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How Russia's 'Info Warrior' Hackers Let Kremlin Play Geopolitics on the Cheap

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A suspected Russian cyberattack of the federal government has breached at least six cabinet-level departments. WSJ's Gerald F. Seib explains what the hack means for President-elect Joe Biden's national security efforts. Photo illustration: Laura Kammermann

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The sprawling SolarWinds hack by suspected Russian state-backed hackers is the latest sign of Moscow's growing resolve and improving technical ability to cause disruption and conduct espionage at a global scale in cyberspace.

The hack, which compromised parts of the U.S. government as well as tech companies, a hospital and a university, adds to a string of increasingly sophisticated and ever more brazen online intrusions, demonstrating how cyber operations have become a key plank in Russia's confrontation with the West, analysts and officials say.

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