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A Timeline of Russian Hacking and Events Related to the 2016 U.S. Presidential Election 2015 through 2016

This timeline integrates the major hacking-related events into the larger context of the election campaign as a fundamental first step in understanding how campaign events may have related to the hacking and whether a relationship between the Trump campaign and Russian cyberattacks is suggested by the facts.

This timeline begins with the Russian intrusion into the DNC system in July 2015 and ends with the last day of 2016. Obviously, it does not include everything that happened in the campaign nor even all non-public responses by U.S. intelligence or the White House. In many cases, the exact date of an event was not readily available. In those cases, an approximate date is given – that is, whether the event occurred early, mid, or late in the month.

Dozens of sources were consulted and could have been cited in the timeline. In the interest of brevity, however, we have included the most comprehensive and authoritative, particularly the timelines compiled by the *Washington Post*, *Time Magazine*, FactCheck.org, National Public Radio, and the *Telegraph*. Most of the entries in the table below have multiple sources even though just one or two are named. In some cases, the event was so widely reported that naming a specific source wasn't deemed necessary.

2015

Month	Day	Event	Source
July		Russian intelligence gains access to DNC networks and maintains access until at least June 2016.	ICA
October	26	Clint Watts, formerly with the FBI and now a senior fellow at the Foreign Policy Research Institute (FPRI) at George Washington University, notes in a post at FPRI: "Russians have used social media driven information campaigns to discredit the U.S. for years. Facebook and Twitter remain littered with pro-Russian, Western-looking accounts and supporting automated bots designed to undermine the credibility of the U.S. government."	Watts
November		FBI notifies FPRI that Watts was target of cyberattack.	Watts
December	Early	Social media accounts linked to Russian propagandists begin to advocate for Trump.	Factcheck

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	10	Retired General Michael Flynn, foreign policy adviser to Trump and later national security adviser to the administration, speaks at Russia Today (RT) anniversary conference in Moscow. RT is considered one of the major outlets for Russian government propaganda. At conference, Flynn sat next to Putin. Flynn criticized Obama's foreign policy and advocated working with Russia to fight ISIS. Later, it was learned that Flynn was paid \$45,000 for the speech, which he failed to report on his government financial disclosure forms.	Factcheck
	28	A database containing 191 million voter registration records is found on web, unprotected, capable of being viewed by anyone in the world. Researcher Chris Vickery says he obtained 300 GB of voter data from database: names, addresses, party affiliation, dates of birth, voter history, but not financial records or social security numbers. Database found to belong to GOP contractor Deep Root.	Forbes

2016

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January	28	This is the date created and last saved of a DCCC (Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee) document posted on the website of a Florida GOP operative, Aaron Nevins. The file, which contains model data for Florida and Virginia, was created by John Faas, Southern Regional Targeting Director, Targeting and Data Analysis Division, DCCC.	HelloFla
February	9,22	Other DCCC files posted on HelloFla with Florida data were created by John Faas on February 9 and last saved February 22.	HelloFla
	26	Reuters reports that Flynn has been informally advising Trump on foreign policy during the campaign.	Factcheck
March	1	Super Tuesday presidential preference primaries held. Nine states hold Republican primaries; two hold caucuses. Trump wins 7 states and by far the most delegates. On Democratic side, Clinton wins in state primaries; Sanders wins only one state primary – Vermont, but wins in states that held caucuses – Minnesota and Colorado.	Many
	4	Russian Alexander Dugin posts "In Trump We Trust," on YouTube. Sometimes called "Putin's Brain," Dugin is an influential political analyst and philosopher with ties to the Russian government. In the video, he endorses Trump's candidacy, criticizes both Clinton and Trump's GOP rivals. He also says that Bernie Sanders won in the Super Tuesday primaries, but Clinton people bribed the electors.	NPR
	?	Russian hackers begin going through e-mail accounts and	ICA

