

U.S. officials underscore Russia threat to 2016 elections

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. officials sought Wednesday to underscore for lawmakers the threat Russia posed to the 2016 vote for the White House, outlining efforts to hack into election systems in 21 states and to fill the internet with misinformation during a divisive campaign season.

Officials also revealed what appeared to be a breakdown in communications about how severe the threat appeared, and they reported tensions the Obama administration faced in trying to publicly warn of meddling in the face of a skeptical then-candidate Donald Trump.

“One of the candidates, as you’ll recall, was predicting that the election was going to be rigged in some way. And so we were concerned that, by making the statement, we might in and of itself be challenging the integrity of the — of the election process itself,”



Former Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson testifies to the House Intelligence Committee task force Wednesday on Capitol Hill.

Jeh Johnson, the former head of Homeland Security, told members of the House intelligence committee.

The testimony came during a morning of double-barreled intelligence committee hearings — one in the House and one in the Senate — that underscored

the U.S. intelligence community’s months-old determination that Russia attempted to meddle in the election. The issue has become a flashpoint for the Trump administration as congressional committees and a special counsel investigate the interference and whether the Trump campaign

may have become enmeshed in it. A day earlier, Trump spokesman Sean Spicer said he still has yet to know the president’s thoughts on whether Russia interfered.

Johnson said Russian hacking didn’t change election totals, but he can’t be sure other meddling didn’t influence public opinion.

“It is not for me to know to what extent the Russian hacks influenced public opinion and thereby influence the outcome of the election,” he said.

Senators said the Homeland Security Department should reveal which state election systems were targeted by hackers as Jeanette Manfra, the department’s undersecretary for cybersecurity, demurred.

Sen. Mark Warner of Virginia, the committee’s ranking Democrat, noted that the FBI has confirmed intrusions into voter registration databases in Arizona and

Illinois, and said Americans need to know the identities of the other 19 states where meddling was detected.

“I do not believe our country is made safer by holding this information back from the American public,” he said. “To have the number of states that were hacked into or attempted to be hacked into still kept secret is just crazy in my mind.”

Manfra said the department was still tracking the meddling and believes it’s important to protect the confidentiality of the states.

State elections officials, who testified before the Senate committee, complained that DHS could have offered more information about the hacking.

Michael Hass, the Wisconsin elections commissioner, said DHS could have been more timely — and provided more detail — on election security and threats to

elections systems at the local level.

Johnson said in the late summer and into the fall, he was very concerned about the meddling in state election systems and that the department encouraged states to seek assistance from DHS.

Johnson said he doesn’t know whether the hacking of the Democratic National Committee’s emails and other Moscow-directed interference “did in fact alter public opinion, and thereby alter the outcome of the presidential election.” He said he was frustrated DHS learned of the hack into the DNC late in the game and said the committee refused help because it was using a private cyber security firm.

“In retrospect, it would be easy for me to say that I should have bought a sleeping bag and camped out in front of the DNC in late summer,” Johnson said.

In Iowa, Trump rallies base, celebrates Republican resilience

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa (AP) — Struggling to advance his agenda in Washington, President Donald Trump traveled to the Midwest on Wednesday for a raucous rally with his loyal supporters — the kind of event he relished before winning the White House.

Trump touched down Wednesday evening in rainy Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and headed to a local community college, where he got a look at agriculture technology innovations before leading a campaign rally.

He reveled in Georgia Republican Karen Handel’s congressional victory in an election viewed as an early referendum on his presidency.

“We’re 5-0 in special elections,” Trump said in front of a boisterous crowd that packed a downtown arena. “The truth is, people love us ... they haven’t figured it out yet.”

He also applauded Republican Ralph Norman, who notched a slimmer-than-expected win in a special election to fill the South Carolina congressional seat vacated by Mick Mulvaney, and mocked Handel’s challenger, Jon Ossoff, saying the Democrats “spent \$30 million on this kid who forgot to live in the district.”

