

Ready for November

Make Every Week Count

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Who We Are

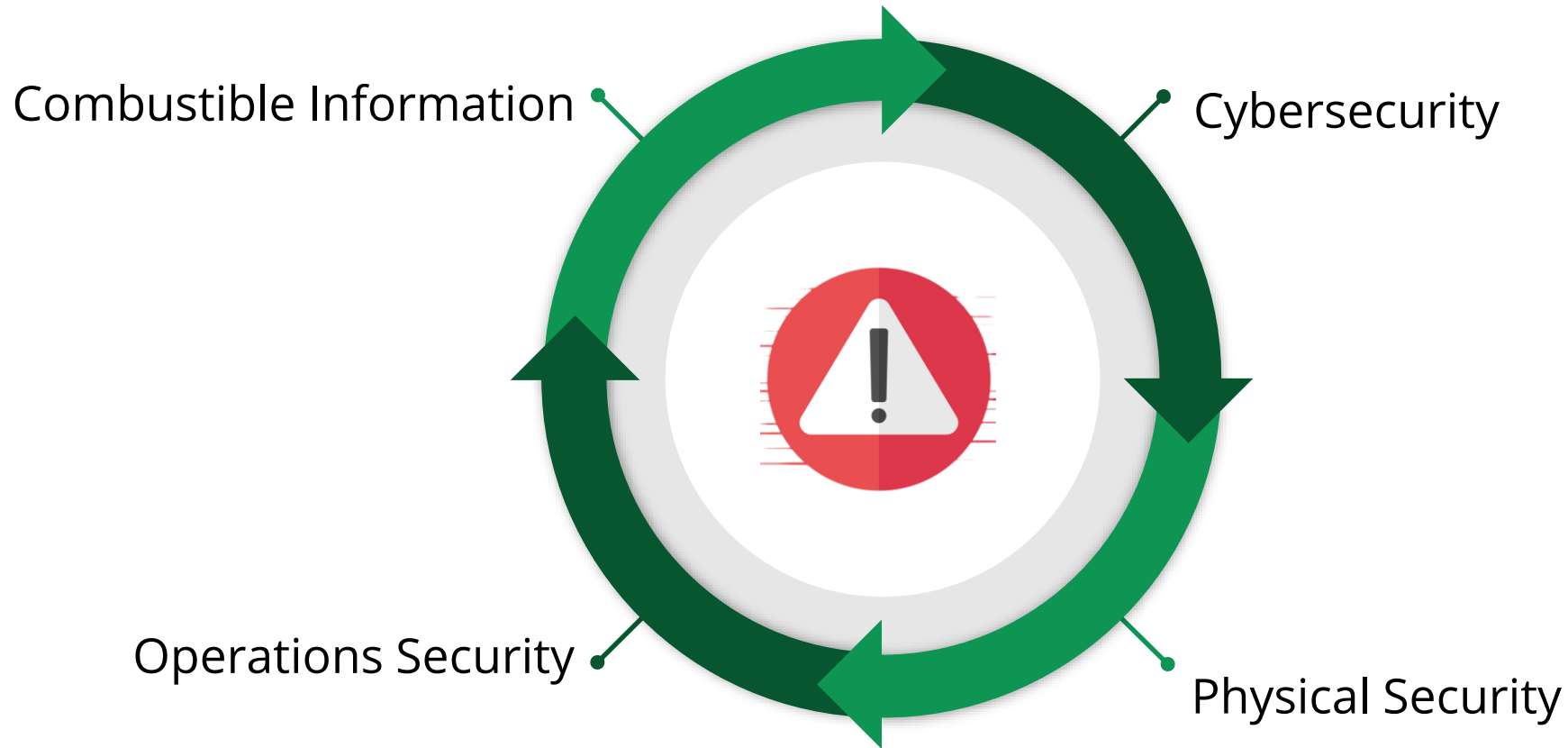
- The Center for Tech and Civic Life (CTCL) catalyzes excellent election administration across every jurisdiction in the U.S.
- We connect election officials, and other local officials, with tools, trainings, and resources so they can best serve their communities, and foster a more informed and engaged democracy

Roadmap

01	Why We're Here
02	Cybersecurity
03	Physical Security
04	Ops & InfoSEC
05	Peer to Peer Chat
06	Q&A

- Opportunities to harden
- Practical, high-impact actions
- Actionable next steps

Cascading and Converging Impact



Audience Participation



Which election security threats or issues are you most concerned about heading into the upcoming election?
(select up to 3)

Cybersecurity



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Cybersecurity Wins

- Assets & Access
- Change-freeze discipline
- Backup verification
- Vendor/supply chain touchpoints
- Partner Relationships
- IRP, DRP, COOP plans
- Website security
- Phishing refresh