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		networks of Democratic Party officials and political figures.	
	?	DCCC hack takes place sometime in March or April when staffer clicks on a phishing e-mail.	NYT
	15	Florida Presidential Preference Primary is held. Trump and Clinton both win.	
	16	WikiLeaks publishes searchable archive of e-mails sent to and from Clinton's private e-mail server while she was secretary of state; e-mails were obtained through a Freedom of Information Act request.	WikiLeaks
	19	John Podesta, Clinton Campaign chair, is hacked when he clicks on a spoofed Google link to change his password.	WP
	21	Trump says Carter Page is a member of his foreign policy team. Page is an American businessman with ties to Russia. His private equity firm, Global Energy Capital, LLC specializes in investments in the energy industry, particularly oil and gas, including Gazprom, the large natural gas company majority-owned by the Russian government.	Factcheck, Bloomberg
	22	During the Arizona presidential primary, numerous reports emerge of party affiliations being dropped or switched. Reports are disproportionately those of Sanders voters, which leads many of them to blame the DNC or Clinton campaign.	KVOA, Anon
	22-24	An online petition is filed at WhiteHouse.gov demanding investigation of party affiliation changes in the Arizona primary. Within two days, the petition has 100,000 signatures, the threshold for requiring a response from the White House. The petition states that many voters were disenfranchised who had changed their affiliation from Independent to Democrat.	K12 News
	26	An article by the "hacktivist" group Anonymous about the Arizona primary problems reveals that its author asked several hackers to scan AZ secretary of state site for vulnerabilities. One of them found a massive one in less than a minute – an SQL injection attack. The article links to detailed information about how to conduct such an attack. It says that it may release an addendum later that details the specific SQL vulnerabilities of the Arizona voter database. Three months later, both Arizona and Illinois state voter databases are found to have been attacked using SQL injection.	Anon.
	29	Trump announces Paul Manafort, a longtime Republican operative, will be his campaign convention manager. Manafort worked for more than a decade for pro-Russian entities in Ukraine, including Viktor Yanukovich, former	Factcheck, New Yorker

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		president of Ukraine and Putin ally. Manafort was recommended by Roger Stone, according to <i>Post</i> . Stone and Manafort were partners in a Washington, DC, lobbying firm, well known for its involvement in shady campaign tricks and personal smears of candidates.	
April	15	Trump suggests that Sanders is being cheated and talks about rigged elections.	NPR
	15	State and National Democratic party as well as Sanders and Clinton campaigns sue Arizona over primary problems, especially in Maricopa County. These concern both party affiliation changes and long lines resulting from consolidating precincts into voting centers.	PNS
	27	Trump calls for improved relations with Russia at event at Mayflower Hotel. Russian ambassador is present.	NPR
May		By May, Russians have exfiltrated large amounts of data from DNC hack.	ICA
	3	Indiana primary	
	10	Nebraska Republican Primary, West Virginia Primary	
	14	Kansas Republican State Convention	
	18	Director of National Intelligence, James Clapper says at cybersecurity event that U.S. has evidence that Russian hackers have targeted presidential campaigns.	WP
	19	Trump promotes Manafort to campaign chair.	WP
	20-24	Illinois Republican Convention	
	24	Washington State Republican Primary	
	26	Trump has enough votes to secure nomination.	Many
June	Early	Trump adviser Carter Page praises Putin in speech to surprise and dismay of foreign policy officials at meeting with prime minister of India. He says Putin is stronger and more reliable than Obama and Trump presidency would have a positive effect on Russian relations.	WP
June	3	Rob Goldstone, a music promoter, sends e-mail to Donald Trump, Jr., leading up to meeting with Russian attorney. Goldstone says Russian's chief prosecutor offered incriminating information about Clinton to the father of his client, Emin Agalarov, as part of Russian government's support for Trump. Jr. responds "if it's what you say, I love it, especially later in the summer," an apparent reference to the upcoming Democratic convention.	Guardian
	6	E-mails are sent between Goldstone and Trump Jr. about a phone call to be set up that day between Jr. and Emin about the Hilary info. The implication is that a call discussing the info probably took place.	Guardian
	7	Trump says that he will give speech probably on the following Monday about the Clintons that will be very	NPR