Trump, no stranger to victory laps, turned his visit to a battleground state he captured in November into a celebration of his resilience despite the cloud of investigations that has enveloped his administration and sent his poll numbers tumbling.

Senate GOP proposal would halt Obamacare penalties, taxes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Top Senate Republicans prepared Wednesday to release their plan for dismantling President Barack Obama’s health care law, a proposal that would cut and revamp Medicaid, end penalties on people not buying coverage and eliminate tax increases that financed the statute’s expansion of coverage, lobbyists and congressional aides said.

Departing from the House-approved version of the legislation — which President Donald Trump privately called “mean” last week — the Senate plan would drop the House bill’s waivers allowing states to let insurers boost premiums on some people with pre-existing conditions.

It would also largely retain the subsidies Obama provided to help millions buy insurance, which are pegged mostly to people’s incomes and the premiums they pay.

The House-approved tax credits were tied to people’s ages, a change the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office said would boost out-of-pocket costs to many lower earners. Starting in 2020, the Senate version would begin shifting increasing amounts of tax credits away from higher earners, making more funds available to lower-income recipients, some of the officials said.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell planned to release the measure Thursday morning and hopes to push it through the Senate next week. Some of its provisions were described by people on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss them publicly.

Saudi king names son heir as new generation encircles throne

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Saudi Arabia’s King Salman appointed his 31-year-old son Mohammed bin Salman as crown prince on Wednesday, placing him first-in-line to the throne and laying the groundwork for an entirely new generation of royals to take the reins.

Saudi Arabia’s once powerful counterterrorism czar, Prince Mohammed bin Nayef, was removed from the line of succession — giving the younger prince a firmer hold on the kingdom’s foreign policies, including its close ties with U.S. President Donald Trump, its rivalry with Iran, its more than two-year-long war in Yemen and its punishing moves to isolate Qatar.

The appointment of such a young royal as the immediate heir to the throne essentially sets Saudi policy for decades in the hands of a man seen as a risk taker.

“He could be there for 50 years,” said Kristian Coates Ulrichsen, a research fellow at the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy at Rice University. “If you look at it positively, it is basically setting Saudi Arabia’s course into the 21st century.”

FBI: Gunman who shot congressman had no target

WASHINGTON (AP) — Adrift and nearly out of money after three months of living out of his van in the Washington area, the gunman who shot a top House Republican and four other people on a Virginia baseball field didn’t have any concrete plans to inflict violence on the Republicans he loathed, FBI officials said Wednesday.

James T. Hodgkinson, 66, was shot and killed by police after he opened fire on Congressional Republicans practicing for their annual charity baseball game against Democrats last week. Rep. Steve Scalise of Louisiana, the House majority whip, was struck in the hip and gravely wounded. Scalise’s condition was upgraded to fair on Wednesday.

FBI officials gave an overview of the evidence they’ve gathered on Hodgkinson. They said he acted alone and had no connections to terror groups. But they said they had not yet clarified who, if anyone, he planned to target, or why, beyond his animus toward President Donald Trump and the Republicans he felt were ruining the country.

Thursday Morning

STATION	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	
FOX	11 KFFX	11 AgDay	Hot/ Cleve.	Good Day			Paid	Dog Town	Steve Harvey		Crime Watch Daily		
FOX	KPTV	3 Good Day Oregon at 6	Good Day Oregon (N)				Good Day (N)		The 700 Club		The Rachael Ray Show		
CBS	19 KEPR	2 News	News	CBS This Morning (N)			Harry		The Price Is Right		Young & Restless		
CBS	KOIN	19 KOIN 6 News at 6 (N)	CBS This Morning (N)				Let’s Make a Deal		The Price Is Right		Young & Restless		
NBC	25 KNDU	6 Wake Up Northwest	Today Show (N)				Today Show II (N)		Today Show III (N)		Million? Million?		
NBC	KGW	8 KGW News (N)	Today Show (N)				Today Show II (N)		Today Show III (N)		Portland Today		
ABC	42 KVEV	4 Northwest	Northwest	Good Morning America (N)			Live (N)		The View		Paid	Middle	
ABC	KATU	5 KATU News Morning	Good Morning America (N)				AM Northwest		The View		Live (N)		
PBS	31 KTNW	Stretch	W.L.Yoga	Jet Gol	Wild Kratts	Nature Cat	C.George	Sesame St.	SuperW!	D.Tiger	DinoTrain	SplashB.	
PBS	59 OPB	13 Sit and Fit	Wild Kratts	Nature Cat	C.George	C.George	D.Tiger	D.Tiger	SplashB.	SplashB.	Sesame St.	Sesame St.	Bob Build

