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Acronyms and abbreviations

ANPA—The American Newspaper Publishers Association

CSIS—Center for Strategic and International Studies

G-7—Group of Seven

GIFCT—Global Internet Forum to Counter Terrorism

ISIS—Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (IS—Islamic State; ISIL—Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant; Daesh)

NATO—North Atlantic Treaty Organization

Glossary

America.gov: A now defunct website founded by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of International Information Programs to deliver information about current U.S. foreign policy and American life and culture.

American Newspaper Publishers Association (ANPA): Founded in 1887, the ANPA is a trade association for U.S. and Canadian newspaper publishers that seeks to promote freedom of the press and journalistic integrity.

Anna Politkovskaya: A Russian political journalist known for her in-depth coverage of the Second Chechen War (1999–2000). Politkovskaya faced numerous acts of intimidation and violence, culminating in her murder in 2006.

Cambridge Analytica: Founded in 2013, Cambridge Analytica is a privately-held company that uses data mining and strategic communications to analyze elec-

tions. The role and influence of the company on campaigns it worked on, including Donald Trump's U.S. presidential bid and Leave.EU (a Brexit campaign), is being taken up in ongoing U.S. and British criminal investigations.

Chelsea Manning: A former soldier in the U.S. Army and an intelligence analyst who revealed nearly 750,000 classified and other sensitive military and diplomatic documents to WikiLeaks, resulting in her conviction in 2013 for violating the Espionage Act. Manning was incarcerated until 2017.

Committee to Protect Journalists: A U.S.-based non-governmental organization that champions freedom of the press and the rights of journalists around the world.

Edward Snowden: A former CIA employee and contractor for the U.S. government who disclosed classified information from the National Security Agency (NSA) in 2013 that revealed NSA-run global surveillance programs around the world in collaboration with telecommunications companies and European governments. Charged with violating the Espionage Act and stealing government property, Snowden escaped the U.S., and has been living in Russia, whose government has granted him asylum at least until 2020.

Espionage Act (1917): A federal law that was passed after the U.S. entered World War I as a security measure against interference with military operations. A controversial piece of legislation, the law has since been attacked as a violation of freedom of speech for those who have been convicted.

Freedom House: Founded in 1941, a non-governmental organization funded by the U.S. government that monitors democracy, political freedoms and human rights worldwide.

First Amendment: One of the ten amendments to the Bill of Rights that was adopted to the United States Constitution in 1791. It protects freedom of religion, press, speech, peaceful assembly and petition, and prevents Congress from tampering with any of these rights.

Fourth Estate: A term describing an organization outside of the official political sphere—typically the news media—that has indirect but significant impact on society.

Global Internet Forum to Counter Terrorism (GIFCT): An organization formed in 2017 by Facebook, Microsoft, Twitter and YouTube to standardize practices and improve cooperation among each other, and with other tech companies, civil society, scholars and governments on preventing the spread of terrorism and other forms of extremism on their respective platforms.

H.R. McMaster: National security advisor to President Donald Trump, appointed in February 2017 after Michael Flynn’s resignation from the position.

Internet bot: An automated software that typically performs repetitive tasks online at a rate faster than a human. Today, more than half of all web traffic is made up of bots, some of which are benign, and some of which are malicious, such as those that perform in political campaigns.

jihad: Meaning “struggle” or “to strive.” Jihad denotes a Muslim’s duty toward religious practice amid struggle. The term can refer to both spiritual and external struggle: the inner struggle of a Muslim to practice Islam or the physical struggle against religious enemies and to build a society in accordance with Islam.

Kellyanne Conway: Former campaign manager and current advisor to President Donald Trump.

Michael Flynn: Former national security advisor to President Donald Trump. Flynn resigned in February 2017, less than a month after he entered the position. He is the center of an ongoing FBI investigation into his contact with Russia’s ambassador to the U.S. and other Russian officials during the Trump campaign.

Parsons Green attack: A terrorist attack by the Islamic State in 2017 that took place in London in the Parsons Green metro station, injuring 30.

Press Freedom Index: An annual ranking of countries published by Reporters Without Borders that gauges each country’s level of press freedom and how well press freedom is enjoyed or supported by journalists, news outlets, Internet users and the government.

Sean Hannity: American talk radio show host and conservative political commentator of “The Sean Hannity Show” and “Hannity” on Fox News.

Sean Spicer: Former White House press secretary under President Donald Trump. Spicer resigned in July 2017. His tenure was marked by his hostile relationship to the press corps and controversial and/or false public statements.

troll farms: Groups of typically anonymous and state-sponsored commentators who masquerade as real Internet users online with the aspiration of swaying public opinion.

U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee: A committee of the U.S. Senate that leads foreign policy and related legislation debates, manages foreign aid programming, and confirms high-level positions for the State Department.

WikiLeaks: Founded in 2006, WikiLeaks is an international non-profit organization run by Julian Assange that publishes previously clandestine or classified information and anonymously submitted news leaks.