

Visualize to Fortify

Backing GeoIP Blocking with Real Firewall Data

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Three People Walk Into a Firewall...

One of us loves data so much, they probably have firewall logs framed on their wall.



Hitesh Upadhyay

One of us thinks GeoIP is a perfectly normal dinner conversation topic.



Mike Kozlowski

And one of us is just here to make sure no one blocks Canada by accident.



Travis G. Kench

Geo-IP Filtering Research Project

Sources	Main Takeaways	Recommended Blocks
<u>U.S. Department of State: International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) - Country Policies</u>	It is the policy of the United States to deny licenses and other approvals for exports and imports of defense articles and defense services, destined for or originating in certain countries. Specific policies of denial for individual countries are articulated in ITAR § 126.1.	Afghanistan, Belarus, Burma, Central African Republic, China, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic Republic of the Congo (formerly Zaire), Eritrea, Ethiopia, Haiti, Hong Kong, Iran, Iraq, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Libya, Nicaragua, North Korea, Russia, Somalia, Sudan, South Sudan, Syria, Venezuela, Zimbabwe
<u>U.S. Department of Treasury: Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) - Sanctions Programs and Country Information</u>	The Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) administers a number of different sanctions programs. The sanctions can be either comprehensive or selective, using the blocking of assets and trade restrictions to accomplish foreign policy and national security goals.	<u>Comprehensively sanctioned countries:</u> Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Syria, Ukraine (Crimea, Donetsk, and Luhansk Regions) <u>Targeted Sanctioned countries:</u> Balkans, Belarus, Burundi, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Hong Kong, Iraq, Lebanon, Libya, Mali, Myanmar (formerly Burma), Nicaragua, Russia/Ukraine, Somalia, Sudan, South Sudan, Venezuela, Yemen, Zimbabwe
<u>U.S. Department of Commerce: Export Administration Regulations (EAR) - Sanctioned Destinations</u>	The Export Administration Regulations (EAR) is administered by Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) to regulate the export of goods and technologies for national security and foreign policy purposes.	<u>Comprehensively sanctioned countries:</u> Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Syria, Ukraine (Crimea, Donetsk, and Luhansk Regions) <u>Targeted Sanctioned countries:</u> Iraq
<u>U.S. Office of the Director of National Intelligence</u>	Identifies the Big Four (China, Iran, North Korea, Russia) as threat actors which represent enduring and active threats to the United States and its interests, including government, private-sector, and	China, Iran, North Korea, Russia

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Code of Federal Regulations Title 28 C.F.R. Part 202 and Executive Order 14117	<p>Institutions must protect sensitive U.S. data from exploitation or unauthorized access by certain foreign countries, and GeolP blocking is a practical technical safeguard that helps address this federal mandate.</p>	<p>China, Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Russia, Venezuela</p>
Cloudflare Common Policies	<p>Cloudflare has categorized certain nations as being high risk.</p>	<p>Afghanistan, Belarus, Congo (Kinshasa), Cuba, Iran, Iraq, North Korea, Myanmar, Russia, Sudan, Syria, Ukraine, Zimbabwe</p>
CrowdStrike 2025 Global Threat Report	<p>CrowdStrike does not make any specific recommendations for countries to block, as threat actors often use proxy servers and VPNs, but the nation states listed are categories that CrowdStrike has specific entries for since they include active APTs.</p>	<p>Russia, Vietnam, North Korea, South Korea, Syria, Iran, Pakistan, Georgia, Colombia, China, Kazakhstan, Egypt, India, Turkey</p>
Google Cloud Security Cybersecurity Forecast 2025	<p>Mandiant believes that the nations with the most amount of cyber threat activity are a group they call "The Big Four" - China, Iran, North Korea, and Russia. See attachment for details.</p>	<p>China, Iran, North Korea, Russia</p>
CISA: Nation-State Actors	<p>Lists countries with APTs which pose elevated threats on their Cyber Threats & Advisories page. Recommends a Zero Trust solution or utilizing a jump server to prevent external traffic from entering the network without access.</p>	<p>China, Iran, North Korea, Russia</p>

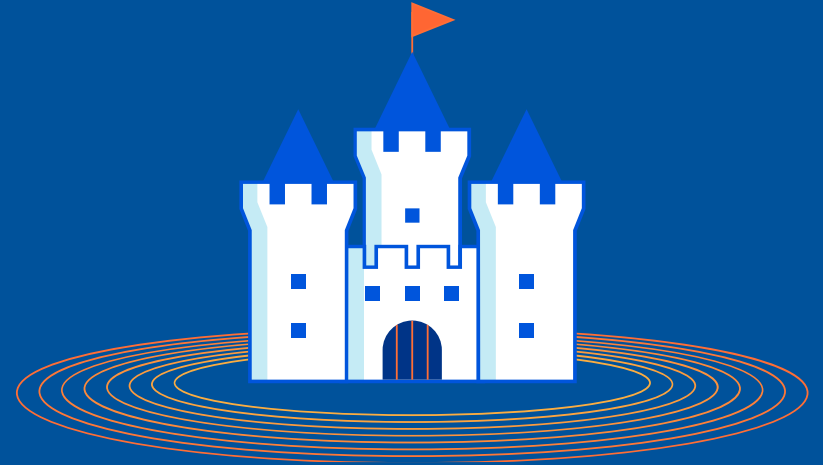
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<p align="center"> <u>FBI Criminal Justice Information Services Security Policy</u> </p>	<p>Stresses the importance of filtering by location and blocking unsolicited requests for maintaining a secure network presence.</p>	<p>None Specified</p>
<p align="center"> <u>NSA Network Infrastructure Security Guide</u> </p>	<p>Highly recommends a Zero Trust solution for maintaining network integrity, creating robust ACLs, creating sufficient network perimeters, including one or more DMZ subnets to limit lateral access, as well as a NIDS or packet capturing service.</p>	<p>None Specified</p>
<p align="center"> <u>NIST SP 800-41 (Guidelines on Firewalls and Firewall Policy)</u> </p>	<p>Recommends filtering traffic based on source and destination without giving explicit recommendations for locations to block.</p>	<p>None Specified</p>
<p align="center"> <u>Palo Alto Networks Security Policies Best Practices</u> </p>	<p>Palo Alto recommends a zero-trust posture that allows for policy rules that specify the exact source and destination for traffic for applications, and only allowing traffic from geographical regions in which you conduct business.</p>	<p>None Specified</p>

Geo-IP Filtering Research Summary

Defensive Options:

- **Conservative Approach**

- Logic: Restrict traffic to the big 4 APTs.
- Countries: China, Iran, North Korea, Russia



- **Moderate Approach**

- Logic: Restrict traffic to and from comprehensively sanctioned countries, targeted sanctioned countries, and those countries specifically named as threat actors targeting the United States through the various data resources cited in this research.
- Countries: Afghanistan, Balkans, Belarus, Brazil, Burma, Burundi, Central African Republic, China, Colombia, Congo (Kinshasa), Cuba, Egypt, Georgia, Hong Kong, Iran, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Lebanon, Libya, Nicaragua, North Korea, Mali, Myanmar, Pakistan, Russia, South Korea, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Turkey, Ukraine, Venezuela, Vietnam, Yemen, Zimbabwe

Exploratory Analysis of Firewall Log for the week of - 2025/08/10 - 2025/08/17

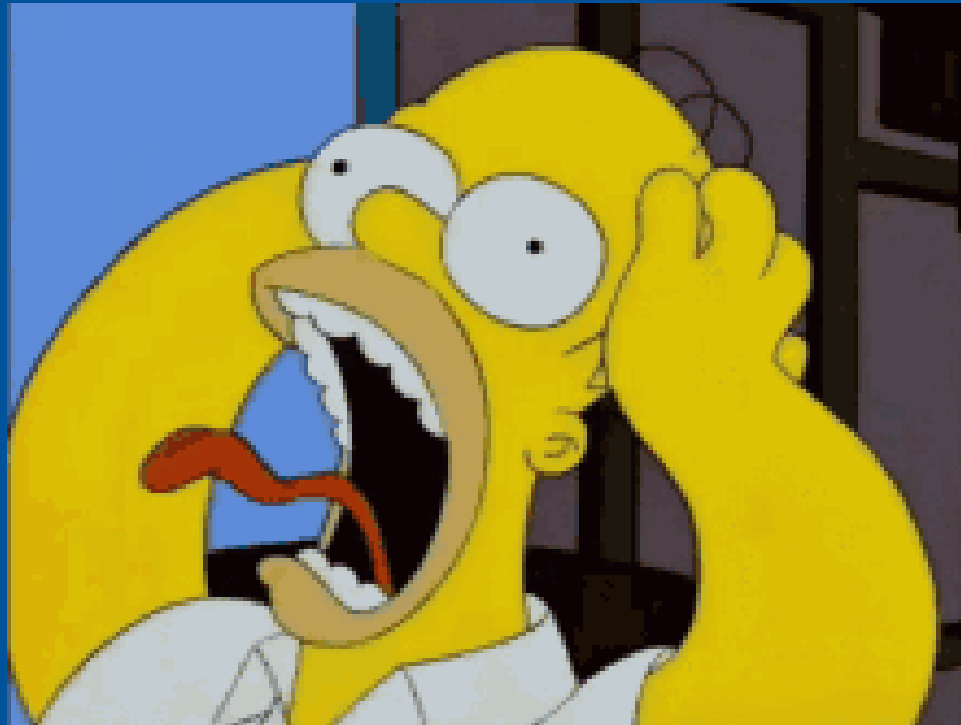
To this:

	timestamp	event	direction	protocol	source_ip	source_port	destination_ip	destination_port	interface	source_country	source_ip_asn
2	2025-08-10T03:50:01-04:00	built	inbound	tcp	192.168.1.1	46421	192.168.1.10	1521	eth0	United States	AS398756
37	2025-08-10T03:50:01-04:00	built	inbound	tcp	192.168.1.1	63081	192.168.1.10	389	eth0	United States	AS398914
39	2025-08-10T03:50:01-04:00	deny	inbound	tcp	192.168.1.1	1059	192.168.1.10	25	eth0	United States	AS8075
94	2025-08-10T03:50:02-04:00	built	inbound	tcp	192.168.1.1	46422	192.168.1.10	1521	eth0	United States	AS398756
99	2025-08-10T03:50:02-04:00	deny	inbound	tcp	192.168.1.1	25565	192.168.1.10	54660	eth0	Russia	AS50340
117	2025-08-10T03:50:02-04:00	deny	inbound	tcp	192.168.1.1	4556	192.168.1.10	443	eth0	United States	AS8075
127	2025-08-10T03:50:02-04:00	built	inbound	tcp	192.168.1.1	53558	192.168.1.10	443	eth0	United States	AS19148
129	2025-08-10T03:50:02-04:00	built	inbound	tcp	192.168.1.1	31950	192.168.1.10	22	eth0	United States	AS5719
145	2025-08-10T03:50:02-04:00	deny	inbound	tcp	192.168.1.1	25565	192.168.1.10	30634	eth0	Russia	AS50340
156	2025-08-10T03:50:02-04:00	deny	inbound	tcp	192.168.1.1	443	192.168.1.10	44756	eth0	Canada	AS36483
161	2025-08-10T03:50:02-04:00	built	inbound	tcp	192.168.1.1	53299	192.168.1.10	1521	eth0	United States	AS13536
162	2025-08-10T03:50:02-04:00	built	inbound	tcp	192.168.1.1	58787	192.168.1.10	443	eth0	Singapore	AS14061
174	2025-08-10T03:50:02-04:00	built	inbound	tcp	192.168.1.1	15456	192.168.1.10	1521	eth0	United States	AS398756
178	2025-08-10T03:50:02-04:00	deny	inbound	tcp	192.168.1.1	25565	192.168.1.10	8878	eth0	Russia	AS50340
201	2025-08-10T03:50:02-04:00	built	inbound	tcp	192.168.1.1	37384	192.168.1.10	10001	eth0	United States	AS14618

Steps before Data Analysis

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Step 1:



Scream

Step 2:



Sit and Code

Steps before Data Analysis

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Prior to Data Collection:

- Create a virtualenv on the Server to run python scripts
- Install latest version of python on it
- Create a VM for analysis purposes, and assign it a minimum of 32G of RAM
- Install the following packages and modules on it for data analysis:
 - Pandas
 - Numpy
 - Matplotlib
 - Seaborn
 - Statistics
 - Regex
 - CSV
 - Geoip2
 - Ipinfo
 - Ippaddress
 - Dask
 - Geopandas
 - Shapely.geometry
 - Plotly

Data Collection:

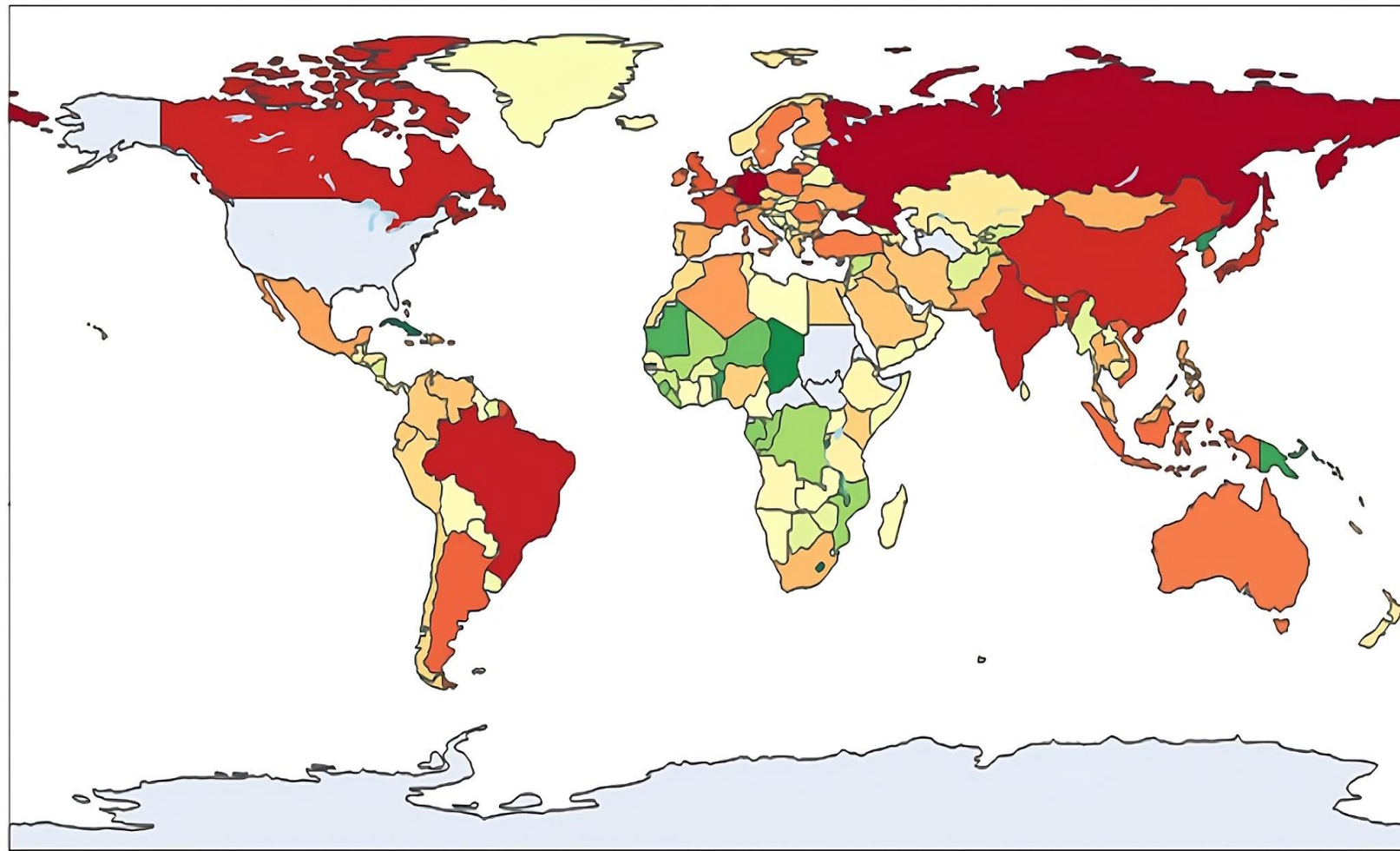
- Selecting data source
- Only filter for Built and Deny traffic for analysis
- Running python script to convert the data into the following columns:
 - Timestamp
 - Event
 - Direction
 - Protocol
 - Source_IP
 - Source_Port
 - Destination_IP
 - Destination_Port
 - Interface
- Repeating the process for 7 days worth of logs
- Moving the CSV Files to a VM from analysis

Data Refinement:

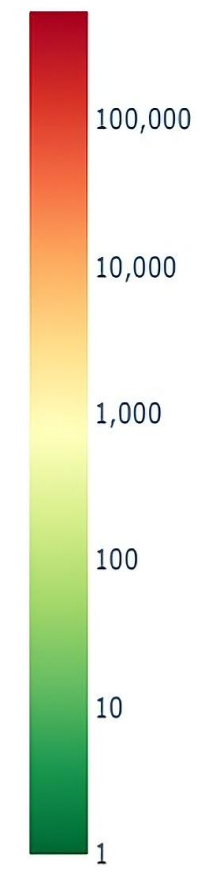
- Replacing hostname entries
- Removing private network traffic
- Utilizing .mmdb file from ipinfo to add the following columns based on the Source_IP:
 - Source_Country
 - Source_IP_ASN
- Repeating the process for 7 different .csv files
- Once this is done, you can now use the dask module to combines all the files into one large dataframe.
- Utilize this dataframe for performing data analysis.