STRONG, UNIQUE
PASSWORDS



REGULAR
SOFTWARE UPDATES



RECOGNIZE &
AVOID PHISHING

Physical Security



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Physical Security Wins

- Facility walkthrough and secure site setup
- Public safety/emergency response coordination- ahead of time
- Infrastructure security, access control, and chain of custody
- Mail ballot processing safety
- Means of communication with personnel at every election site



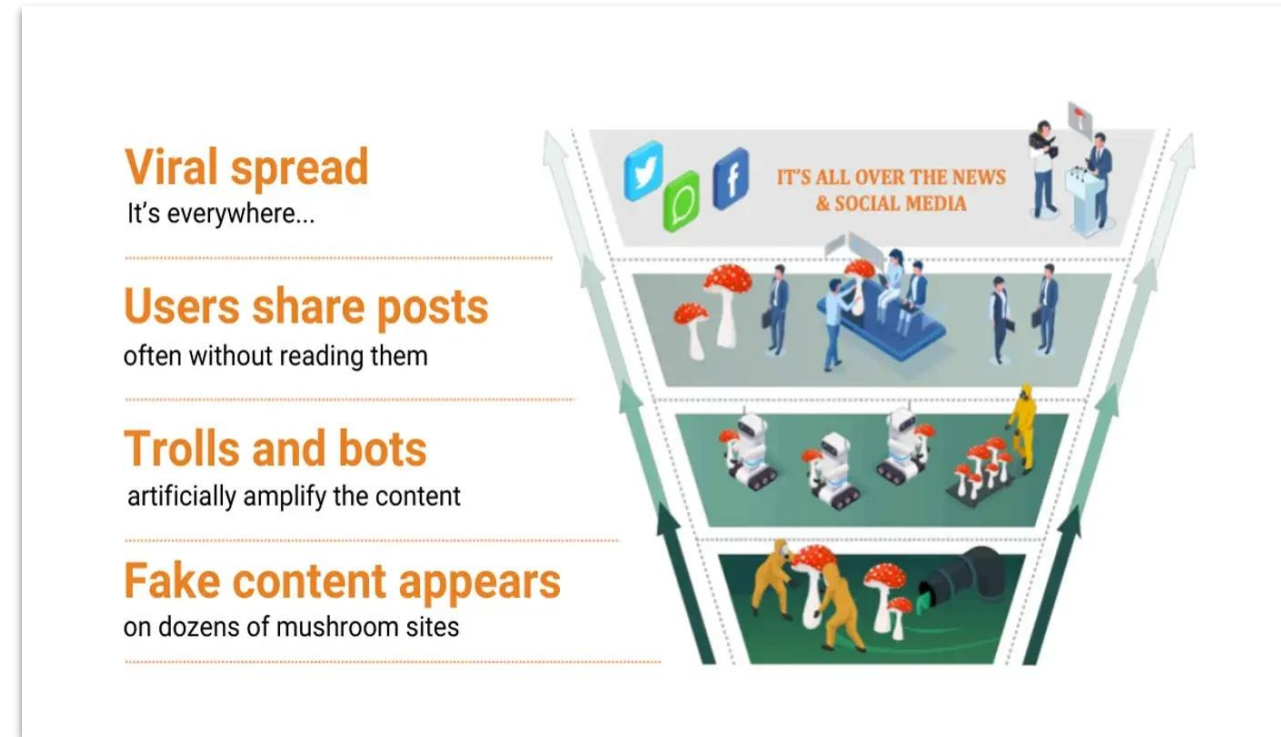
Ops & InfoSEC



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Ops & InfoSEC Wins

- Lay the groundwork for crisis comms
- Build/share plain language explainers
- Engage the media
- Prepare for false or misleading narratives
- Align with IRP, DRP, and COOP planning



Peer to Peer Discussion



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Peer Resources

- U.S. Elections Assistance Commission
 - [COOP Template](#)
 - [Training: Election Scenario Test Deck](#)
 - [Best Practices: Chain of Custody](#)
 - [Incident Response Checklist](#)
- Committee for Safe and Secure Elections
 - [Law Enforcement Quick Reference Guides](#)
 - [Five Steps to Safer Elections](#)
 - [Security Assessment Checklist](#)
- CISA
 - [Risk in Focus: Generative A.I. and the 2024 Election Cycle](#)
- Center for Internet Security
 - [Essential Guide to Election Security](#)
- The Elections Group
 - [Crisis Communications Planning](#)
- Election Security Exchange
 - [Phishing Assessment Resources](#)
 - [Cybersecurity Fast Wins for Election Offices](#)
 - [Physical Fast Wins for Election Offices](#)
 - [Operational Security Fast Wins](#)
 - [How to Mitigate Doxxing](#)
 - [Information Breakdowns in Elections](#)
 - [Communicating During an Incident](#)
 - [Poll Worker Safety](#)

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