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China's "national intelligence" law requires that all Chinese businesses and citizens operating overseas must gather sensitive information from host countries and provide that to the Chinese government. China can activate all Chinese persons and companies abroad to spy for the state. Here is a translation of the law <https://www.chinalawtranslate.com/en/national-intelligence-law-of-the-p-r-c-2017/>



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Here is a quote from the law: “ **All organizations and citizens shall support, assist, and cooperate with national intelligence efforts.**” While the term “national intelligence” is not clearly defined, the law states elsewhere that “national intelligence” relates to conduct that endangers “the national security and interests of the People’s Republic of China.” The CCP could interpret that language to cover virtually everything. After all, China tends to construe its “national security and interests” [broadly](#). Beijing, thus, has weaponized its entire private sector and [massive](#) expatriate community to gather critical sensitive, private, or military information from foreign governments and commercial entities without restriction. There are countless examples of Chinese espionage to [date](#), many of which directly support CCP strategic objectives. Those Chinese entities or individuals who do not comply violate Chinese law.

Last July FBI director Christopher Wray told business leaders in London that China aimed to “ransack” the intellectual property of Western companies so it can speed up its own industrial development and dominate key industries. He said that it was snooping on companies everywhere “from big cities to small towns – from Fortune 100s to start-ups, folks that focus on everything from aviation, to AI, to pharma”.

A federal investigation into Chinese efforts to hack into U.S. telecommunications networks has revealed a “broad and significant” campaign aimed at stealing information from Americans who work in government and politics, the FBI said in November.

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