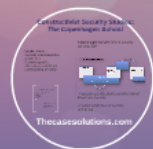


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What is Critical?

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content control; information-gathering (information sharing and data mining); cyber espionage
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non-state ownership, digitalized, privatized, globalized, deregulated -> cross-border disruption

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The Securitization Process



-> speech act, discursive construction of threat and security

-> widens definition of security and threat



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