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		informative and interesting.	
	7	Goldstone again e-mails Trump Jr. about meeting with "Russian government attorney." He says Emin asked him to schedule meeting with the attorney. The implication is that the request was based on the June 6 phone call between Emin and Trump Jr.	Guardian
	7	During the California Presidential Primary, unauthorized changes to party affiliation are reported in Riverside County. District Attorney Michael Hestrim concludes that in at least 6 cases hackers made changes to registrations using private information to access state central voter-registration database. State system did not record the IP addresses of the computers. Later, Hestrim indicates system is old and vulnerable. He says it uses DOS.	Time
	9	Trump campaign staffers Trump Jr., Kushner, Manafort meet at Trump Tower with Russian attorney Natalia Veselnitskaya to obtain information damaging to Clinton. Other participants include Rinat Akhmetskin, a Russian American lobbyist with links to Russian intelligence; Ike Kaveladze, vice president of a Russian real estate firm; and Anatoli Samochornov, translator and former State Department contractor.	NPR, Factcheck
	12	Wikileaks claims to have damaging Clinton documents. Julian Assange, founder of the whistleblowing organization, says some documents being released contain enough evidence to indict Hillary Clinton.	Telegraph
	14	<i>Washington Post</i> publicly reveals DNC hack for first time.	WP, Telegraph
	15	Crowdstrike, a cybersecurity firm hired by the DNC to investigate the hack, announces that Russia is behind the cyberattack. The firm concludes that the hack was carried out by Cosy Bear and Fancy Bear, names for two hacking entities working for the Russian government's intelligence services on political and economic cyberattacks.	Factcheck
	15	In a blog post, a hacker called Guccifer 2.0 takes credit for the DNC hack, releases some documents including DNC opposition research on Trump, and says he has given documents to WikiLeaks and it will publish them soon. Guccifer is later identified by U.S. intelligence as the persona used by Russian intelligence to release hacked docs to the media and WikiLeaks.	Factcheck
	15	Trump releases statement alleging that the DNC did the hacking themselves to distract from the campaign issues.	Factcheck
	20	Manafort is named campaign chairman, replacing Corey Lewandowski who was fired.	Factcheck

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	Late	Illinois state elections system is hacked by Russians, using SQL injection attack. Hacker goes into one of 109 jurisdictions and inserts malicious code instead of data for voter registration. Hacker was able to access software to be used by poll workers on Election Day. Forensics shows that the hacker attempted to change or alter data. The hacker opened "back door" to access 15 million files on past and present voters back to 2006.	Bloom-berg
	28	Arizona Secretary of State's office issues statement that access to state's online voter registration services is being temporarily suspended for maintenance but will be restored after the weekend.	Time
	30	Arizona's cyber response team is told by FBI that it believes a voter registration system credential was compromised. Secretary of State's office investigates and confirms that a system computer is infected with malware. System is taken down for 9 days.	Time
July	5	In a surprise move, FBI director James Comey holds a news conference to announce that FBI will not recommend any charges against Hillary Clinton as a result of its investigation of her e-mails.	WP
July	8	Trump foreign policy adviser Carter Page goes to Moscow to speak at the New Economic School commencement. His comments are critical of American policy toward Russia.	Factcheck
	12	Illinois hack is discovered by contract worker. When Illinois officials take down the site, they find that about 90,000 files have been stolen.	Time
	18-21	Republican National Convention is held in Cleveland, Ohio. Trump advisers J.D. Gordon and Carter Page meet with Russian ambassador Kislyak. Gordon later says it was about softening the GOP stand on Ukraine. Trump staffers change platform's call for supplying "lethal defensive weapons" to supplying "appropriate assistance."	WP
	22	Wikileaks discloses almost 20,000 emails from the DNC hack. Guccifer 2.0 claims to have supplied the emails.	Telegraph
	24	DNC chair Debbie Wasserman-Schultz resigns on the eve of the party convention based on fallout from the leaked e-mails showing DNC supported Clinton over Sanders.	Many
	25-28	Democratic Party National Convention begins in Philadelphia.	
	25	FBI says that it is investigating cyberattack on DNC networks.	WP
	25	RT reporter says blaming Russia distracts from real issue, which is unfair treatment of Sanders by the DNC.	NPR
	25	Trump tweets: "The new joke in town is that Russia leaked	Factcheck