AFTERNOON

STATION	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
FOX	11 KFFX	11 Paid	Pat. Court	Divorce	Divorce	Judge Mathis	The People’s Court		2½Men	Mike&M.	Last Man	Last Man
FOX	KPTV	3 12 O’Clock News (N)	Wendy Williams			The Dr. Oz Show	TMZ Live!		Judge Judy	Judge Judy	5 O’Clock News (N)	
CBS	19 KEPR	2 NameG.	Bold & B.	The Talk (N)		Let’s Make a Deal	Dr. Phil		Judge Judy	Judge Judy	News (N)	News (N)
CBS	KOIN	19 News (N)	Bold & B.	The Talk (N)		The Doctors	Dr. Phil		KOIN 6 News at 4 (N)		News (N)	News (N)
NBC	25 KNDU	6 TMZ	Paid	Days of Our Lives		Hot Bench	Hot Bench		Wendy Williams		News	NBC News
NBC	KGW	8 News (N)	Paid	Days of Our Lives		T.D. Jakes			Ellen DeGeneres (N)		News (N)	NBC News
ABC	42 KVEV	4 The Chew		General Hospital		The Doctors			The Rachael Ray Show		Minute	Minute
ABC	KATU	5 The Chew		General Hospital		Harry			Afternoon Live		KATU News @ 4	News (N)
PBS	31 KTNW	Charlie Rose		Martha	Knitting	Stretch	Arthur	Arthur	Wild Kratts	Wild Kratt	Odd Squad	Biz Kid\$
PBS	59 OPB	13 Painting	Ming	Charlie Rose (N)		Nature Cat	Thomas	Cat/ Hat	Jet Gol	Speaks	Odd Squad	Odd Squad