Results of Data Analysis

Inbound traffic in 1 week (outside US)

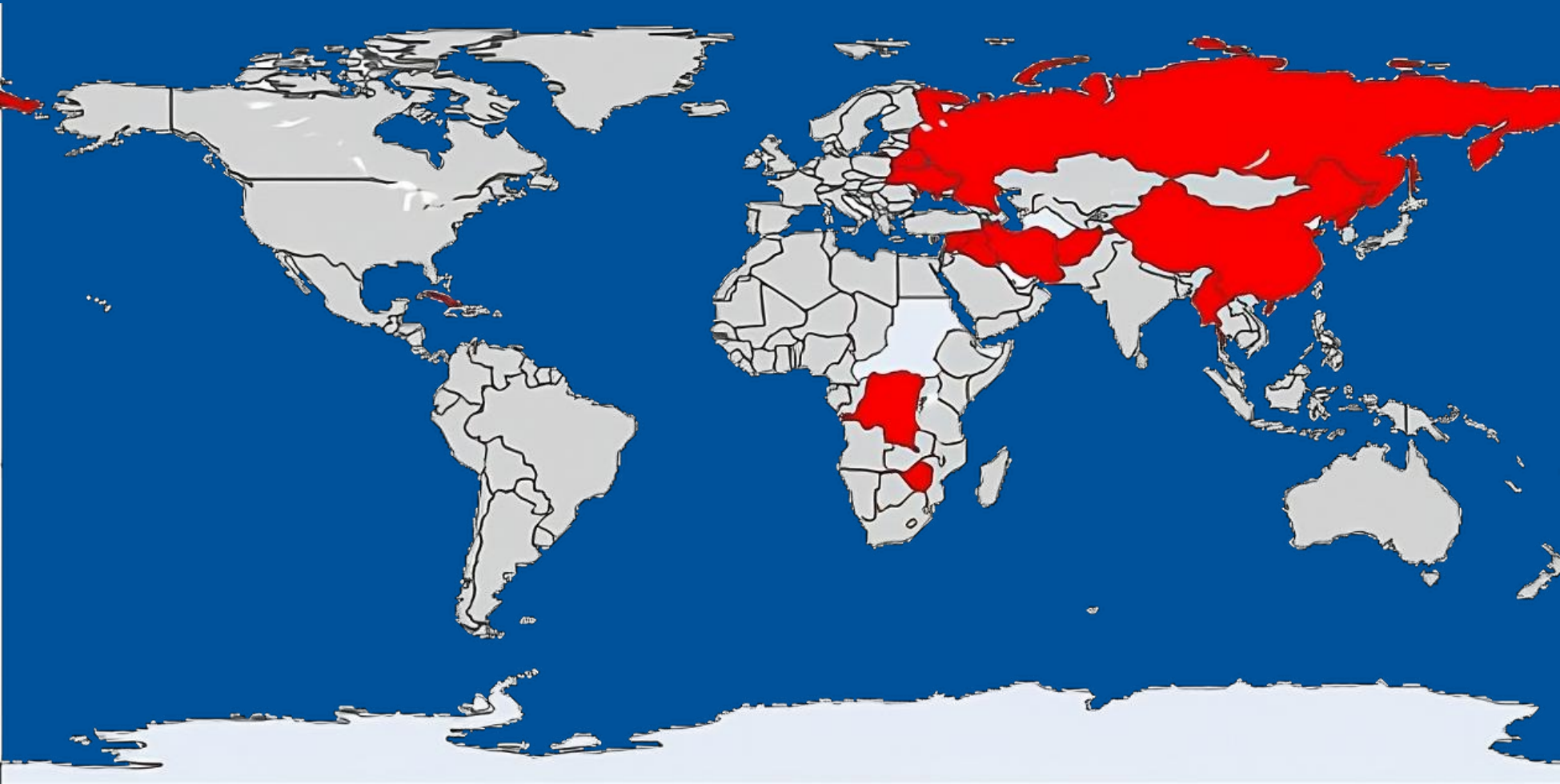


Connection Attempts



Country	Count
Germany	545534
Singapore	518507
Russia	444885
Netherlands	306293
Brazil	219204
Canada	191613
India	178670
China	159701
Japan	115664
Hong Kong	87245

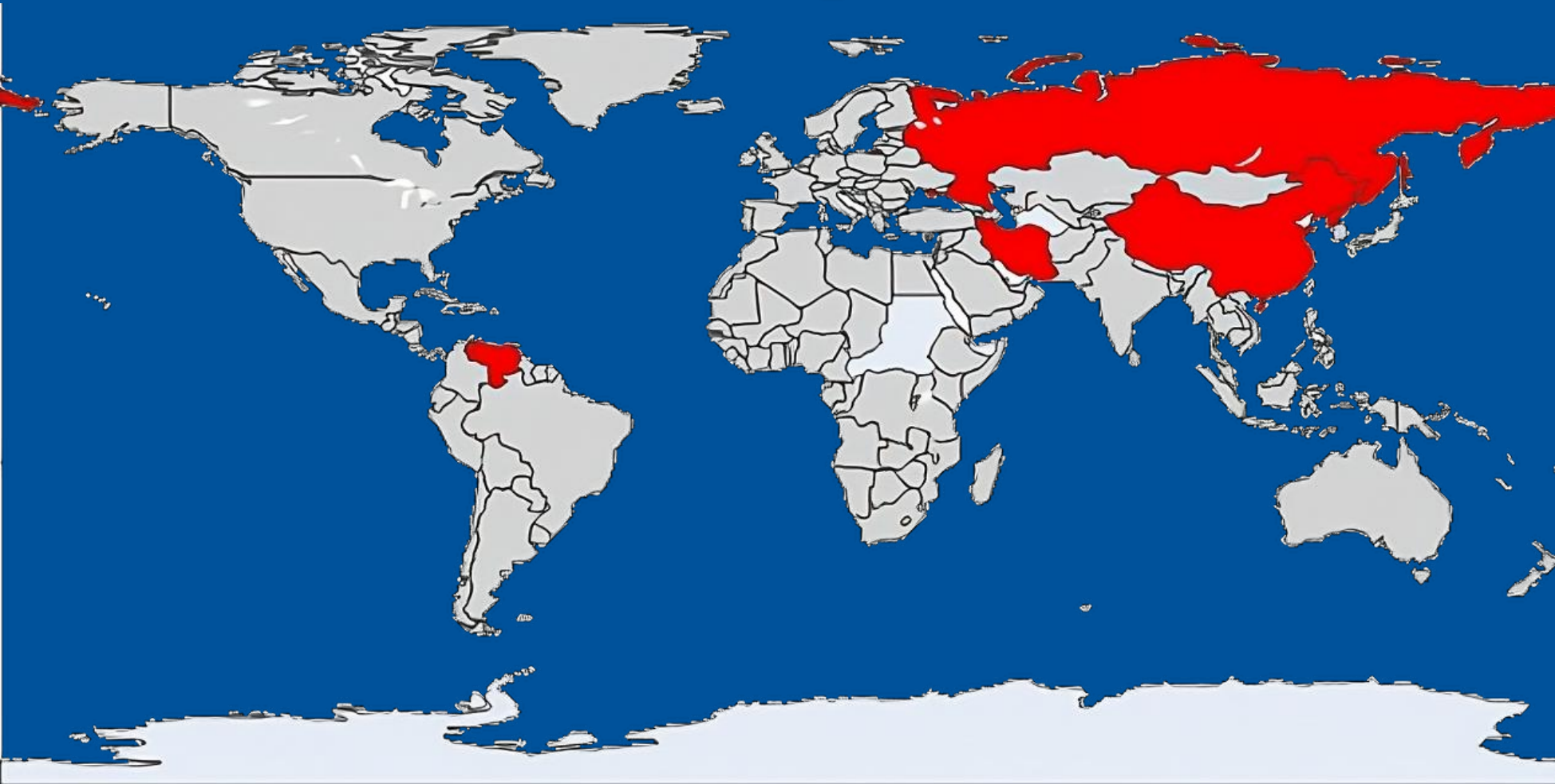
Traffic from High-Risk Countries (1/2)



Country	Count
Russia	444885
China	159701
Ukraine	13592
Iraq	7065
Iran	5432
Belarus	439
Zimbabwe	329
Myanmar	291
Afghanistan	239
Syria	114
Democratic Republic of Congo	59
North Korea	5
Cuba	2

Countries Categorized as High Risk by Cloudflare - Afghanistan, Belarus, China, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Cuba, Iran, Iraq, North Korea, Myanmar, Russia, Sudan, Syria, Ukraine, Zimbabwe.

