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Subject Area/Topic: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) AND CYBER SECURITY

Highlights: Rather than discuss AI from a technical standpoint, Mr. Carter focused on broad areas, such as why AI is essential to our economy and why early efforts have often failed. He posited that early efforts focused on helping business, at the expense of workers, which created a backlash. The bulk of his discussion was focused on why technology competition is key to our long-term economic progress, and how the Chinese are doing battle.

With regard to Russian intervention in our elections, Carter believes that Russia doesn't care who wins, they just want to erode confidence in our political system and in our leaders.

Interestingly, he argued that he would eliminate STEM in favor of cross-domain learning. He pointed out that computers can write code better than humans.