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		the disastrous DNC e-mails, which should never have been written (stupid), because Putin likes me."	
	26	NBC reports that three cybersecurity experts told them that Russian hacking groups, Cosy Bear and Fancy Bear, were responsible for the DNC email leak.	Telegraph
	27	Trump refuses to condemn Russia interference and asks them to release the 30,000 deleted e-mails if they have them. He says real issue is what is in the e-mails, meaning treatment of Sanders, which echoes statement by RT, two days earlier.	NPR
	28	The FBI begins investigating a possible hack of the DCCC (Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee.	Telegraph
	29	Reuters says DCCC was likely attacked by the same group that infiltrated DNC. The DCCC confirms intrusion was similar to the DNC intrusion, but it is later concluded that the DCCC was attacked by "Fancy Bear" only. The US Department of Justice national security division begins to investigate hacks to determine if national security is at risk.	Telegraph
	30	A data program used by Clinton's campaign is also attacked by suspected Russian hackers.	Telegraph
	Late	Clint Watts: "Once you see both the campaign echoing the messages and themes that are coming out from RT and Sputnik News, when you see hacked materials of the DNC strategically linked and timed in terms of their release to influence the U.S. election in favor of Trump, then when you see Trump get onto stages or make prepared speeches where he refers to both Russia and Clinton's emails, it seems very ominous, in terms of maybe there was some connection between the two," said Watts. "At a minimum, they were at least looking or aware of those lines or influenced by Russian propaganda to be saying it almost near verbatim throughout those months."	NPR
	Late	Illinois finally reports hack to the FBI, a month after the breach. FBI sends a Cyber Action Team to do a forensic investigation of the system, from which it is able to develop digital fingerprints that it sends to states.	Time, Bloomberg
	31	<i>New York Times</i> reports on Manafort's business dealings with Ukrainian and Russian tycoons.	Factcheck
August	Early	Secret CIA report arrives at White House for Obama and 3 senior aides. For the first time, White House learns that intelligence has captured Putin's specific instructions about damaging Clinton and helping Trump.	WP
	Early	CIA director John Brennan creates task force at CIA to keep White House informed. Task Force includes specialists from FBI, CIA, and NSA.	WP

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	1	At Columbus, OH rally, Trump says he is afraid election will be rigged. He also says it would be a good thing to get along with Russia.	Time, WP
	3	Jeh Johson (DHS) considers declaring elections part of critical infrastructure.	Time
	4	Brennan warns FSB (successor agency to the KGB) director Alexander Bortnikov about Russia's election interference in a telephone call. Bortnikov denies interference, but agrees to relay message to Putin.	WP
	5	Trump adviser and long-time friend, Roger Stone writes in Breitbart that Guccifer 2.0 was behind DNC attacks, not Russia.	WP
	6	Before leaving on vacation, Obama tells aides to get consensus from U.S. intelligence agencies on Russia's role and intentions, to assess the vulnerabilities of the election system and to seek bipartisan support to publicly condemn Moscow. The aides face obstacles at every turn. NSA is reluctant to rate attribution with high confidence because some intelligence is from another country.	WP
	8	Roger Stone says in speech to Southwest Broward Republican Club that he "communicated with Assange" and next group of documents might pertain to Clinton Foundation, but no telling what the October surprise might be.	Factcheck
	11	Brennan begins scheduling meetings to brief congressional leaders on Russian actions	WP
	12	Guccifer announces release of DCCC documents affecting several house races, including several in Florida.	WP
	Mid	Around this time, GOP operative from Broward County, Aaron Nevins contacts Guccifer 2.0 and asks for any records related to Florida races. He receives a reply 10 days later. Nevins instructs Guccifer to put files in a Dropbox he uses for large data files. He receives a large quantity of DCCC files which he posts on his HelloFla website. Nevins says he did not contact Stone, but Guccifer 2.0 sent Stone a link to the HelloFla website in a Twitter message.	Sun-Sentinel, WSJ
	14	NYT reports secret Ukranian ledger shows 12.7 million in off-the-book payments to Manafort's consulting firm from Russia-aligned Party of Regions	WP
	15	Jeh Johnson, U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security, convenes conference call with reps from every state elections office across the country. He offers them federal assistance, including vulnerability scans, actionable info about threats, and cybertools to help protect their systems from intrusion.	Time
	14	NYT reports that Manafort's name appears in secret ledger	Factcheck

