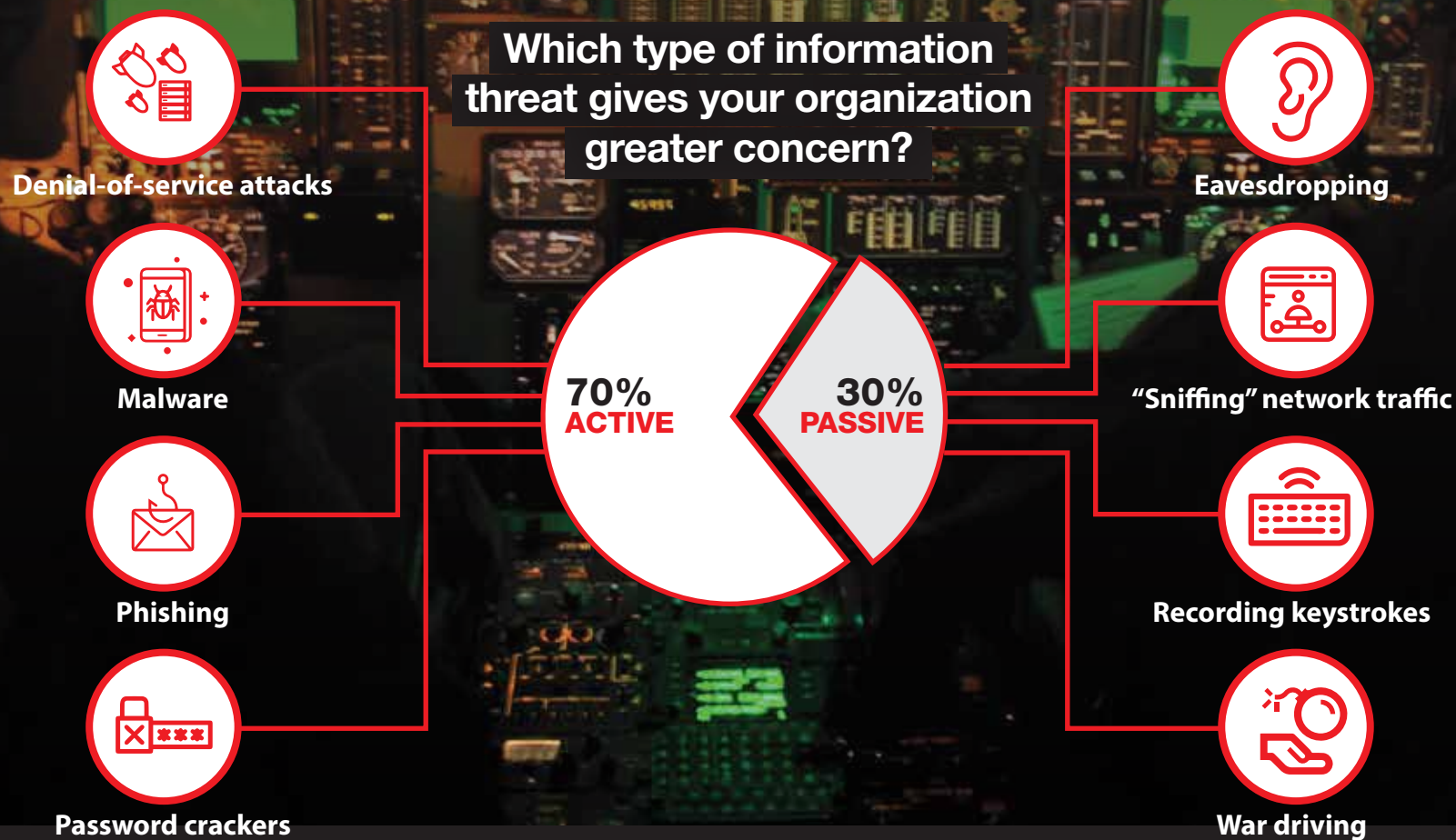


# THE EVOLVING ART OF WAR

Unmanned aircraft, cyber warfare, multi-domain assaults – the threats and capabilities facing the U.S. today are daunting. To better understand how government perceives these threats and the needs of the tactical warfighter, **Government Business Council** polled 111 senior employees in the defense, military, and intelligence communities in September 2017.



**84%** of respondents deem autonomous technology to be extremely or very important to future military readiness.

However, they note, this technology needs to be accompanied by a coherent national security strategy.

"It is not toys we need, but thinkers who can tell the story and convince others to listen."  
— Poll respondent

In mounting a multi-domain national defense, organizations should prioritize:



Creating multidisciplinary, multi-service teams



Enabling service personnel to shift/acquire new skill sets



Moving to open systems architecture



...and more.

To learn more about autonomous systems & the future of warfighting, watch *Defense One's* **3 Questions: Artificial Intelligence and the Military**

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**Methodology**

In September 2017, GBC and Leidos released a series of flash polls exploring perceptions of military readiness and top priorities for the tactical warfighter. The poll yielded 111 total respondents from the federal government, including DoD civilians (95%) and active duty military (5%).