EVENING

STATION	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
FOX	11 KFFX	11 Modern Family "Treehouse"	Modern Family "After the Fire"	2 Broke Girls "And the First Degree"	2 Broke G. "And Not-So-Sweet Charity"	Beat Shazam "Episode Four" (N)	Love Connection "Episode Four" (N)		FOX News First at Ten	:35 Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Shibboleth"		:35 Anger Management
FOX	KPTV	3 6 O’Clock News (N)	Family Feud	Family Feud		Beat Shazam "Episode Four" (N)	Love Connection "Episode Four" (N)		10 O’Clock News (N)		11 O’Clock News (N)	2 Broke Girls
CBS	19 KEPR	2 Action News at 6:00 p.m.	Inside Edition	The Big Bang Theory	The Simpsons "My Fare Lady"	The Big Bang Theory	Donuts "What’s the Big Idea?"	Mom	Life in Pieces	MacGyver "Can Opener"	Action News at 11:00 p.m.	:35 The Late Show
CBS	KOIN	19 KOIN 6 News (N)	Evening News	Extra	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	Superior Donuts	Mom	Life in Pieces	MacGyver "Can Opener"	KOIN 6 News/ 11	:35 The Late Show
NBC	25 KNDU	6 Local News	Family Feud	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Hollywood Game Night "Veep vs. The Walking Dead" (SP) (N)	The Wall "Milton and Aaryn" (N)		The Night Shift "Recoil" (SP) (N)		Local News	:35 The Tonight Show
NBC	KGW	8 KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)		Live at 7 (N)	Inside Edition	Game Night "Veep vs. The Walking Dead" (N)	The Wall "Milton and Aaryn" (N)		The Night Shift "Recoil" (SP) (N)		KGW News at 11 (N)	:35 Tonight
ABC	42 KVEV	4 Extra	Local News	Entertainment Tonight	The Insider	Boy Band "Meet the Boys" Thirty of the best young male vocalists in the country go to Hollywood. (P) (N)			The Gong Show "Will Arnett, Ken Jeong, Zack Galifianakis" (P) (N)		Local News at 11 :05 Jimmy Kimmel Live	
ABC	KATU	5 KATU News at 6	ABC World News (N)	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Boy Band "Meet the Boys" (P) (N)			The Gong Show (N)		KATU News	:35 Jimmy Kimmel
PBS	31 KTNW		PBS NewsHour (N)	BBC World News	Well Read (N)	WW II: Price-Empire "The Phony War"	Doc Martin "The Shock of the New"		Paradise "Wicked Wedding Night"		Charlie Rose (N)	
PBS	59 OPB	13 Born to Explore (N)	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)	Oregon Art Beat	Oregon Guide	The Inspector Lynley Mysteries "In The Presence of the Enemy"		:35 The Tunnel (N)		Hollywood Idols	
A&E	52	The First 48 "Ringside Seat"	First 48 "The House on Madrona Street"			The First 48 "M.I.A."	The First 48 "Officer Down" (N)		Cold Case Files "A Family Cursed" (N)		:05 The First 48 "The Fighter/ Final Ride"	
AMC	60	*** Rambo (2008, Action)	Julie Benz, Matthew Marsden, Sylvester Stallone.			*** Demolition Man	Sylvester Stallone. A cryogenically frozen cop is revived to bring down his former arch nemesis.		*** Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines	Arnold Schwarzenegger.		
ANPL	24	Yukon Men		Rocky Mt. Hunters		Rocky Mt. Hunters	Yukon "Food Fight" (N)		Yukon Men (N)		Rocky Mt. Hunters	
CMT	43	Nashville (N)		Nashville		Cowboys Cheerleaders	Cowboys Cheerleaders		Broken Skull Challen		Broken Skull Challen	
CNBC	72	Shark Tank		The Profit		The Profit	The Profit		The Profit		Paid	Paid
CNN	68	Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight	Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight	
DISC	51	Diesel Brothers		Diesel Brothers "The Doubleheader: Game One"		Diesel Brothers "The Doubleheader: Game 2"			:05 Diesel Brothers			
DISN	26	Jessie	Uperc.	Uperc.	Bizaard.	StuckMid	Andi Mack	Bizaard.	Liv Maddie	Uperc.	Uperc.	Bunk'd
ESPN	33	NBA Draft "2017" Site: Barclays Center -- Brooklyn, N.Y. (L)					SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt		SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt		SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt	
ESPN2	34	NCAA Baseball Division I Tournament (L)				SportsCenter (N)			30 for 30 "Celtics/ Lakers: Best of Enemies" 1/3		30 for 30	
FNC	66	The Five		Hannity		TuckerCarlsonTonight	The Five		Hannity		Tucker Carlson Tonight	
