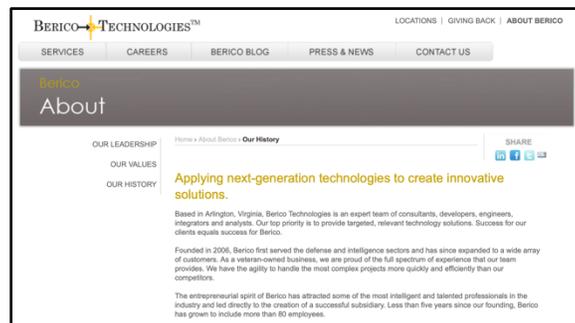


As a data mining expert, Pat Ryan worked on a proposal that would have provided real time surveillance of politically active individuals and groups. If enacted, his proposal would have spied on the families of high-profile Democratic activists and planted fake documents with labor unions in a bid to discredit them.

Ryan has worked at three data analytics firms in the defense, national security and intelligence sectors:

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- Berico Technologies is a firm of consultants, developers, engineers, integrators and analysts that originated in the defense and intelligence sectors.



(Berico: About, [Archive Today](#), Archived 7/7/11)

- After Ryan left Berico he co-founded Praescient Analytics and Second Front Systems. “Soon after the scandal, Ryan left Berico to co-found a company called Praescient Analytics and then, in 2014, Second Front Systems, where he worked until he launched his congressional campaign in 2017, according to his LinkedIn profile.” (Lee Fang, “Democratic Congressional Candidate Built Lucrative Career Spying On Left Wing Activists,” [The Intercept](#), 2/22/18)
 - Praescient Analytics is a data analytics firm comprised of domain experts and savvy technologists dedicated to intelligence, investigations and counter-fraud dealing with data sets. “Praescient is a data analytics firm comprised of domain experts & savvy technologists dedicated to intelligence, investigations, and counter-fraud dealing with big, messy data sets. Praescient’s team of analysts and engineers work side-by-side with clients to ensure that they can maximize their new analytic tools. Praescient brings excellent capabilities, technologies, and proprietary enablers that cohesively deliver data analytics solutions. Through this integration, Praescient offers rapidly deployable training programs that are tailored to clients’ missions.” (02 Solutions: Our Approach, [Praescient Analytics](#), Accessed 5/31/22)

- **Second Front Systems is a software company that works in the defense and national security industries.** “Second Front Systems is a public benefit, venture-backed software company that equips defense and national security professionals for long-term, continuous competition for access to emerging technologies.” (About Us: Closing The Industry-Government Divide, [Second Front Systems](#), Accessed 5/31/22)

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 - **Ryan’s employer “worked to undermine” critics of the US Chamber of Commerce “including MoveOn.org, the Service Employees International Union, the labor coalition Change to Win, and the Center for American Progress.”** “The stolen emails revealed that lawyers from Hunton & Williams, acting on behalf of the chamber, began working closely with Berico Technologies, Palantir, and HBGary Federal to devise a proposal to monitor and undermine critics of the Chamber, including MoveOn.org, the Service Employees International Union, the labor coalition Change to Win, and the Center for American Progress, the sponsor of the news outlet that exposed the chamber’s foreign funding. The three firms called their proposal ‘Team Themis.’” (Lee Fang, “Democratic Congressional Candidate Built Lucrative Career Spying On Left Wing Activists,” [The Intercept](#), 2/22/18)
 - **Ryan worked on “every step of the process to pitch the chamber,” “he was on the initial email thread,” discussing the idea and wanted to use tactics of “social media exploitation” calling it a “great opportunity.”** “The emails show Ryan at every step of the process to pitch the chamber. He was on the initial email thread on October 19, 2010, discussing the idea. Ryan, responding to a unique opportunity to sell “a complete intelligence solution” using “social media

exploitation,” said it “sounded like a great opportunity. Later that month, after a meeting with the chamber’s attorney, Ryan announced to his business partners that a “client of theirs is targeted by another entity, specifically a labor union, that is trying to extract some kind of concession or favorable outcome.” (Lee Fang, “Democratic Congressional Candidate Built Lucrative Career Spying On Left Wing Activists,” [The Intercept](#), 2/22/18)

- **“The proposal initially included steps to track the online activities of chamber critics” by “planting a ‘false document’ and creating ‘fake insider personnas [sic]’ that could be used to ‘generate communications’ with Change to Win.”** “The proposal initially included steps to track the online activities of chamber critics using Palantir’s powerful data analytics tools. The proposal also included a plan to counter the most vocal critics by planting a ‘false document’ and creating ‘fake insider personnas [sic]’ that could be used to ‘generate communications’ with Change to Win.” (Lee Fang, “Democratic Congressional Candidate Built Lucrative Career Spying On Left Wing Activists,” [The Intercept](#), 2/22/18)
- **“Other ideas included gathering information on leading Democratic activists, labor union officials, and other chamber critics by scraping their social media accounts and the accounts of their families.”** “Other ideas included gathering information on leading Democratic activists, labor union officials, and other chamber critics by scraping their social media accounts and the accounts of their families. HBGary Federal official Aaron Barr, using his company’s knowledge of computer exploits, floated the possibility of even using malware to hack into target computers.” (Lee Fang, “Democratic Congressional Candidate Built Lucrative Career Spying On Left Wing Activists,” [The Intercept](#), 2/22/18)

Ryan worked on the Chamber of Commerce proposal as late as the day before the project was stalled due to a hacking issue and not only did the US Chamber of Congress “never sign off on the ultimate contract” but the companies involved later disavowed the proposal:

- **In January 2011, Ryan continued in a role coordinating the Chamber of Commerce pitch.** “The Team Themis proposal, pitched to the chamber for \$2 million, moved along with support from the three firms involved. On January 9, 2011, Ryan emailed his colleagues to inform them that he had scheduled a call with Hunton & Williams to “discuss the way ahead for the Chamber effort.” That contract, however, never materialized.” (Lee Fang, “Democratic Congressional Candidate Built Lucrative Career Spying On Left Wing Activists,” [The Intercept](#), 2/22/18)
- **By February 3, 2011, Ryan “continued to email the team on the ongoing negotiations.”** “On February 3, 2011, Ryan continued to email the team on the ongoing negotiations, claiming that he had just met with Hunton & Williams attorney Bob Quackenboss, who “apologized for the confusion/misunderstanding and said he thinks there is a high likelihood of selling the Chamber on this.” The team prepared to potentially revise the asking price and continue with another demonstration of the proposal, using data sent to Team Themis by Hunton & Williams and the chamber.” (Lee Fang, “Democratic Congressional Candidate Built Lucrative Career Spying On Left Wing Activists,” [The Intercept](#), 2/22/18)

- The US Chamber of Congress “never signed off on the ultimate contract” and on February 4, 2011 hackers revealed the proposal which the companies involved later disavowed. “But the chamber never signed off on the ultimate contract. The next day, on February 4, hackers from LulzSec infiltrated HBGary Federal’s network, stealing and publishing the emails that revealed the Team Themis proposal. Palantir and Berico executives disavowed the proposal, as did a spokesperson for the chamber. HBGary Federal shut its doors, and its parent company was sold to ManTech International, a major defense contractor. Soon after the scandal, Ryan left Berico to co-found a company called Praescient Analytics and then, in 2014, Second Front Systems, where he worked until he launched his congressional campaign in 2017, according to his LinkedIn profile.” (Lee Fang, “Democratic Congressional Candidate Built Lucrative Career Spying On Left Wing Activists,” [The Intercept](#), 2/22/18)