

## **Kaspersky Lab Has Been Working with Russian Intelligence** **Bus./Industry**

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**Photo: Kaspersky Lab CEO Eugene Kaspersky speaks at a plenary meeting titled &ldquo;Cybersecurity in the Face of New Challenges and Threats,&rdquo; part of the Finopolis 2016 forum of innovative financial technologies, in Kazan, Russia.**

By Jordan Robertson and Michael Riley for Bloomberg News, July 11, 2017 Russian cybersecurity company [Kaspersky Lab](#) boasts 400 million users worldwide. As many as 200 million may not know it. The huge reach of Kaspersky's technology is partly the result of licensing agreements that allow customers to quietly embed the software in everything from firewalls to sensitive telecommunications equipment—none of which carry the Kaspersky name. That success is starting to worry U.S. national security officials concerned about the company's links to the Russian government. In early May six U.S. intelligence and law enforcement agency chiefs were asked in an open Senate hearing whether they'd let their networks use Kaspersky software, often found on Best Buy shelves. The answer was a unanimous and resounding no. The question, from Florida Republican Marco Rubio, came out of nowhere, often a sign a senator is trying to indirectly draw attention to something learned in classified briefings. [&hellip;]

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