

Motives behind Cyber Security Strategy Development: A Literature Review of National Cyber Security Strategy

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Abstract

Defining the factors that give rise to National Cyber Security Strategy (NCSS) has the potential to better understand information security in a global context. Considering the large number of countries that have developed NCSS, the paper seeks to define common motives that enable NCSS development to be understood as public policy phenomenon. In order to achieve this, the paper employs qualitative coding to review the NCSS of 54 countries. *Descriptive coding* is used to distill common motives, and then *pattern coding* is employed to develop themes as a way to explain the development and adoption of cyber security strategies by governments. The themes are *National Security*, *Jurisprudence*, and *Politics*. Enabling greater clarity in the motives that lead to cyber security strategies provides policymakers and scholars with additional insights into the development of initiatives that aim to take advantage of the opportunities presented by cyberspace while mitigating its security threats.

Keywords Cyber Space, Cyber Security, Cyber Security Strategy, Cyber Security Strategy Motives, National Cyber Security Strategy, Information Security.

1 Introduction

The socio-technical factors that shape the effectiveness or otherwise of security policies has been the focus of information systems (IS) research. Examples of this can be found in developing information security policy that seeks to define an effective information security policy requirement in an organisation (Flowerday and Tuyikeze 2016). One little-explored aspect to the social-technical dimensions of information security policies, however, are the effects that national policies play in shaping the information security environment. Described more generally as national cyber security strategy (NCSS) the factors that lead to its development are arguably a powerful shaping force that enables information security to be understood as a global phenomenon.

Given the pervasive nature of information and communication technology (ICT) throughout the world an ongoing issue for policy makers is to how best define cyber security strategy that works for the benefits of government, industry and civil society. An effective cyber security strategy seeks to balance accepted norms of a country with the opportunities presented by the internet. On the one hand, the internet, as a key enabler of cyberspace, is considered a disruptive technology that calls into question many accepted norms in military affairs, public policy, business and civil society (Lyytinen and Rose 2003). On the other hand, Government must balance this concern with the nature of the internet which is to preserve the openness and free flow of the information (Arsneault et al. 2005; OECD 2012). This condition may have considerable implications for country's future. While a strict security policy ensures stability, it may also reduce the potential benefits of the information age (Arsneault et al. 2005).

With the proliferation of NCSS it has become increasingly difficult to perceive an overall understanding of cyber security development as a public policy phenomenon. For example, the Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence (CCDCOE 2015) and the European Network and Information Security Agency (ENISA 2013) note that there are more than 50 countries that have developed their own National Cyber Security Strategy (NCSS) (Klimburg 2012). Given the various motives and the range of NCCS, it is necessary for this research to pose the question "*why do countries create their National Cyber Security Strategy (NCSS)?*". To that end, the research strives to understand motives behind the creation of cyber security strategy to enable a better understanding of the NCSS as a shaping force in a nation's information security environment.

2 NCSS: Definition and Challenge

2.1 Definition

The history of the term "*cyberspace*" stretches back over many decades. The term "*cyber*" emerged seven decades ago (Ottis and Lorents 2010). Wiener (1948, pp. 144–154) coined the term "*cybernetics*" to describe "*interactions between humans (or animals) with a machine that can provide an alternative environment*". The term "*cyberspace*" was first used in early 1980's which described as "*a graphic representation of data abstracted from banks of every computer in the human system.*" (Gibson 1984). Since then, the term has entered common usage, including the study of information system's study (Ottis and Lorents 2010).

Often, the definition of *cyber security* and *information security* are used interchangeably (E. Luijff et al. 2013, p. 6). However, von Solms and van Niekerk (2013) attempts to clarify differences between these two terms. *Information security* deals with the protection of information as an asset, in physical or non-physical form; whereas, *cyber security* deals with the protection of with both informational and non-informational assets through the ICT infrastructure (von Solms and van Niekerk 2013). From an information systems perspective, this division appears as a misleading one when considering the work of information systems professionals. This is because the information assets that von Solms and van Niekerk (2013) seek to distinguish from infrastructure is, in reality, part and parcel of such infrastructure. In much the same way information systems may be essential to running a banking enterprise such systems are also fundamental to ensuring the proper working of a dam or power station as amply demonstrated by the software worm Stuxnet that was used to disrupt the Iranian nuclear program (Shakarian et al. 2013).