Traffic from High-Risk Countries (2/2)

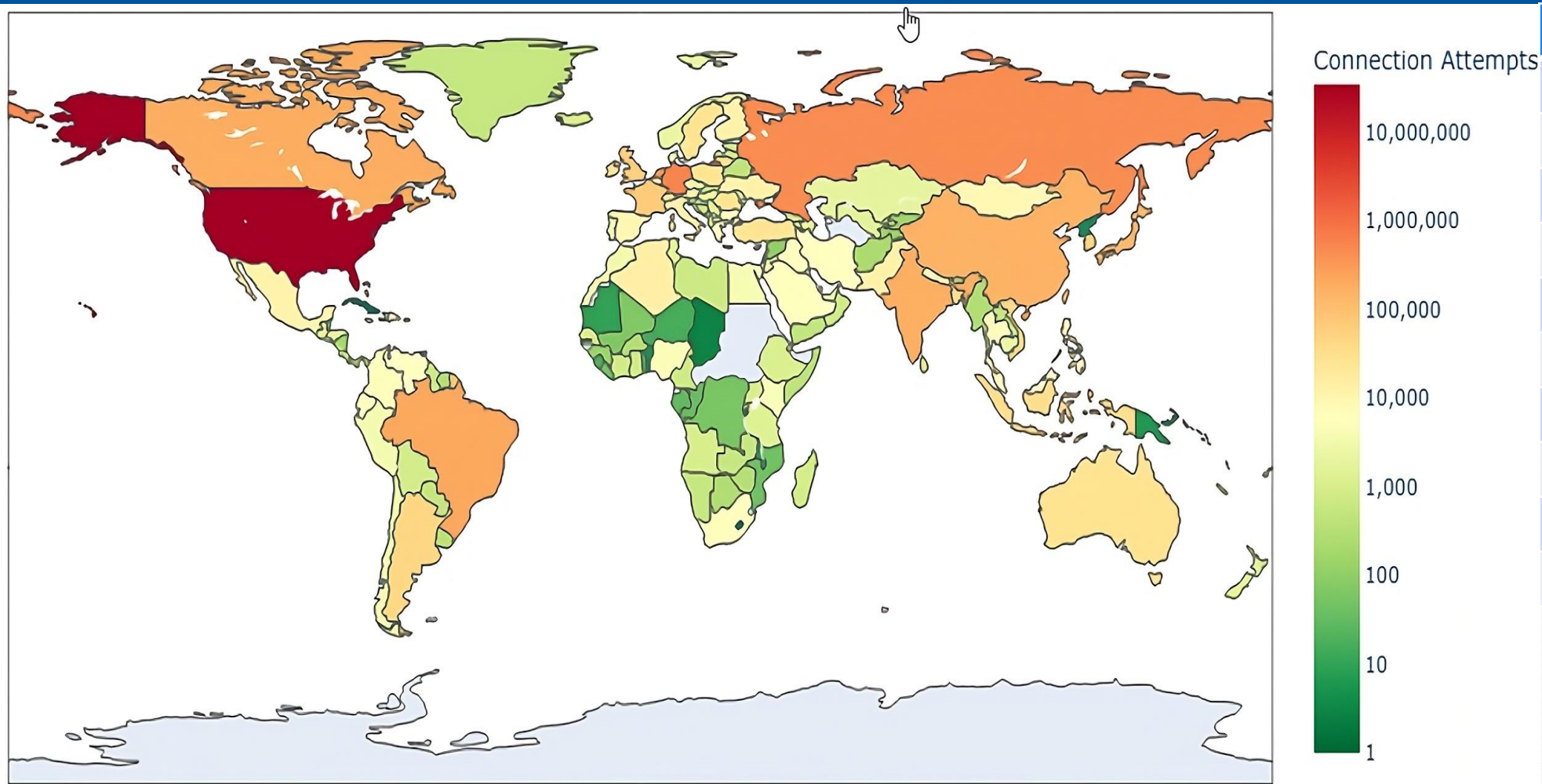


Country	Count
Russia	444885
China	159701
Venezuela	5805
Iran	5432
North Korea	5

Countries Categorized as High Risk by Executive Data Security Program Order 14117 - China, Iran, North Korea, Russia, Venezuela

Overall Traffic Analysis

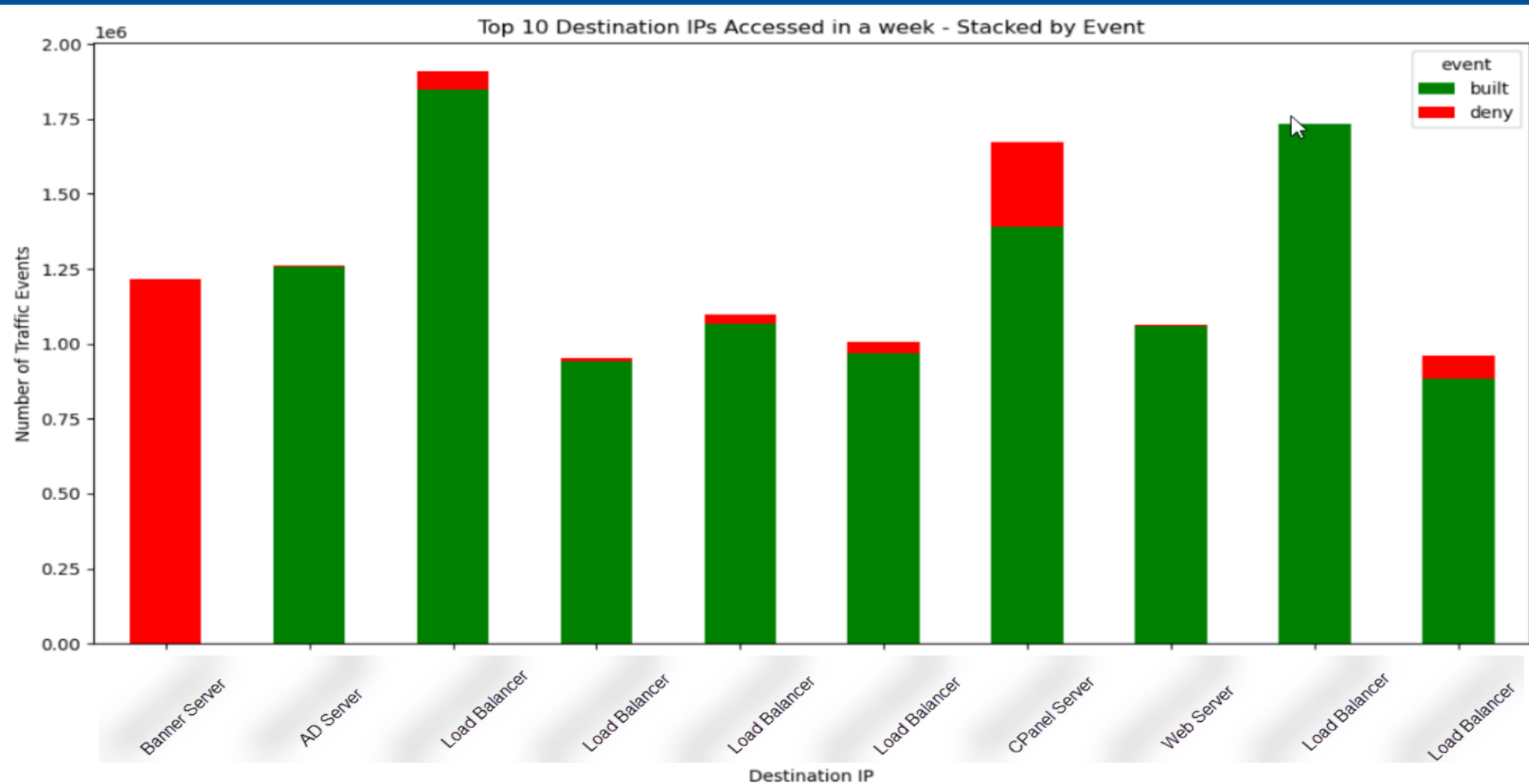
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Country	Count
United States	34672994
Germany	545534
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Russia	444885
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Overall Traffic Analysis

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Top 10 Destination Servers:

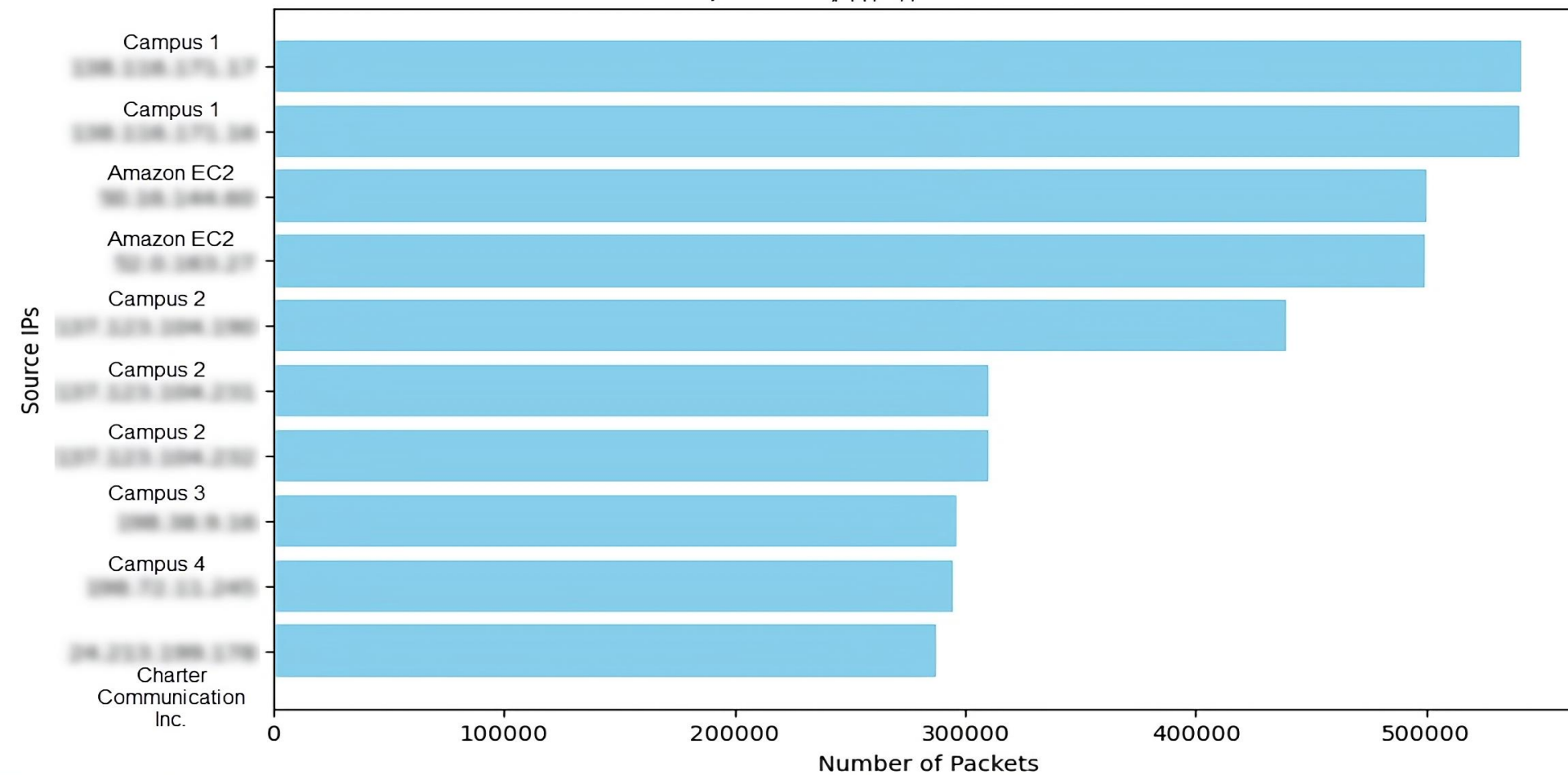
- 6 Load balancers (different Campus VLANs)
- 1 AD Server
- 1 CPanel Server
- 1 Banner Server
- 1 Web Server

Note: This is just built/deny traffic from logs.

Overall Traffic Analysis

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Top 10 Source IPs in Inbound Traffic

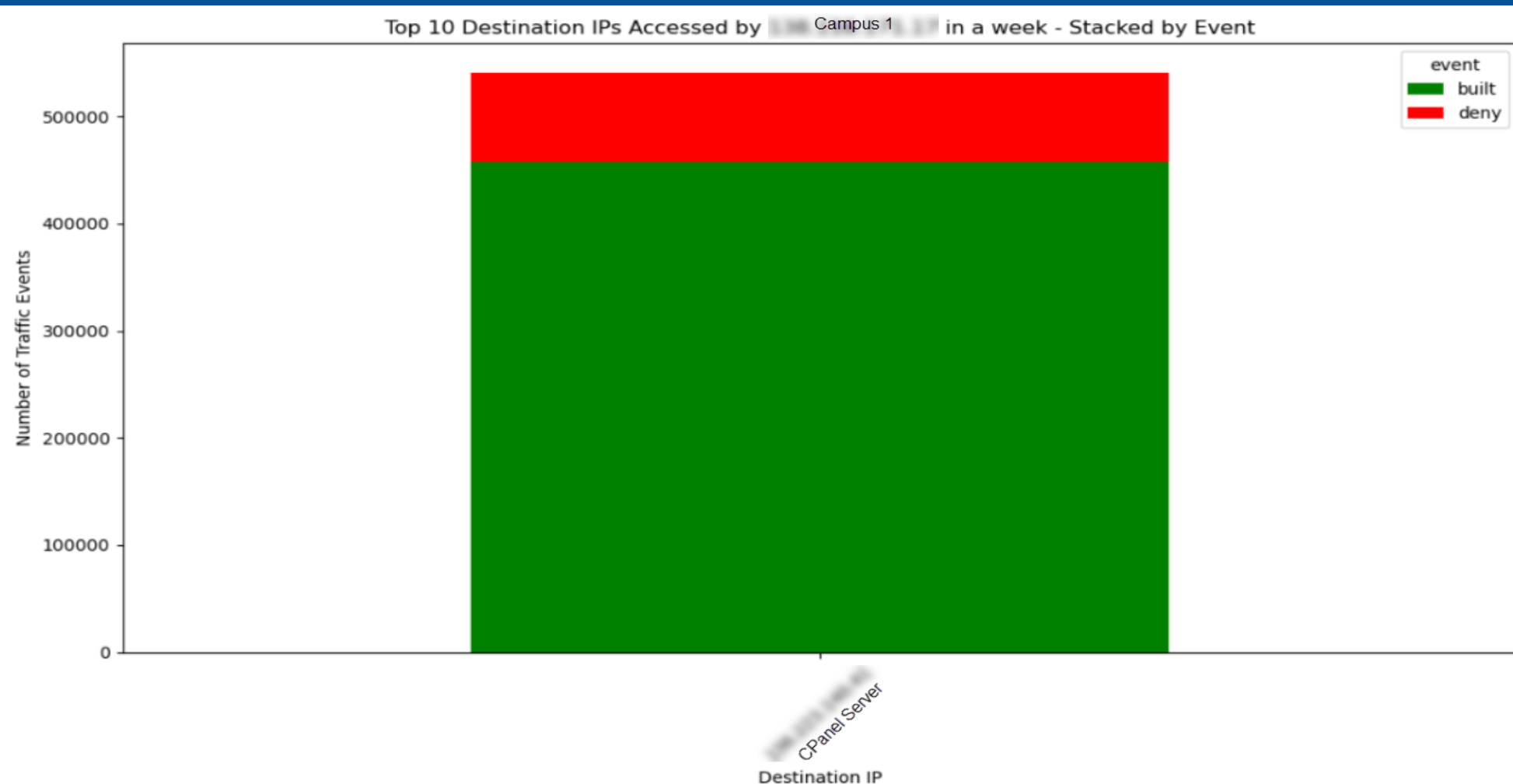


Top 10 Source IPs:

- 7 IPs belonging to 4 different campuses
- 2 IPs from Amazon EC2 instances (mostly belonging to a campus)
- 1 IP from Charter Communication Inc.

Overall Traffic Analysis

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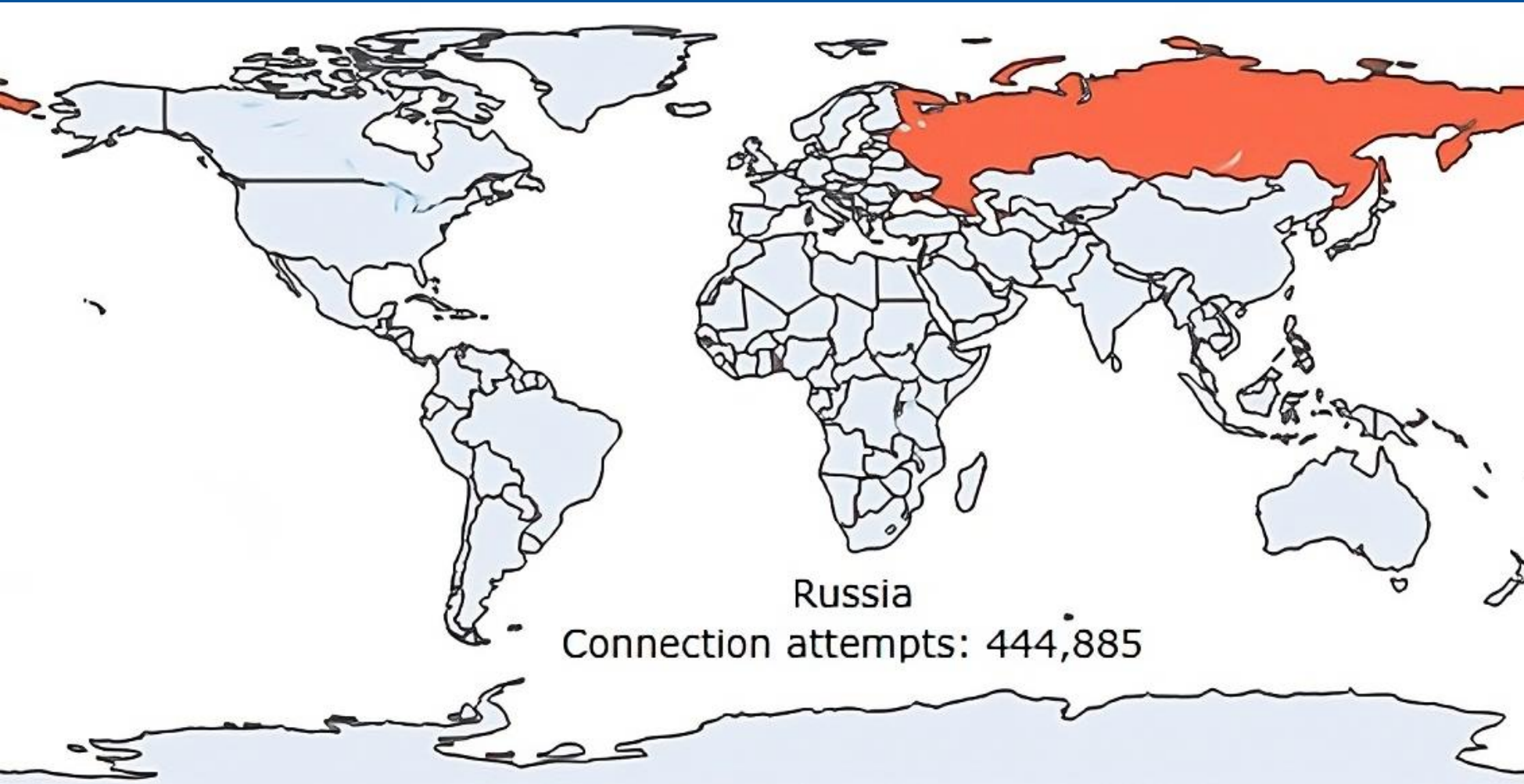


