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## **SOCIAL-MEDIA-BASED CYBER SECURITY: CASES ON U.S. BORDER SECURITY**

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Social media provide opportunities for policy makers and security professionals to gauge public opinion and to track security breaches. However, the rapidly growing volumes and variety of expressions on social media have challenged traditional policy analysis, cyber security tracking, and public sentiment assessment. In this presentation, we review previous research in cyber security and describe a research framework for social-media-based cyber security informatics. We present three cases of using the framework in the context of transnational U.S. border security. First, we describe an intelligent system called "iMood" that analyzes sentiment and network relationships of over 300,000 Twitter users who posted 909,035 tweets about U.S. border security. Second, we present a social network approach to studying the propagation of over 180,000 tweets to identify influential leaders and activists in U.S. border security. Third, we examine emotion extraction and entrainment of 105,304 users who posted 189,012 tweets to compare two methods of identifying influential leaders. In each case study, we discuss collaboration opportunities, possible educational developments, and research directions. The research provides strong implication for policy and technology developments on cyber security, offers insights on human behavior in large-scale social media networks, and contributes to design-science research and practice for the information systems communities.

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