Bearing in mind that the distinction that von Solms and van Niekerk makes does have some veracity, we define National Cyber Security Strategy (NCSS) as "*a careful plan or method of protection both informational and non-informational assets through the ICT infrastructure for achieving a particular national goals usually over a long period of time*" (E. Luijff et al. 2013; Merriam-Webster 2016a; von Solms and van Niekerk 2013). Using this definition, it can be understood that the NCSS seeks to address a nation's goals which have implications for its government, businesses and civil society.

2.2 Challenges on Creating NCSS

The broader motivations for NCSS development appertain to a number of factors namely: the nature of the internet, stakeholder representation, cyberspace borders, and dynamic changes. While NCSS should seek to preserve the openness and free flow of information of the internet, it should not undermine the national interest (Klimburg 2012, pp. 35–42; OECD 2012). Inevitably, creating the NCSS requires issues of economics, politics, culture and international relations to be balanced with internet-age ideals of openness and free information flow (Arsneault et al. 2005; Klimburg 2012, pp. 35–42; OECD 2012). One does not need to look too far to find a nexus between cyber security and tensions in international relations. For example, the Stuxnet attack mentioned previously was judged to be a US state-sponsored attack designed to upset Iran's nuclear program as well as its leadership. Tension between Australia and Indonesia in 2013 over Australia's National Security Agency's monitoring of phone calls by Indonesian politicians and their families is another example. (Reddick et al. 2015). While countries that limit the free information flow attempts to ensure political stability, they potentially reduce benefits that can be gained in the information age (Arsneault et al. 2005).

Another challenge in defining cyber security strategy is how to achieve representation for all parts of society ranging from the private sector to government to civil society (Klimburg 2012; E. Luijff et al. 2013). From a government's perspective, there are benefits in creating e-government services in the delivery of services as well as improving their government capacity (Stier 2015). Civil society has been an active user of cyber space to coordinate action leading to the slogan "*think globally, act locally*". The ability to maintain anonymity and confidentiality makes the Internet a potentially transformative medium (Sebruck 2015), such as in political activism (Al-Rawi 2014). The private sector's use of cyberspace to enable electronic transactions, promotes e-commerce, e-banking, and e-advertising (Porter 2001). Therefore, cyber security strategy needs to account for varied and legitimate use while ensuring criminal activity is kept in check (Souza 2013).

One key challenge in creating cyber security strategy is defining borders in cyber space. Borders are important in delineating jurisdictions in which law is enforced (Johnson and Post 1996). Depending on which lens is adopted different sets of boundaries are brought into focus, and, by implication, different perceptions of jurisdictions (Cottim 2008; Finklea 2012; Johnson and Post 1996; Motlagh 2015). Some argue that cyberspace should remain borderless in which no one should claim or rule cyberspace on the basis that no physical interactions take place (Barlow 1996; Johnson and Post 1996). However, globalisation and technology has fostered the change on viewing the jurisdiction and border not only based on the geographical boundary but across the national border (Finklea 2012). Therefore, several conventional jurisdictions, such as territorial jurisdiction, personality jurisdiction, extraterritorial jurisdiction, universal jurisdiction, and "*turf boundary*", are proposed which may be applied in seeking the cyberspace jurisprudence (Cottim 2008; Finklea 2012; Tehrani and Manap 2013). Owing to these different interpretations cyber security strategy needs to deal with defining an appropriate context in which security can be effectively addressed.

The last challenge in developing cyber security strategy seeks to deal with changing environments. The internet, as a key enabler of cyberspace, is considered a disruptive technology (Lyytinen and Rose 2003) that calls into question many accepted norms in military affairs, public policy, business and civil society. Developing a strategy to address the uncertainty of innovation is not straightforward. There is a challenge of creating a good strategy within the uncertainty of disruptive technological change. Thus, the cyber security strategy needs to account for future innovations inside the cyberspace.

In summary, countries generally need NCSS to secure their national cyberspace. However, defining NCSS has challenges. First, there are various perspectives when defining cyber security (E. Luijff et al. 2013). Second, some aspects need to be considered by the government, such as internal and external environment (GCSCC 2014; ITU 2012). Considering there are different challenges posed by every country, there is a need to better define the motives that lead to the creation of NCSS.

