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Demonstration and Lessons of Multiple-Order Biosecurity Risks and Threats

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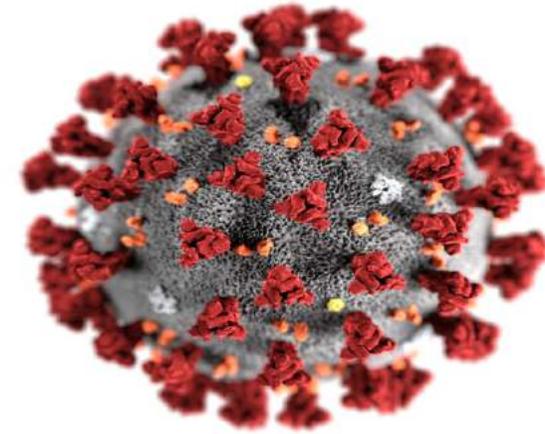
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- **NOT a bioweapon**

Yet...

- **Clear and present threat to biosecurity**
- **Current and latent multi-dimensional, reciprocally interactive effects**
 - **Biological**
 - **Psychological**
 - **Socio-economic**
 - **Political**



Biorisk/Biosecurity Considerations and Concerns

- **While Mass Destruction is possible...**
 - RDTE/Use in such ways constrained by current BTWC, CWC
- **Mass DISRUPTION is likely...**
 - RDTE not necessarily bounded by BTWC/CWC
 - Non-kinetic in articulation and effect
 - Incurs “ripple effects” on/across scales and levels

Demonstration of Biosecurity Vulnerability

- **Preparedness Process**

- Infrastructure and Coordinated Response Functions
- Surveillance
- Quantification
- Readiness: Review, Revision