FOOD	61	Chopped "Heads Up!"		Chopped		Chopped	Chopped		BeatFlay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay
FREE	32	:10 *** The Devil Wears Prada	Meryl Streep.			:50 *** Mean Girls ('04, Com/Dra)	Lindsay Lohan.		The 700 Club			
FX	65	*** Transformers: Age of Extinction				*** Interstellar (2014, Sci-Fi)	Anne Hathaway, Jessica Chastain, Matthew McConaughey.					
GOLF	88	PGA Golf Travelers Championship		PGA Golf Travelers Championship		TPC River Highlands	Golf Central		PGA Golf			
GSN	76	Fam. Feud	Fam. Feud	Fam. Feud	Fam. Feud	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	Fam. Feud	Fam. Feud	Fam. Feud	Fam. Feud	Baggage
HALL	87	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls
HGTV	62	H.Hunt	H.Hunt	H.Hunt	H.Hunt	H.Hunt	H.Hunt	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	H.Hunt (N)	House	VintFlip
HIST	50	Mountain Men "Gone"		Mountain Men "No Goin' Back"		Mountain Men: Fully "Edge of Winter" (N)			Mountain Men (N)	:05 Alone "Hell on Earth" (N)		:05 Mountain Men (N)
LIFE	29	Grey's Anatomy		Married /05 Married		Married	:45 Married	Married	"Confronting the Past" (N)		Married "Meet the Parents" (N)	
NICK	27	Loud H.	H.Danger	H.Danger	Thunder	*** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles	William Fichtner.		Nashville (N)		Friends	
ROOT	37	MLS Soccer	MarinersPR e-game (L)	MLB Baseball Detroit Tigers at Seattle Mariners Site: Safeco Field -- Seattle, Wash. (L)			Post-game (L)		MLB Baseball Seattle Mariners Site: Safeco Field			
SPIKE	42	*** Independence Day Will Smith.		*** Independence Day '96, Sci-Fi)	Bill Pullman, Will Smith. A group of people race against time to try to save the world from alien invaders.				The Mist "Pilot" (N)		The Mist "Pilot"	
SYFY	67	*** Resident Evil: Aft...		*** Faster ('10, Act)	Dwayne Johnson.		*** Need for Speed ('14, Act)	Imogen Poots, Aaron Paul.				
TBS	59	Seinf. "The Doorman"	Seinf. "The Jimmy"	Seinf. "The Doodle"		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory
TCM	56	*** Gypsy ('62, Mus)	Natalie Wood, Rosalind Russell.	:45 *** Billy Liar (1963, Fantasy)	Julie Christie, Mona Washbourne, Tom Courtenay.		:45 *** Suddenly, Last Summer	A dowager tries to buy a lobotomy to silence the woman who witnessed her son's murder.				
TLC	49	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	My 600-lb Life		My 600-lb Life	My 600-lb Life	My 600-lb Life	"Lupe's Story"		My 600-lb Life	
TNT	57	Bones		Bones		Think Like a Man ('12, Com)	Chris Brown.		Claws "Tirana"		:35 Claws	
UNI	21	Incluido	Noticiero	La rosa de Guadalupe		Jose de Egipto		La doble vida	La piloto		Impacto	Noticie.
USA	58	Law & Order: S.V.U.		Law & Order: S.V.U.		Law & Order: S.V.U.		Law & Order: S.V.U.	Queen of the South (N)		Modern	Modern
WE	118	Growing Up Hip H (N)		Growing Up Hip Hop		Growing Up Hip Hop		Growing Up Hip Hop	Growing Up Hip Hop		Growing Up Hip Hop	
WGN		Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Rules	Rules
STZ ENC	644	*** Close Encounters...	:10 *** The Wood ('99, Dra)	Omar Epps.		Power "Don't Go"			Power "Trust Me"		*** Way of the Dragon	
HBO	518	*** Krampus ('15, Hor)	Toni Collette.	*** Vice News	*** Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen	Shia LaBeouf.	T.J. Miller		Silicon			
HBO2	520	*** X-Men: Apocalypse	Holmes Jennifer Lawrence.	VICE	Veep	*** The Accountant ('16, Cri)	Ben Affleck.		:10 *** Sin City			
HBO3	521	*** The Island of Dr. ...	:15 *** Be Kind Rewind	Jack Black.		*** Driving Miss Daisy			:45 Making		*** My Big Fat Greek...	
MAX	549	:55 *** Black Mass ('15, Cri)	Johnny Depp.	*** Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials		:15 *** Right at Your Door						
SHOW	578	*** Chappie	*** Crash ('04, Dra)	Sandra Bullock.		I'm Dying Up Here			Twin Peaks		Gigolos	Gigolos
STARZ	621	*** My Blind Brother	:20 *** Sleeping With the Enemy			*** Obsessed	Beyoncé Knowles.	:50 *** Danny Collins	Al Pacino.			

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