- IP from Campus 1 generated most traffic.
- All traffic from the IP was destined to the Cpanel server.

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Traffic Analysis – Russia

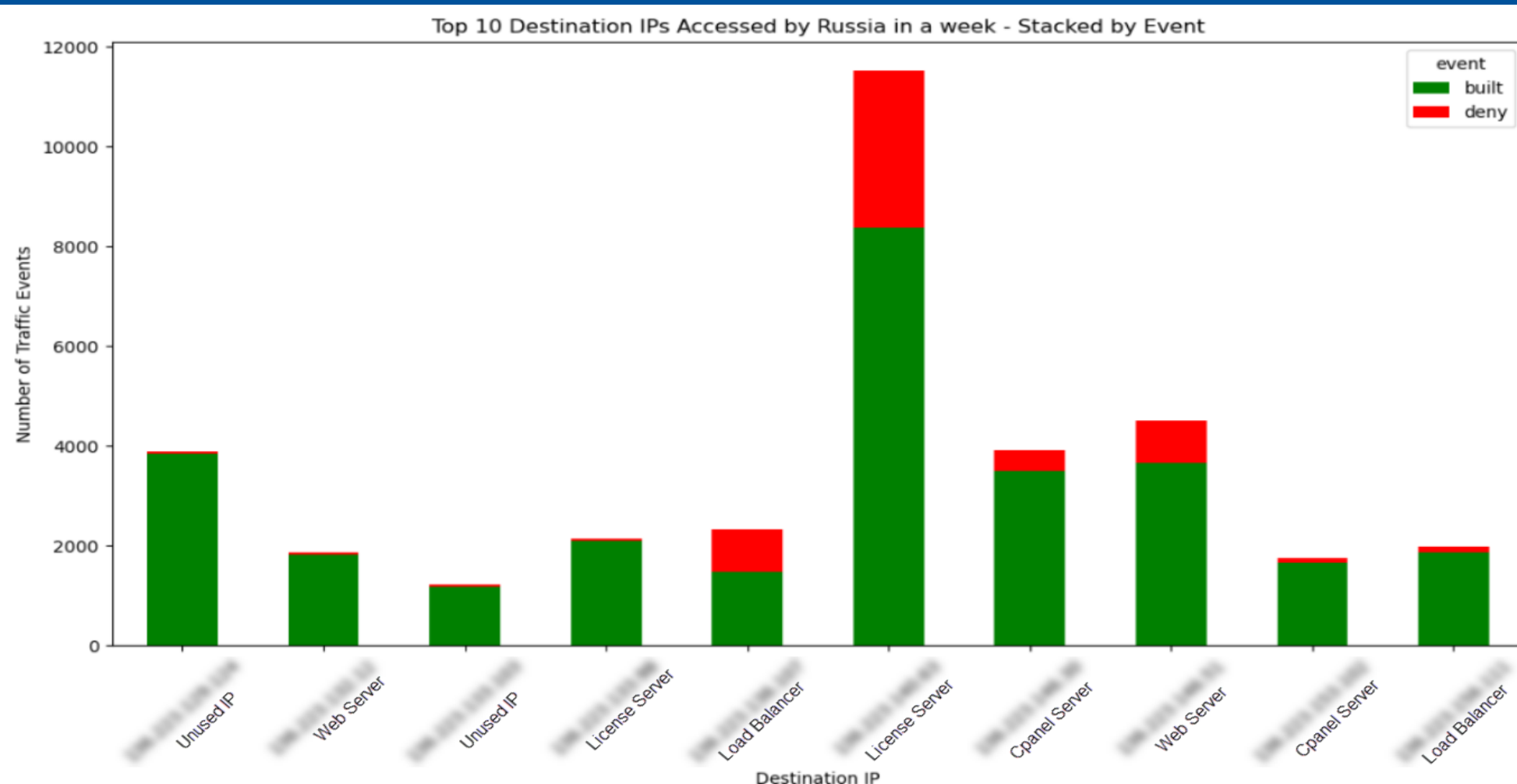
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IP	Count
185.187.90.106	260588
82.148.29.238	111172
89.111.148.109	19065
178.22.24.29	4988
141.105.66.247	4706
185.17.0.32	4190
77.83.207.168	3241
31.131.251.240	2477
45.135.232.27	1810
45.135.232.187	1655

Traffic Analysis – Russia

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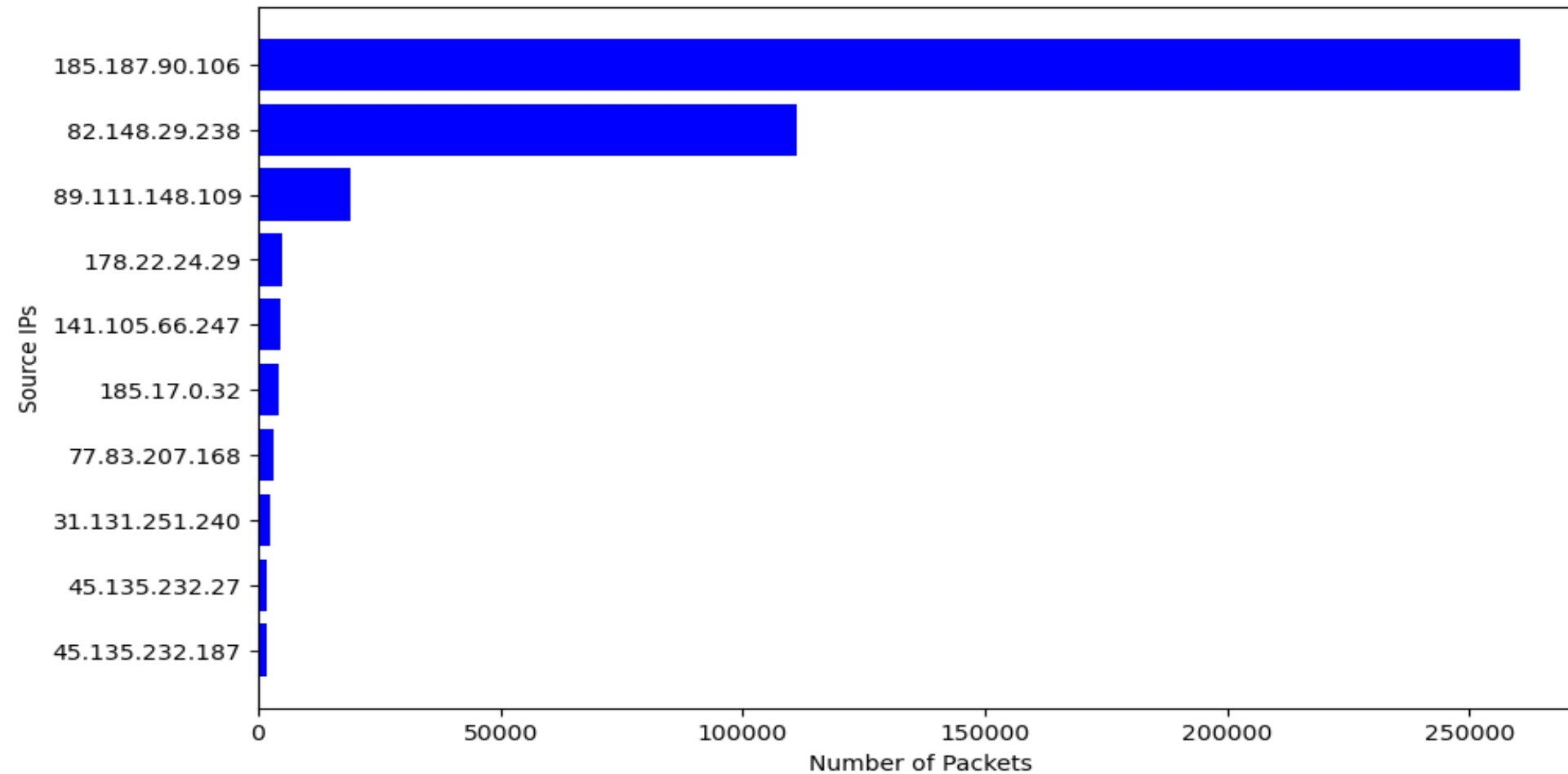
- Top 10 Destination Servers:
- 4 Load balancers (different Campus VLANs)
 - 2 CPanel Servers
 - 2 Web Servers
 - 2 License Servers