- **2010 NATO Moldova Model**

- **Crimson Contagion Exercise**

- **2019 Report to Senate Intelligence Committee**

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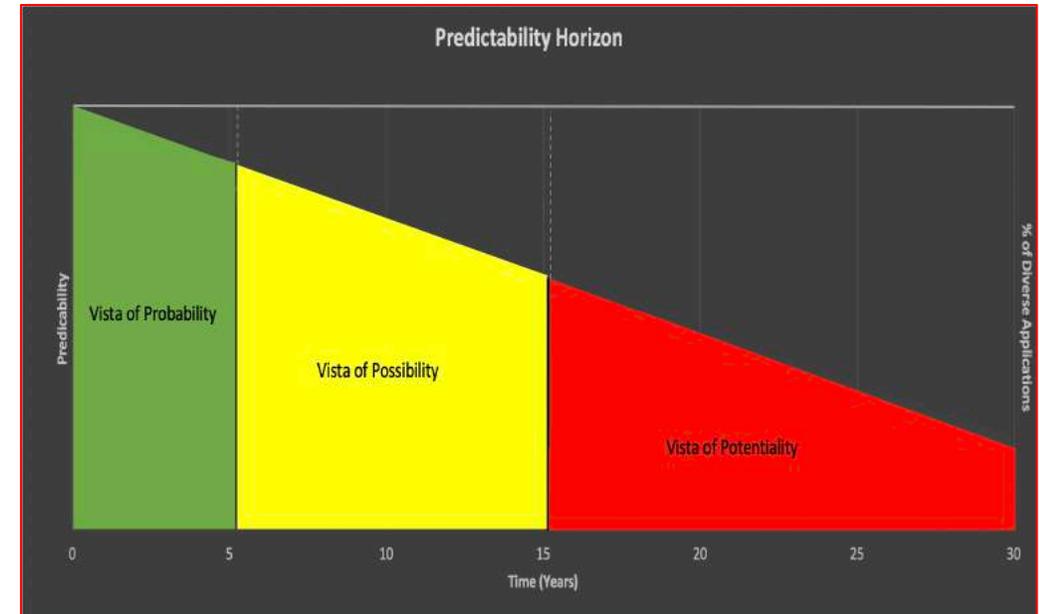
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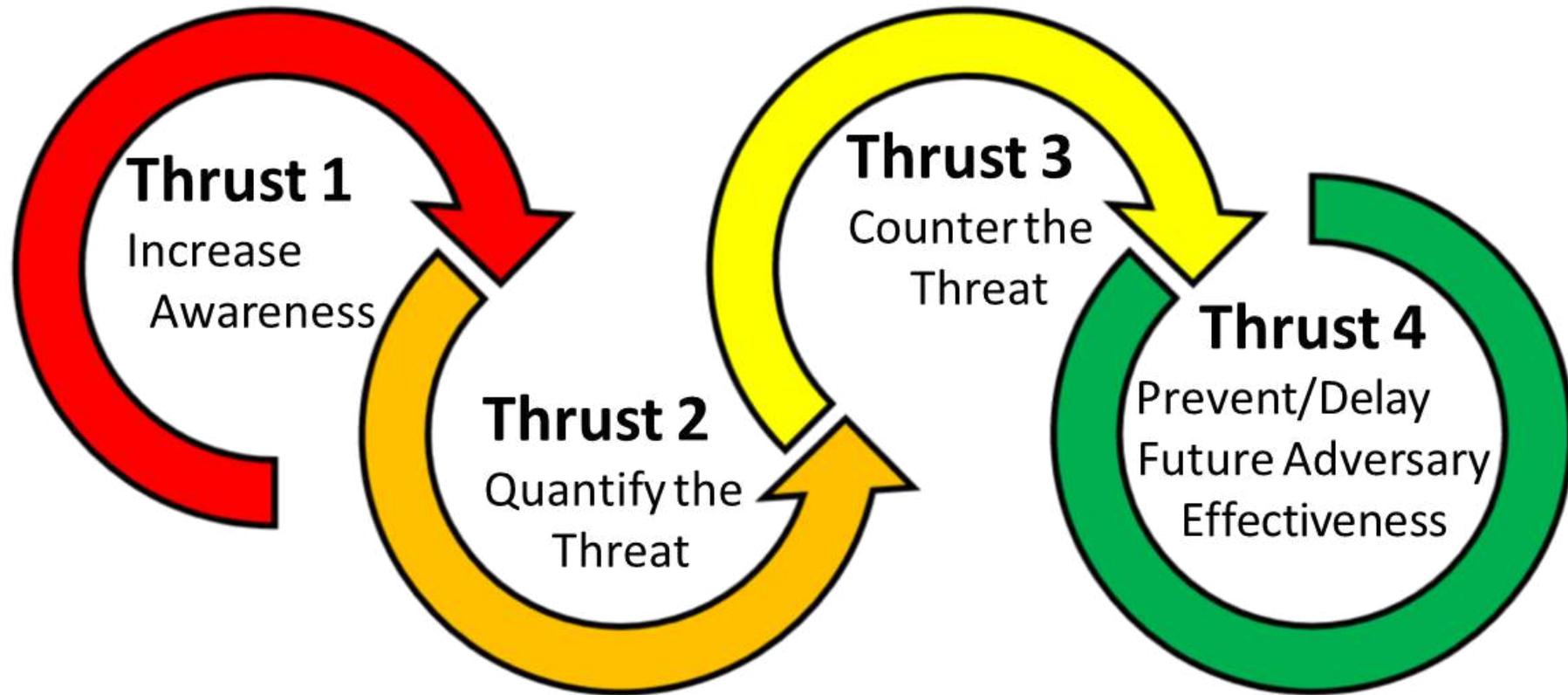
Strategic Envisioning – and Engagement

Vista of:

- **Probability**: Present to 5 years
“What exists now, and ‘soon’...”
- **Possibility**: 5 to 10 years
“Given probabilities, what might occur...”
- **Potentiality**: 10 to 25/30 years
“Given possibilities, what could be done with them...”



Four Thrust Strategy



Whole of Nation approach required to identify, characterize, counter, and exploit/prevent biosecurity risks and threats to United States' public health and socio-economic stability

Thrust 1
Increase
Awareness

Thrust 2
Quantify the
Threat

Thrust 3
Counter the
Threat

Thrust 4
Prevent/Delay
Future Adversary
Effectiveness



Academic Institutions



Law Enforcement



Department of Defense



DHS



DHS



State Department



Research Centers



National Labs



Intelligence Community



Intelligence Community



Industry

Summary

- ❖ **Biosecurity risks/threats are increasing: clear and present danger to U.S. national security and stability**
- ❖ **Establish PMO/POR now**
 - ❖ **Fund research in technologies, innovations, countermeasures, and solutions**
 - ❖ **Develop capabilities to address and defeat evolving biosecurity (natural, kinetic and non-kinetic) threats (ie- Strategic Plan and tactical flexibilities)**
 - ❖ **Remain ahead of competitors abilities to exploit US weaknesses**
 - ❖ **Engage Whole of Nation approach leveraging all sectors of national power**

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