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		recording millions of dollars from a pro-Russian party in Ukraine. Manafort's lawyer denies Manafort received cash payments.	
	14-17	Roger Stone initiates Twitter messages with Guccifer 2.0 after Guccifer's suspended account is reinstated. Reportedly, he asks if he can help. According to Post interview, April 19, 2017, Stone says he was contacted by Guccifer after his Breitbart article.	Factcheck, WP
	15	DCCC e-mails are published by Guccifer for Florida. Including six candidate-specific dossiers. These include Annette Taddeo and Joe Garcia in CD 26; Randy Perkins and Jonathon Chane in CD19; Val Demmings in CD 10; and Stephanie Murphy in CD 7. Of the group, only Murphy wins in November.	Politico Florida
	Mid	Daniel's agency (white house cybersecurity) concludes New Mexico and Florida have been hacked. In Tennessee hackers had accessed state's campaign finance system.	Time
	17	In his first classified intelligence briefing as GOP presidential nominee, Trump is told about direct involvement of Kremlin.	WP
	18	FBI sends out a flash alert to all the states with the digital fingerprints of the hackers from Illinois and Arizona.	Time
	19	Trump removes Manafort as campaign chairman. (Post says he resigns under pressure.)	Factcheck
	19	Donald Trump's campaign hacked along with other GOP organizations. Malware is discovered on a Trump staffer's email. But no documents are leaked as a result.	Telegraph
	21	Stone tweets: Trust me, it will soon be Podesta's time in the barrel." This suggests he knows Podesta's e-mails, which were stolen by Russians, will be leaked.	Factcheck
	23	<i>New York Times</i> says FBI is investigating cyber intrusions that targeted its reporters and its Moscow Bureau. The organization believes Russian hackers are behind attacks.	Telegraph
	24	VR Systems is hacked by Russian military intelligence hackers.	NSA
	29	DC think tanks under attack according to CrowdStrike, a cybersecurity firm. Targets include the Center for Strategic and International Studies.	Telegraph
	30	US intelligence officials reveal that they believe Russian hackers were behind two earlier attempts to infiltrate state voter registration databases in Arizona and Illinois.	Telegraph
	30	Florida Primary	
	30	VR Systems' server crashes, which impacts posting of returns in several counties. Early posting (6:30) of returns in Broward allegedly causes high traffic.	Tallahassee Democrat

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September	Early	Congressional leaders briefed by Comey and White House homeland security adviser Lisa Monaco about threats to election systems. Democrats want to go public with Russian interference while Republicans warn of undermining integrity of election.	WP
	2	FBI releases documents on Clinton's emails showing Clinton and her staff exchanged sensitive information in informal ways.	WP
	2	Putin calls hack a public service, although he denies knowing anything about it. Clinton responds that Putin is endorsing election inference. Trump says Clinton is not trustworthy.	WP
	4-5	Obama meets with Putin during G20 meeting in Hangzhou, China and tells him to stop interference or face consequences.	Time
	8	Trump campaign adviser Sessions meets privately with Kislyak, Russian ambassador to the U.S., in his Senate office. He says it is not in his capacity as a Trump campaign person. But fails to disclose the meeting during his confirmation hearing for attorney general.	Factcheck, WP
	8	In interview on RT, Trump says that it is unlikely Russia is behind hacks of DNC, even though he has already been briefed by U.S. intelligence that hack is by the Russians.	Factcheck, WP
	20	FBI and DHS hold a secret conference call with all 67 Florida SOEs to inform them about attempted hack of Florida voting system. Most likely they were told about the attempted hack of VR Systems a month earlier. The SOEs were told by the state not to comment to the press because "information about a possible security breach was protected by a state law that makes records about "suspected or confirmed information technology security incidents" confidential."	Miami-Herald
	22	Sen. Dianne Feinstein and Rep. Adam Schiff, the ranking Democrats on the Senate and House intelligence committees, go around the White House and issue their own statement on Russian interference.	WP
	26	1 st presidential debate. Trump discounts reports that Russia hackers broke into DNC system, even though by this time he has been briefed on the intelligence. Clinton is overwhelmingly felt to be winner of debate, with Trump looking unprepared and not presidential.	Factcheck, WP
	26	Page steps down from campaign.	WP
	28	Republicans issue statement that calls on states to ensure security of their election systems but makes no mention of Russia. McConnell says he doubts intelligence, which stuns	WP

