman Emeritus of the Hatch Foundation. "And with the 2020 election on the horizon, the need to strengthen our nation's cyber defenses is more urgent now than ever before. The good news? Our nation's cybersecurity is in good hands. Hearing from John Sherman and our panel of experts and industry professionals gave me confidence that we have the requisite talent and expertise to meet the cyber challenges ahead."

"The fast-moving, disruptive nature of the new digital economy brings with it constantly evolving threats—and it will require the active participation of both the public and private sector to address them," said Matt Sandgren, Executive Director of the Hatch Foundation. "That's why we brought together leaders from government and industry for this morning's panel on cybersecurity and geopolitics. This, after all, is the mission of the Hatch Foundation: To bring together people of various backgrounds to find commonsense policy solutions to our nation's most urgent problems."



“We must stay at least one step ahead and we’ll need driven individuals who can step up and energize organizations for action and help create the needed solutions,” said John Sherman, Chief Information Officer of the Intelligence Community in the Office of the Director of National Intelligence. “Ensuring American success in the cyber and digital domains is this era’s Apollo program, and we’re all going to have to innovate, engage, and improvise with the same energy that defined the Space Race.”

The event also included a panel (shown below) with Ryan Vogel, Director, Center for National Security Studies, Utah Valley University; John McClurg, VP and Ambassador-at-Large, Blackberry-Cylance; Matt Berrett, Director of Analytics, Center for Anticipatory Intelligence, Utah State University; Adam Marre, Head of SecOps, Qualtrics; Eric Jensen, Professor of Law, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University; and Andre Jones, Graduate Research Associate, American University.



Following the event, John Sherman joined Doug Wright for an interview on KSL Newsradio. Click [\[HERE\]](#) to listen.

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