3 Methodology

This research uses the grounded theory paradigm to synthesise motives behind cyber security strategy throughout the world. Grounded theory aims to generalise concepts (and theory) from empirical results (Saldaña 2009; Scott and Glaser 1967). Figure 3-1 shows the steps taken in this paper to synthesise national cyber security strategy (NCSS) documents.

The first phase described our response to the research question: *why do countries create National Cyber Security Strategy (NCSS)?*, which was to collect the relevant literature using our defined search strategy (NVIVO 2015; Saldaña 2009). The search strategy included the keywords "National Cyber Security Strategy/Policy <Country>", "Information Security Strategy/Policy <Country>", "Digital

definitions are presented using *descriptive codes* (Section 3.1). These codes will then be abstracted into themes using *pattern codes* (Section 3.2).

4.1 First Cycle Coding

Each of the reviewed NCSS documents generally describes a national cyber security vision, pre-requisite conditions, assumptions, and background that articulate unique attributes of each country's cyber security strategy. In seeking to develop codes that enable description of these diverse motives nine codes were advanced: (1) *Reducing Cyber Threats*, (2) *Economic Security*, (3) *Required by other policy instruments*, (4) *Strengthening National Resiliency*, (5) *Political Imperative*, (6) *Lawful Mandate*, (7) *Protecting State Secrets*, (8) *Strengthening Diplomacy*, and (9) *Increasing Country Image*. Table 4-1 summarises these codes, their definition and associated countries.

Table 4-1 Coding Summary and Definitions of Cyber Security Motives by Countries

Coding	Aims of Motive/Countries*	#
Reducing Cyber Threats	Definition: <i>reducing the malicious conduct exercised in cyberspace that has possibility of action, or capacity to produce a cyber-attack</i> (MOD 2013; NCESP 2011; PCM 2013).	46
	Countries: AFG, AUS, BGD, BEL, CAN, CZE, COL, CYP, EGY, EST, FIN, FRA, GEO, DEU, GHA, ISL, IND, IRL, ISR, ITA, JPN, JOR, KEN, LVA, LTU, MUS, MNE, NLD, NZL, NGA, NOR, PAK, POL, QAT, RUS, RWA, SAU, SRB, ZAF, PRK, CHE, TTO, TUR, UGA, GBR, USA	
Economic Security	Definition: <i>an act of ensuring the confidence and trust of digital transaction in cyber space, and protecting the structure of national economy in the digital realm</i> (AG 2009; MICT 2012; MPS 2010; NCKB 2015; SGDSN 2015; WH 2003)	35
	Countries: AFG, AUS, AUT, BGD, CAN, CZE, COL, HRV, CYP, FIN, FRA, DEU, GHA, ISL, IND, IRL, ITA, JPN, JOR, KEN, LVA, MNE, MAR, NLD, NZL, NGA, NOR, POL, QAT, RUS, ZAF, ESP, TUR, GBR, USA	
Required by other policy instruments	Definition: <i>an official order to do something, which may be derived based on previous national agenda such as National Security Strategy, National Roadmap, formal request, or assessment.</i>	23
	Countries: AUT, COL, CYP, FIN, ISR, ITA, JPN, KEN, NLD, NGA, POL, QAT, RUS, SAU, SVK, ZAF, PRK, ESP, CHE, TTO, TUR, UGA, USA	
Strengthening National Resiliency	Definition: <i>an act to maintain the integrity of the uninterrupted operation and resilience of vital ICT services that have major importance and devastating impact to public at national level</i> (BMI 2011; GARCIA 2012; IMCCS 2012; MEAC 2014; MOC 2014; MTMAC 2013; SA 2011)	17
	Countries: AUS, CZE, COL, HRV, FRA, GHA, JPN, NLD, NZL, RUS, RWA, SAU, SVK, ZAF, PRK, SGP, CHE, USA	
Political Imperative	Definition: <i>political imperative may be viewed as a broad rationale that incorporates the national interest (i.e. promoting national values, keeping country's prosperity) or political situation (asserting democratic values, guaranteeing human rights, or ensuring free flow of information).</i>	20
	Countries: AUS, AUT, BGD, CAN, CZE, COL, EST, FRA, ITA, JPN, KEN, LTU, NLD, NZL, QAT, RUS, RWA, TUR, GBR, USA	
Lawful Mandate	Definition: <i>a condition of having an authoritative legal mandate to enforce law in cyber space.</i>	10
	Countries: COL, GHA, IND, MUS, NZL, NGA, PAK, RUS, TTO, TUR	
Protecting State Secrets	Definition: <i>the national information whose unauthorised disclosure could endanger national security, adapted from Merriam-Webster (2016b).</i>	7
	Countries: CZE, COL, JPN, NLD, NZL, RWA, ESP	
Strengthening Diplomacy	Definition: <i>the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations</i> (Merriam-Webster 2016c)	5
	Countries: BEL, GEO, NLD, RUS, USA	
Increasing Country Image	Definition: <i>an impression of country looks or might look that presents to public</i>	3
	Countries: GHA, JPN, TTO	