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		Democrats.	
	29	ABC News reports that hackers have tried to penetrate election systems in nearly half of U.S. states.	ABC
October	1	ABC News reports that sources say hackers successfully gained access to voter registration system in Florida through a private vendor, but no evidence was found that voter information was affected. Report clearly refers to VR Systems.	ABC
	1	Stone tweets “Wednesday @Hillary Clinton is gone.”(Wednesday was October 5.) Next day he goes on Alex Jones Infowars and says “I am assured the motherlode is coming Wednesday.”	SMG
	3	Stone tweets that his “hero” Julian Assange would soon “educate” the American people.	SMG
	Early	Clint Watts notes that the Trump campaign is echoing nearly verbatim the messages and themes being put out by RT and Sputnik News. He says the selection and timing of the leaks of hacked DNC documents suggests Russia is attempting to influence the election in favor of Trump. He believes it suggests some connection between Russia and the Trump campaign. He finds it “very ominous” and suggests that the Trump campaign either has fore-knowledge of Russian actions or is closely following and acting on Russian propaganda.	NPR
	4	Assange denies in news conference that he is targeting Clinton, despite the fact that he used a FOIA request to publish a searchable database of her e-mails from her private server and then published e-mails stolen from the DNC just prior to the party’s convention that tended to exacerbate divisions between Clinton and Sanders supporters. Three days later Wikileaks begins publishing hacked e-mails from Clinton campaign chair.	Many
	5	Stone tweets: “Payload coming” #Lockthemup. Two days later Wikileaks begins published Podesta’s hacked e-mails.	TSG
	7	US security officials formally accuse the Russian government of directing cyberattacks on American political organizations. “We believe, based on the scope and sensitivity of these efforts, that only Russia’s senior-most officials could have authorized these activities,” runs a joint statement from the Department of Homeland Security and Office of the Director of National Intelligence. (at 3:30)	Telegraph, WP
	7	Half hour after above accusation, Post publishes video of Trump making lewd comments about women. This overshadows the hacking news. (4:00)	WP
	7	WikiLeaks begins publishing emails hacked from the	Telegraph,

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		account of Clinton campaign chair John Podesta. The messages include paid speeches made by Clinton, apparently showing her with a good relationship with Wall Street investment firms. (at 4:30)	WP
	9	2 nd presidential debate. Clinton mentions Russian hacking. Trump says maybe there is no hacking and Russia is always blamed, despite being briefed on intelligence much earlier.	Factcheck
	11	Podesta tells reporters that Russia is responsible for hack of his account and that Trump campaign knew Wikileaks would release information. He references Stone's comments about time in the barrel.	VF
	12	Stone claims to have communicated with Assange through a backchannel, but has never spoken to him directly. Assange denies this. In August, Stone told GOP group in Broward that he had communicated with Assange. Stone's comments about timing of release of Podesta documents also suggest foreknowledge.	WP
	12	CNN reports U.S. intelligence believes VR Systems was hacked by Russians.	CNN
	19	Final presidential debate – Trump refuses to accept U.S. intelligence community assessment that Russians stole DNC e-mails. Clinton says Putin supports Trump because he would rather have a puppet as President of the U.S.	Factcheck, WP
	19	Hackers create operational e-mail account, elevationsystem@outlook.com and sent e-mails, spoofing U.S. Company #2.	NSA
	27	Hackers create new operational e-mail account, vr.elections@gmail.com.	NSA
	28	Comey announces FBI will again investigate Clinton's use of a private e-mail server after discovering e-mails on Weiner's computer in a separate investigation.	WP
	Late	White House distributes its 15-page plan to deal with Election Day attack to top cybersecurity officials across the federal government.	Time
	31	Administration delivers final pre-election warning to Russian concerning the election meddling.	WP
	31-Nov1	Trojanized MS Word documents sent to local election offices by Russian hackers last modified on this date.	NSA
November	1-7	122 e-mails sent from hackers with trojanized MS Word documents apparently stolen from VR Systems hack. According to Wayne County, Indiana clerk Debra Berry based on information from VR Systems, Florida jurisdictions were primary focus of attack. Florida counties known to receive e-mail are: Hillsborough, Pasco, Citrus, Clay, and Volusia. The data on Citrus e-mail indicates that it was sent	NSA, Fox 59, Miami-Herald

