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Jessica Brandt was the first Director of the Foreign Malign Influence Center (FMIC) within the Office of the Director of National Intelligence from 2023 to 2025. Working directly for the Director of National Intelligence, she stood up the mission center and led efforts to protect the United States from foreign malign influence, including election threats during the 2024 cycle. Under her leadership, FMIC built a process for bringing the IC's media forensic capabilities to bear on generative AI-enabled foreign malign influence campaigns targeting U.S. elections, and implemented an unprecedented public communications strategy that resulted in more proactive information sharing with the American people than in any prior cycle and earned praise from both sides of the aisle. Before joining the Intelligence Community, she served as Policy Director for the AI and Emerging Technologies Initiative and a Fellow in the Strobe Talbott Center for Security, Strategy, and Technology at the Brookings Institution. There, her research focused on foreign influence, digital authoritarianism, the role of AI in the geopolitical competition with China, and the governance of emerging technologies.