*Country abbreviation is based on three-letter country codes defined in ISO 3166-1

Reducing Cyber Threats. A strong motivator to develop NCSS for the majority of countries is to address their vulnerability to cyber threats (N=46, see Table 4-1). The nature of these attacks may be sophisticated efforts sponsored by foreign governments or can be advanced by anonymous actors using cheap methods requiring little technical skills. Even so, these attacks can pose a great menace to a country, which is reflected in the high number of references to such cyber threats in country NCSS. These threats, can be categorized into two conditions: (1) stated-sponsored threat (i.e. cyber espionage, cyber terrorism, and cyber warfare), and (2) malicious activities (i.e. cyber-crime, hacktivism, large-scale attacks, mismatch technology, development and security) (DEA 2012; H. A. M. Luijff et al. 2013; PCM 2013). Cyber-threats need not be limited to international terrorism but is often linked to internal political activities. For example, Kenya recognises the threat of hacktivism “seeking to publicise

political view” as a factor that may influence local political interactions (MICT 2014). Similarly, Qatar recognises the risks of cyber space in “*undermining social norms*” (MICT 2013).

Economic Security. As ICT has led to increasing growth in the digital economy (Jin and Cho 2015; Jorgenson and Vu 2016) issues of the national economy become entangled with cyber security. Therefore, most NCCS cite economic factors and the need to avoid potential disruptions to economic growth (N=35, see table 4-1). The protection of the digital economy includes factors, for example, such as: (1) ensuring the confidence and trust of digital transaction in cyber space, and (2) protecting the structure of national economy in the digital realm (AG 2009; MICT 2012; MPS 2010; NCKB 2015; SGDSN 2015; WHO 2003). Generating trust and confidence in cyberspace protection, may attract potential investors to the country (DCENR 2015; MCIT 2013a). Another reason is to sustain and enhance an efficient and secure digital environment is to promote stable economic growth and development which has significant implications for a country’s future prosperity (MPS 2010).

Required by Other Policy Instruments. The creation of NCSS is often required by other social policy instruments (N=23, see Table 4-1). For example, national security strategies often identify the need to develop NCSS given the threats that cyber space poses to national security (DOD 2012; MOND 2009). Other policy instruments are required by National Roadmaps to extend national plan in cyberspace such as ICT Master Plan, and National Development Plan (IMCCS 2012; MICT 2013, 2014; NCESP 2011; OCECPR 2012; WHO 2003). In both cases, it can be seen that there is a desire to align NCSS with security and national development plans. A third source from which NCSS is mandated is official reviews. Official reviews are often carried out as a risk mitigation exercise strategy against known security breaches. For example, the Polish government partly based their periodic reviews of incidents reported by Poland’s Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT) (MADISA 2013). Finally, the development of NCSS can also be invoked from of a formal request from legislation, resolution or presidential decree (GoJ 2015; GoS 2008; MCIT 2013b; MOD 2013; PCM 2013)).

Strengthening National Resiliency. Strengthening resilience in cyber space is intended to maintain credible deterrents to cyber-attacks on national critical information infrastructure (CII). The CII represents a key enabler of vital ICT services that can have considerable knock-on effects should a cyber-attack prove successful (BMI 2011; GARCIA 2012; IMCCS 2012; MEAC 2014; MOC 2014; MTMAC 2013; SA 2011). Hence cyber-attacks on CII can have major national impacts leading this to become a significant motive for the creation of NCSS (N=18, see Table 4-1). In some countries, strengthening resiliency is aligned explicitly to improving defence capability representing a new area of military focus along with land, sea, and air. This is particularly evident in the NCSS of Belgium (ACOS STRAT 2014). Some countries use NCSS to address regional security tensions. For example, the Government of Georgia established their cyber security strategy after the Russian-Georgian war as a means to better engage military support for protection in cyberspace (DEA 2012). Similarly, South Korea and Japan demonstrate the use of NCSS to address regional tension in East Asia by creating rival cyber defence units (MOND 2009, pp. 18, 57).

