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To require a report on United States strategy to combat terrorist use of social media, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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\_\_\_\_\_ introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Combat Terrorist Use  
5 of Social Media Act of 2016”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-  
9 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-  
10 mittees” means—

1 (A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of  
2 the House of Representatives;

3 (B) the Committee on Armed Services of  
4 the House of Representatives;

5 (C) the Committee on Homeland Security  
6 of the House of Representatives;

7 (D) the Committee on the Judiciary of the  
8 House of Representatives;

9 (E) the Permanent Select Committee on  
10 Intelligence of the House of Representatives;

11 (F) the Committee on Foreign Relations of  
12 the Senate;

13 (G) the Committee on Armed Services of  
14 the Senate;

15 (H) the Committee on Homeland Security  
16 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate;

17 (I) the Committee on the Judiciary of the  
18 Senate; and

19 (J) the Select Committee on Intelligence of  
20 the Senate.

21 (2) DOMESTIC TERRORISM; INTERNATIONAL  
22 TERRORISM.—The terms “domestic terrorism” and  
23 “international terrorism” have the meaning given  
24 such terms in section 2331 of title 18, United States  
25 Code.

1           (3)           RADICALIZATION.—The           term  
2           “radicalization” means the process by which an indi-  
3           vidual shifts from a nonviolent belief system to a be-  
4           lief system that includes the willingness to actively  
5           advocate, facilitate, or practice ideologically moti-  
6           vated international terrorism or domestic terrorism  
7           as a method to effect societal or political change.

8   **SEC. 3. REPORT ON STRATEGY TO COMBAT TERRORIST USE**  
9                           **OF SOCIAL MEDIA.**

10          (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the  
11          date of enactment of this Act, the President shall transmit  
12          to the appropriate congressional committees a report on  
13          United States strategy to combat terrorists’ and terrorist  
14          organizations’ use of social media.

15          (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required by subsection  
16          (a) shall include the following:

17                  (1) An evaluation of the role of social media in  
18                  radicalization domestically and abroad.

19                  (2) An analysis of how terrorists and terrorist  
20                  organizations are using social media, including  
21                  trends.

22                  (3) A summary of the Federal Government’s ef-  
23                  forts to monitor, review, disrupt, and counter the  
24                  use of social media by terrorists and terrorist orga-

1 nizations, an evaluation of the success of such ef-  
2 forts, and recommendations for improvement.

3 (4) An analysis of how the Federal Government  
4 is using social media to counter terrorist propaganda  
5 and radicalization domestically and abroad.

6 (5) An assessment of the value to law enforce-  
7 ment officials and the intelligence community of re-  
8 viewing and analyzing social media posts by terror-  
9 ists and terrorist organizations.

10 (6) An overview of available local, State, and  
11 Federal social media training programs to under-  
12 stand and combat the use of social media by terror-  
13 ists and terrorist organizations, the required quali-  
14 fications for trainers in each program, the intended  
15 students of each program, as well as recommenda-  
16 tions for improving or expanding existing training  
17 opportunities and training participation.

18 (c) FORM.—The report required by subsection (a)  
19 should be submitted in unclassified form, and may include  
20 a classified annex in accordance with the protection of in-  
21 telligence sources and methods.

1 **SEC. 4. POLICY AND COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY TO**  
2 **COUNTER TERRORISTS' AND TERRORIST OR-**  
3 **GANIZATIONS' USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 180 days after the  
5 date of enactment of this Act, the President shall transmit  
6 to the appropriate congressional committees a report that  
7 contains a comprehensive strategy to counter terrorists'  
8 and terrorist organizations' use of social media, as com-  
9 mitted to in the President's 2011 "Strategic Implementa-  
10 tion Plan for Empowering Local Partners to Prevent Vio-  
11 lent Extremism in the United States".

12 (b) **FORM.**—The report required by subsection (a)  
13 should be submitted in unclassified form, and may include  
14 a classified annex in accordance with the protection of in-  
15 telligence sources and methods.

16 **SEC. 5. PROHIBITION ON NEW REGULATORY AUTHORITY.**

17 Nothing in this Act shall be construed as granting  
18 the President or any department or agency of the Federal  
19 Government authority to promulgate regulations or set  
20 standards relating to non-Federal entities.