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Traffic Analysis – Russia

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Top 10 Source IPs from Russia in Inbound Traffic

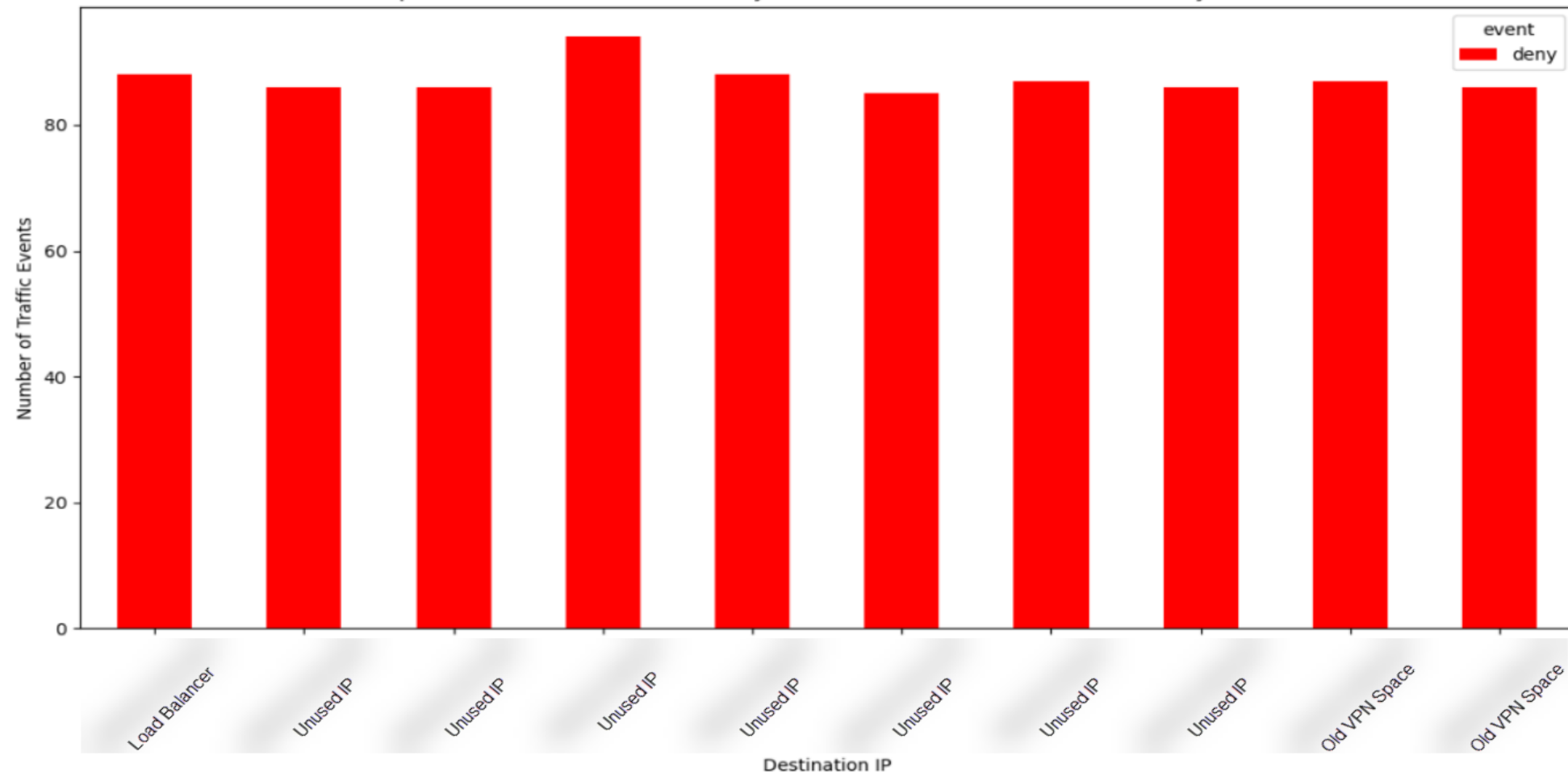


IP	Flagged for Abuse
185.187.90.106	Yes
82.148.29.238	Yes
89.111.148.109	No
178.22.24.29	No
141.105.66.247	Yes
185.17.0.32	No
77.83.207.168	No
31.131.251.240	No
45.135.232.27	No
45.135.232.187	Yes

Traffic Analysis – Russia

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Top 10 Destination IPs Accessed by 185.187.90.106 in a week - Stacked by Event



Top 10 Destination Servers for 185.187.90.106:

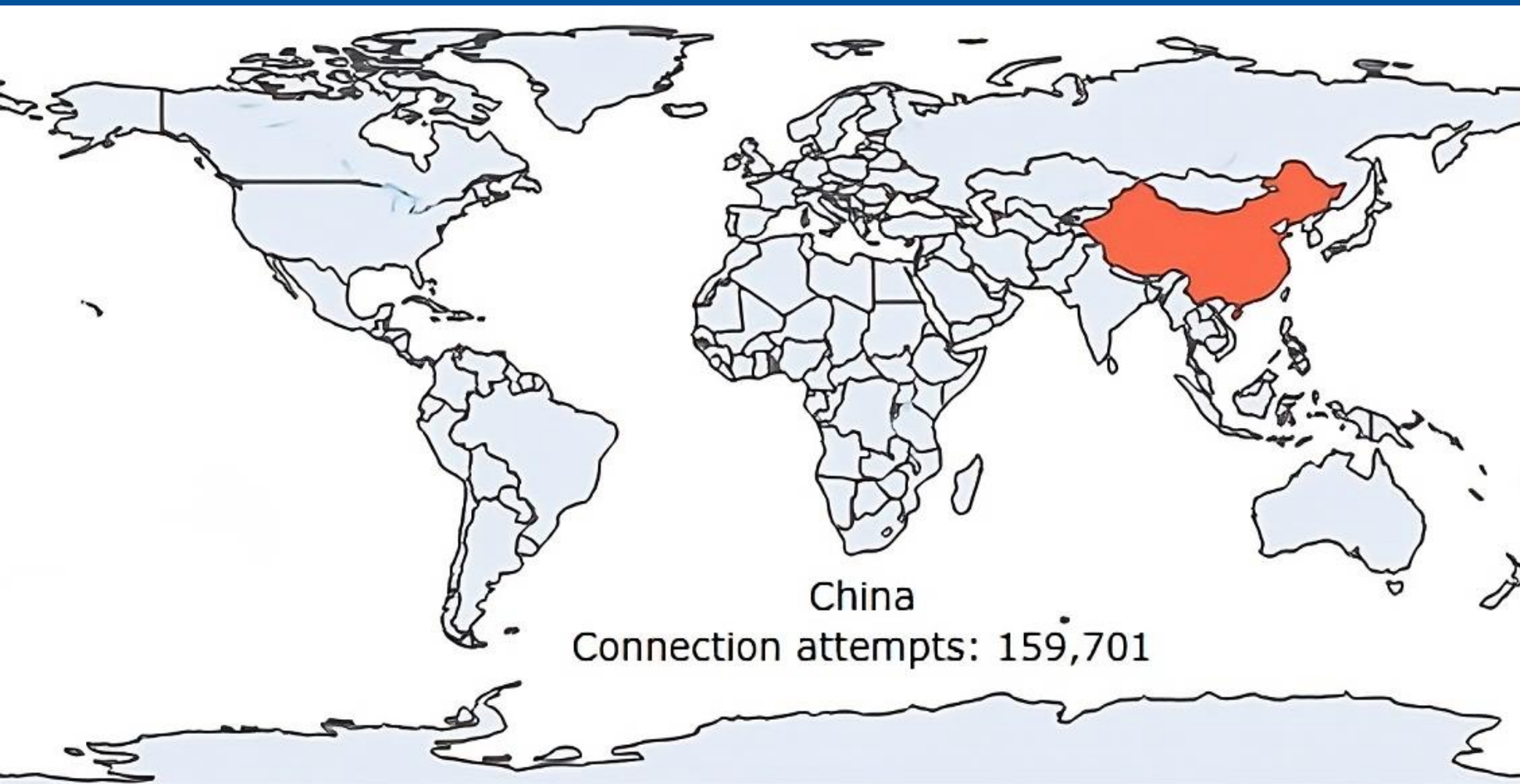
- 7 IPs were unused (different Campus VLANs)
- 1 Load balancers for a campus
- 2 IPs were in the Old VPN space

The destination port were varied for all the destination IPs. Some of them are listed here: 22409, 718, 6679, 52208, 5407, 374, 582.