Political Imperative. Political imperatives were discovered as a motive in the creation of NCSS in some countries (N=20, see Figure 4-1). These political imperatives seek to establish a political agenda for nations in cyberspace. For example, some countries outline an agenda that asserts the personal freedoms of citizens to enjoy access to information, freedom of expression as well as protection of human rights. For example, France seeks to establish national values and within cyber space in its NCSS (SGDSN 2015). Similar sentiments are expressed by other countries such as Japan, Russia, United States (GoJ 2015; WHO 2003).

Lawful Mandate. NCSS is used by countries to create a legal mandate in cyber space (N=10, see Figure 4-1). The underlining assumption is that cyberspace represents an extension in ‘space’ that requires protection. Therefore, the NCSS is aiming to provide a policy framework that enables legal authorities to take action such as monitoring suspicious activity, gathering evidence and prosecuting (MICT 2013).

Protecting State Secrets. While some governments see merit in developing ICT infrastructure to enhance public service through e-government initiatives, there is recognition that this also poses risks in protecting sensitive information assets (N=7, see Figure 4-1). Thus, NCCS functions to guide the development of technical standards as well as align technological systems. Two motivations are found to dominate: those seeking to make e-government service more accessible (GoM 2013; MoD 2012a; NCESP 2011) and another which seeks to protect valuable government information from state-sponsored agency (i.e. cyber espionage), or from malicious activities (i.e. hacktivism) (GoJ 2015; GoR 2011; MED 2011).

Strengthening Diplomacy. Creating cyber security strategy can become a control centre for national diplomacy and security in cyberspace. Some countries see cyberspace as opening up new

opportunities for cyber diplomacy (BKA 2012; MoD 2012a) (N=5, see Figure 4-1). Cyber diplomacy aims to promote the peaceful use of the digital domain, strengthening partner relationship, or for conflict resolution (BKA 2012; NCSC 2013; WHO 2003). However, in other countries, having the NCSS is intended to create the cyber deterrence. Aligning military function with the cyber security strategy is envisioned to strengthen the military diplomacy (MOND 2009; WH 2011, p. 4).

Promoting Country Image. Similar to increasing diplomacy, sometimes the creation of NCSS is intended to promote a country's image (N=3, see Figure 4-1). Japan's (ISPC 2013) NCSS is partly designed to show an image of Japan's advanced cyberspace capabilities as well as being secure to attract investors and promote trust. While some seek to promote their image others seek to counter a negative image through a NCSS. The notorious image of Ghana as a source for cybercrime and money laundering, is countered through their adoption of a NCSS (FATF 2015; MOC 2014).

By synthesising NCCS into several codes an understanding of the factors that have led to various NCSS can be seen. However, the range of codes now need to be distilled into themes, so that motives for NCS can be more generally understood. To provide this broad perspective of NCCSSs, the next section will provide second cycle coding which uses "pattern coding".

4.2 Second Cycle of Coding: Themes of Cyber Security Strategy Motives

Second cycle of coding seeks to reorganise and reanalyse data from first cycle coding, by further synthesising data by fitting one category with another (Saldaña 2009). In this section we develop themes which are derived from codes defined in Section 4.1. We group codes by its common concept and its similarity of concept using pattern coding (Saldaña 2009). Figure 4-1 presents the themes of NCCS motives. The cyber security strategy motives may be explained in themes *National Security*, *Legal Remedy*, and *Politics*.

