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## NATIONAL SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS RELATING TO CRYPTO ASSETS

*This article examines the intersection of crypto assets and national security, arguing that while digital assets introduce new risks, they also offer opportunities to strengthen U.S. financial systems and their global economic influence. Building on the Trump Administration's recent cyber strategy, the article positions crypto within a broader national security framework that prioritizes resilience, disruption of illicit actors, and public-private coordination.*

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### INTRODUCTION

In March of 2026, the White House released the National Cyber Strategy for America, a national security framework that seeks to defend the country against state-sponsored cybercriminals.<sup>1</sup> One focus of that framework

is on the need to secure digital infrastructure, particularly cryptocurrencies and blockchain technologies, as a core component of the United States' national defense going forward.<sup>2</sup> This announcement is just one of several policy decisions by the Trump Administration that have acknowledged the connections

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<sup>1</sup> The White House, *President Trump's Cyber Strategy for America* (Mar. 2026), <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/President-Trump's-Cyber-Strategy-for-America.pdf>.

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<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

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