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Welcome to our Analyst Report and Newsletter

At some point you just have to stand for something

I have long had a saying: "You cannot do your job if you are afraid of losing your job." This works from all sides of course, because as an employer if you are always threatening termination, you generate resistance, while as a worker, if you are always afraid, you cannot be as effective as if you are realistically confident. In the cybersecurity context, this translates into standing up for what is right for your client. If you work for a dictator or a company you see as ripping people off, you can either (1) stop working for them or (2) act in their best interest. Of course what you may think is their best interest may not be what they think, and thus you risk getting fired for trying to help them. But that's just the point.

What do you stand (up) for?

I act as if this is two questions, but really it should be the very same question. If you don't stand up for what you stand for, you probably don't really stand for it. Philosophically I am against killing people, but I work for [whoever], and [whoever] does in fact kill people, does not wash. You are not against killing if you work for killers. Except of course if you do not work faithfully for them. Schindler worked for the Nazis in WWII, but not faithfully. His company used slave labor from death camps and was in fact designed to never build working weapons and save those slave laborers from starvation and death in gas chambers.

It's time to stand up

It has come to the time when, in the US, you have to stand up for what you believe in, unless you are intentionally undermining the other side from within. So here is where I stand:

- I am against neo-Nazis and white supremacists and those who either support them or fail to stand up strongly and specifically against them. This includes, without limit:
 - The current US President and every other politician and public servant who fails to actively and specifically put forth substantial effort to defeat this social disease.
 - Any person who joins with these extremists in their meetings, rallies, Web sites, media, or elsewhere, except those who do so at great personal risk to defeat them.
 - Any person or organization that fails to act on the reasonable belief that they are used by these extremists, so as to prevent ongoing use of facilities, capabilities, or mechanisms. This includes denying them financial, physical, informational, and other resources.

What do you stand for?

I urge everybody reading this to think about where you stand and to stand up for it by declaring your view. I do not care which side you are on, you should declare your view. If you hide now and things go against you, it will forever be, at least partly, your fault for not standing up for what you believe. If you stand up now, win or lose, you will be able to say with a clear conscious, that you stood for what you believed in. We can disagree without being disagreeable, but we cannot tolerate those who use violence to force their hatred on others.