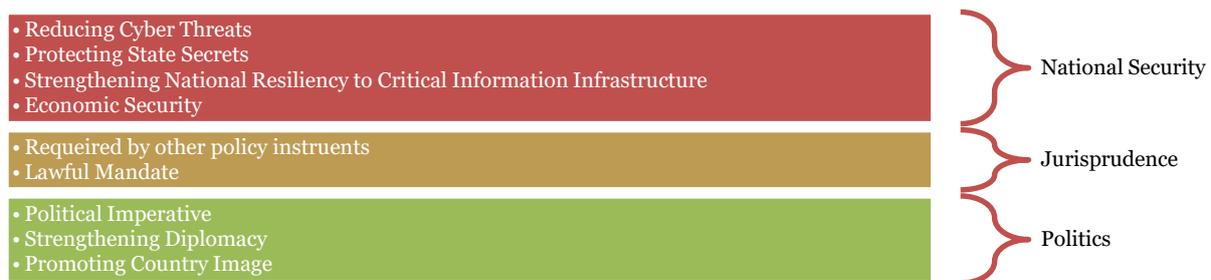


Figure 4-1 Coding Result – Cyber Security Motives, from Codes to Themes

issue of national security. The codes of *Reducing Cyber Threats*, *Protecting State Secrets*, *Strengthening National Resiliency*, and *Economic Security* all can be grouped together because the intention of NCSS is to protect the safety, economic interests and the well-being of citizens and national institutions both public and private.

Jurisprudence. The theme of jurisprudence addresses the need to create a credible legal foundation for governments to operate in cyberspace. The two codes of "required by other policy instruments" and "Lawful Mandate" both seek to define an appropriate legal context that enables legal authorities to reduce or eliminate actions in cyberspace that are harmful to a nation's interests through the use courts of law, international tribunals and the like.

Politics. The remaining motives of political imperative, strengthening diplomacy, and promoting country image, can be grouped under the theme of politics. Here it can clearly be seen that cyber security strategy is used to promote a political vision and philosophy at the strategic and leadership level. Cyberspace is viewed in this context as a way to communicate national values to a wider international context.

5 Discussion and Conclusion

5.1 NCCS Motives: from National Security, to Jurisprudence, to Politic

A wide spectrum of motives leading to the creation of NCSS has been recognized. Interestingly, these motives encompass more than the just obvious ones of national protection in cyberspace, but also jurisprudence and political will. Firstly, it is clear that for the great majority of countries the creation of NCSS underpins national security by countering cyber threats, protecting state secrets, strengthening national resiliency, or consolidating economic security. This motive is understandable since the internet is recognised for not only bringing advantages but also introducing distinguishable risks.

Accordingly, strengthening national security in cyberspace requires governments to deal with the nature of Internet technologies. This requires more than just dealing with currently known vulnerabilities but to also account for future innovations inside cyberspace.

The theme of jurisprudence outlines an important role for governments in regulating cyberspace. In view of the risks, governments view cyberspace as an extended jurisdictional space along with land, air, and sea which needs to be regulated to preserve national sovereignty. Jurisprudence in cyber space can take the form of the stand-alone laws or may be associated with other areas of policy such as in e-commerce, e-government and e-health. Inevitably, seeking jurisprudence is fraught with complexities, due to two reasons. *First*, defining borders and jurisdiction in cyberspace is the subject of multiple interpretations. While some argue that cyberspace should remain borderless (Barlow 1996), others argue that cyberspace is an extension of national sovereignty (Cottim 2008; Finklea 2012; Tehrani and Manap 2013). *Second*, cyberspace is intertwined with realities of life within countries meaning that internet-age ideals of openness and free information flow clash with the realities of economics, politics and culture when defining appropriate laws and regulations (Klimburg 2012, pp. 35–42; OECD 2012).

This leads to the third motive of the creation of cyber security strategy which are political ones. Political motives tend to develop from the perceptions of decision-makers and policy-makers which can change in response to prevailing circumstances, particularly perceived threats (Klimburg 2012, p. 50). NCSS development in this context needs careful consideration of implications that flow from NCSS to the national interest. Politics is therefore perceived as an overarching motive that influences other areas of NCSS.

In conclusion, the paper has outlined codes and themes of motives emerged from national cyber security strategies. Within the literature, the strategy becomes apparent: *national cyber security strategy* covers various perspectives on defining cyber security that are based on internal and external environment of the country called cyber security motives. Cyber security motives are the factors that lead to the creation of a nation's cyber security vision and include pre-requisite conditions, assumptions, and background that generates the unique attributes of cyber security strategy.

5.2 Limitation of Study

Although this study seeks to clarify the range of factors that motivate the creation of cyber security strategy, the findings should be considered tentative. Codes and themes were collected and developed from existing NCSSs. While done in accordance with Scott & Glaser's (1967) grounded methodology, the reliability of these themes becomes the subject for future research.

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