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		to Broward. Alachua found it later, but it was rejected by system. Three Volusia staffers received e-mail. One opened e-mail. None clicked on links. To date there has been no known forensic investigation by states or counties concerning the attack.	
	1	White House conducts war game to rehearse for a possible Election Day attack.	Time
	6	Comey announces that the FBI found no evidence of wrongdoing in the recently discovered Clinton e-mails.	WP
	Before 8	Before election day, NHS says 33 states and 36 counties took advantage of cyber security assistance. Included cyber hygiene scans, risk and vulnerability assessments, and information on improving internet-connected systems such as online registration, election night reporting, and such.	Time
	Before 8	NHS conducted remote scans of state voting systems for vulnerabilities. Some states reported that they were "hacked" by DHS.	Time
	8	General Election. The Feds ran a "situation room" with FBI DHS, election crimes coordinators from Justice and cyberintelligence agents in the DNI, Russia experts standing by.	Time
	10	Obama warns Trump about hiring Flynn as National Security Adviser.	WP
	17	Trump designates Flynn as National Security Adviser	WP
	18	Trump picks Jeff Sessions for attorney general despite opposition to Sessions from minority community.	WP
	28	In defiance of U.S. intelligence agencies' assessment, Trump says he doesn't believe Russians interfered and called that a "laughing point, not a talking point."	WP
December	Early	Along with two others, Sergei Mikhailov, head of cybersecurity at the FSB (successor agency to the KGB) is taken into custody and a paper bag placed over his head. He is accused of working with the U.S. and is charged with treason. He worked for elections unit of GPU, the entity responsible for the hacks.	Telegraph
	1 or 2	Flynn, Kushner, and Russian ambassador Kislyak meet at Trump Tower. Kushner proposes setting up a secret communication channel between transition officials and Moscow, according to intercepts of Russian communications.	WP
	8	Carter Page is back in Russia to meet with "business and thought" leaders.	WP
	9	The CIA reports to US lawmakers that it has evidence that the Russian hacking operation had the specific aim of helping Donald Trump to win the presidency.	Telegraph

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	9	Post reports on secret CIA report that concluded that Russia interfered in the election to help Trump win as well as to undermine confidence in U.S. elections. Trump calls findings "ridiculous."	WP
	9	Obama orders a comprehensive review by U.S. intelligence agencies on Russian interference in U.S. elections going back to 2008. After scouring through previously overlooked intelligence, the analysts produce new reports showing how extensive Russia's measures really were. Findings give new urgency to NSC deliberations.	WP
	13 or 14	Kushner meets with Sergey Gorkov, chief of Russia's state-owned Vnesheconombank, at Kislyak's request. Vnesheconombank is a Russian government-owned development bank that was placed on the U.S. sanctions list in 2014 after Russia annexed Crimea. Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev sits on the bank's supervisory board.	WP
	16	FBI agrees with CIA that Russia tried to help Trump win.	WP
	22	The CrowdStrike cybersecurity firm says it has "high confidence" that the group that hacked the DNC has ties to the Russian military intelligence agency, the GRU.	WP
	29	President Barack Obama announces sanctions against Russia, in retaliation for the alleged cyber intrusions. This includes the closure of two Russian government-operated facilities on US soil and the expulsion from the US of 35 Russian diplomats.	Telegraph
	29	Flynn discusses sanctions on the phone with Kislyak in conversation picked up by U.S. intelligence.	WP
	30	Putin chooses not to retaliate.	WP

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