

DIANNE FEINSTEIN'S ENCRYPTED PLAYSTATION NIGHTMARE

I've complained about Dianne Feinstein's inconsistency on cybersecurity, specifically as it relates to Sony, before. The week before the attack on Paris, cybersecurity was the biggest threat, according to her. And Sony was one of the top targets, both of criminal identity theft and – if you believe the Administration – nation-states like North Korea. If you believe that, you believe that Sony should have the ability to use encryption to protect its business and users. But, in the wake of Paris and Belgian Interior Minister Jan Jambon's claim that terrorists are using Playstations, Feinstein changed her tune, arguing serial hacking target Sony should not be able to encrypt its systems to protect users.

Her concerns took a bizarre new twist in an FBI oversight hearing today. Now, she's concerned that if a predator decides to target her grandkids while they're playing on a Playstation, that will be encrypted.

I have concern about a Playstation which my grandchildren might use and a predator getting on the other end, talking to them, and it's all encrypted.

Someone needs to explain to DiFi that her grandkids are probably at greater risk from predators hacking Sony to get personal information about them to then use that to abduct or whatever them.

Sony's the perfect example of how security hawks like Feinstein need to choose: either her grandkids face risks because Sony doesn't encrypt its systems, or they do because it does.

The former risk is likely the much greater risk.