Note: This is just built/deny traffic from logs.

Traffic Analysis – China

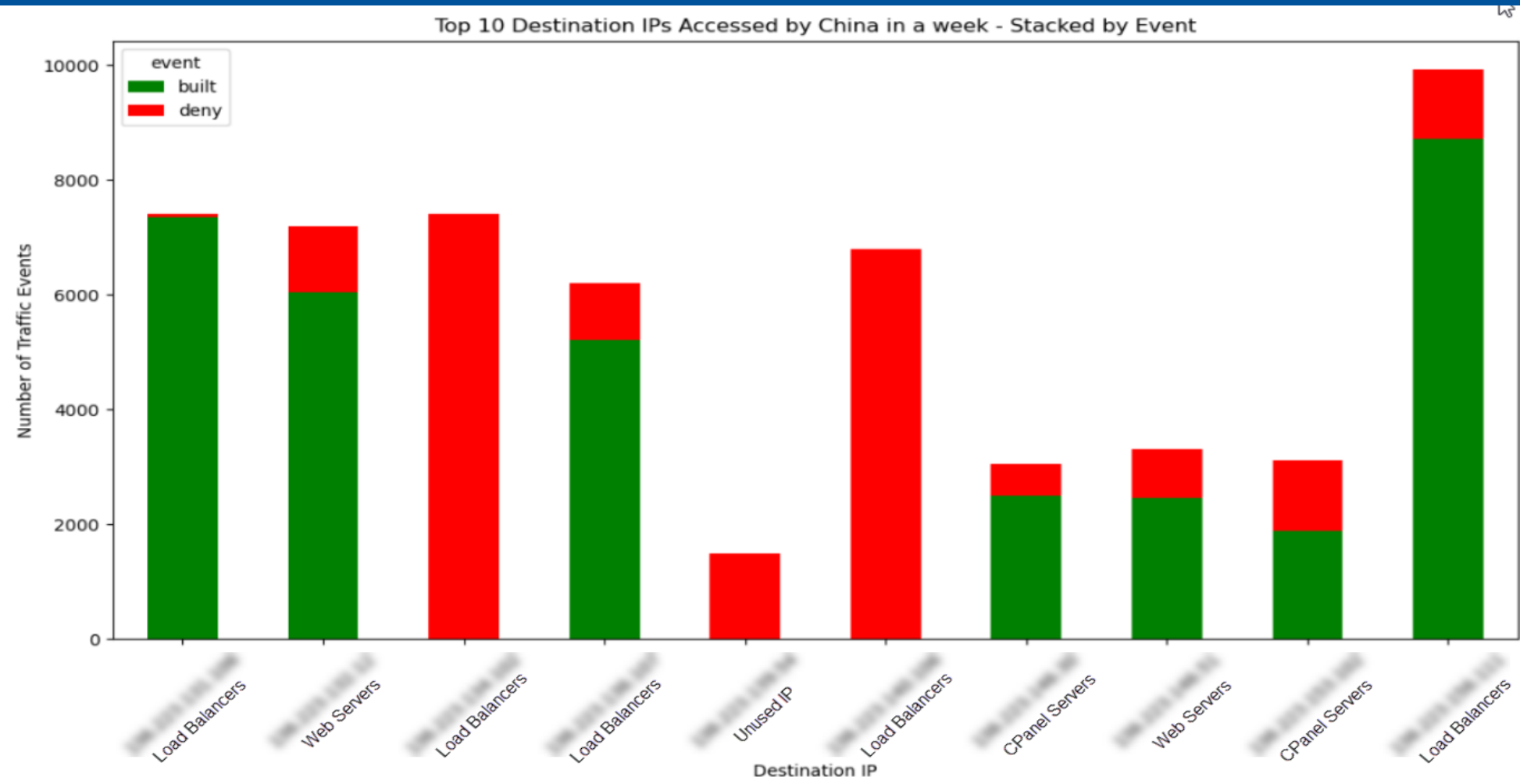
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Country	Count
117.68.67.83	11966
218.60.100.155	11671
36.150.90.83	11568
106.74.32.234	11501
119.167.174.59	9680
124.65.39.4	8137
182.242.52.190	7721
113.249.101.172	7034
157.0.3.36	5563
60.165.65.54	4974

Traffic Analysis – China

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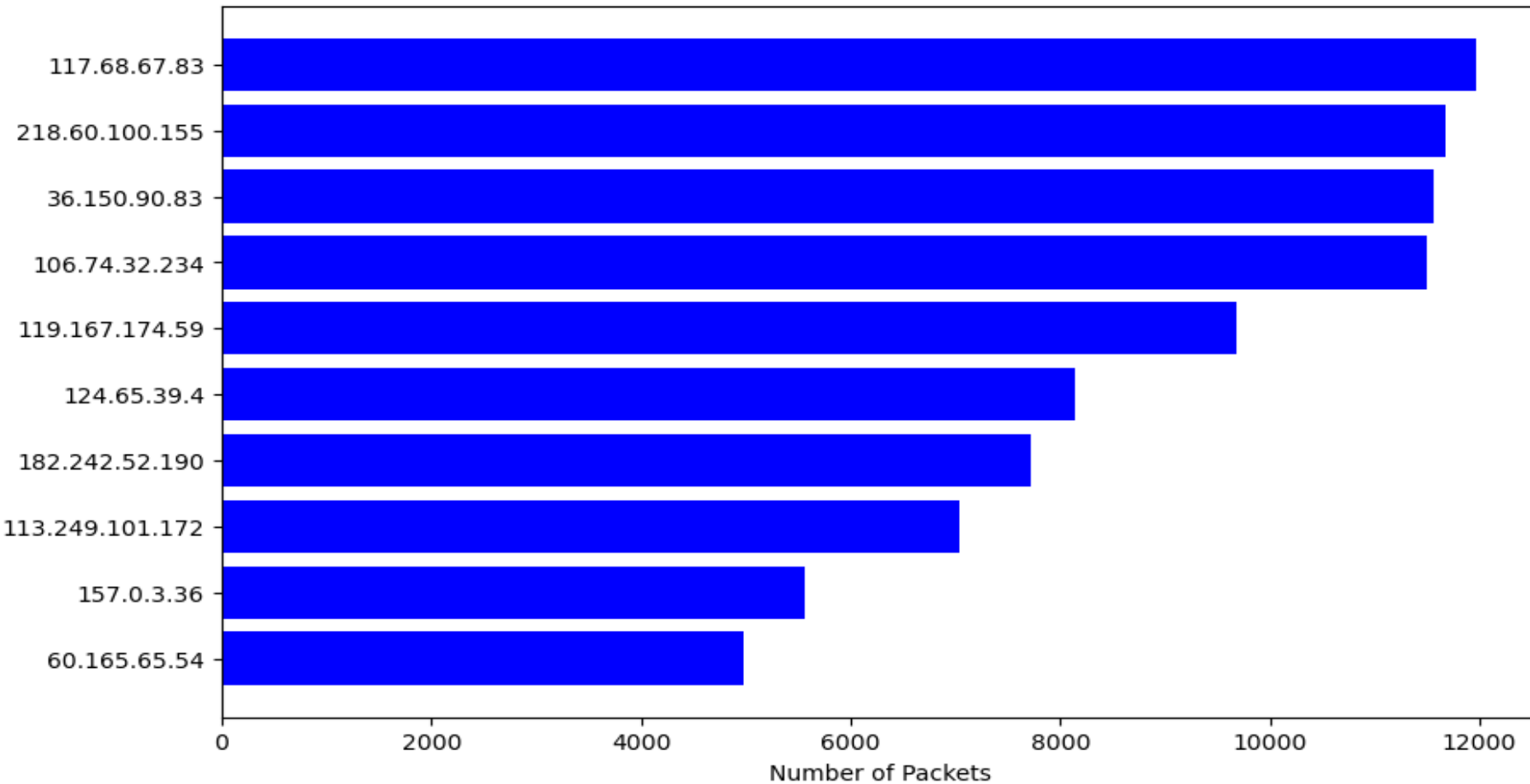
- Top 10 Destination Servers:
- 5 Load balancers (different Campus VLANs)
 - 2 CPanel Servers
 - 2 Web Servers
 - 1 Unused IP

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Traffic Analysis – China

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Top 10 Source IPs from China in Inbound Traffic

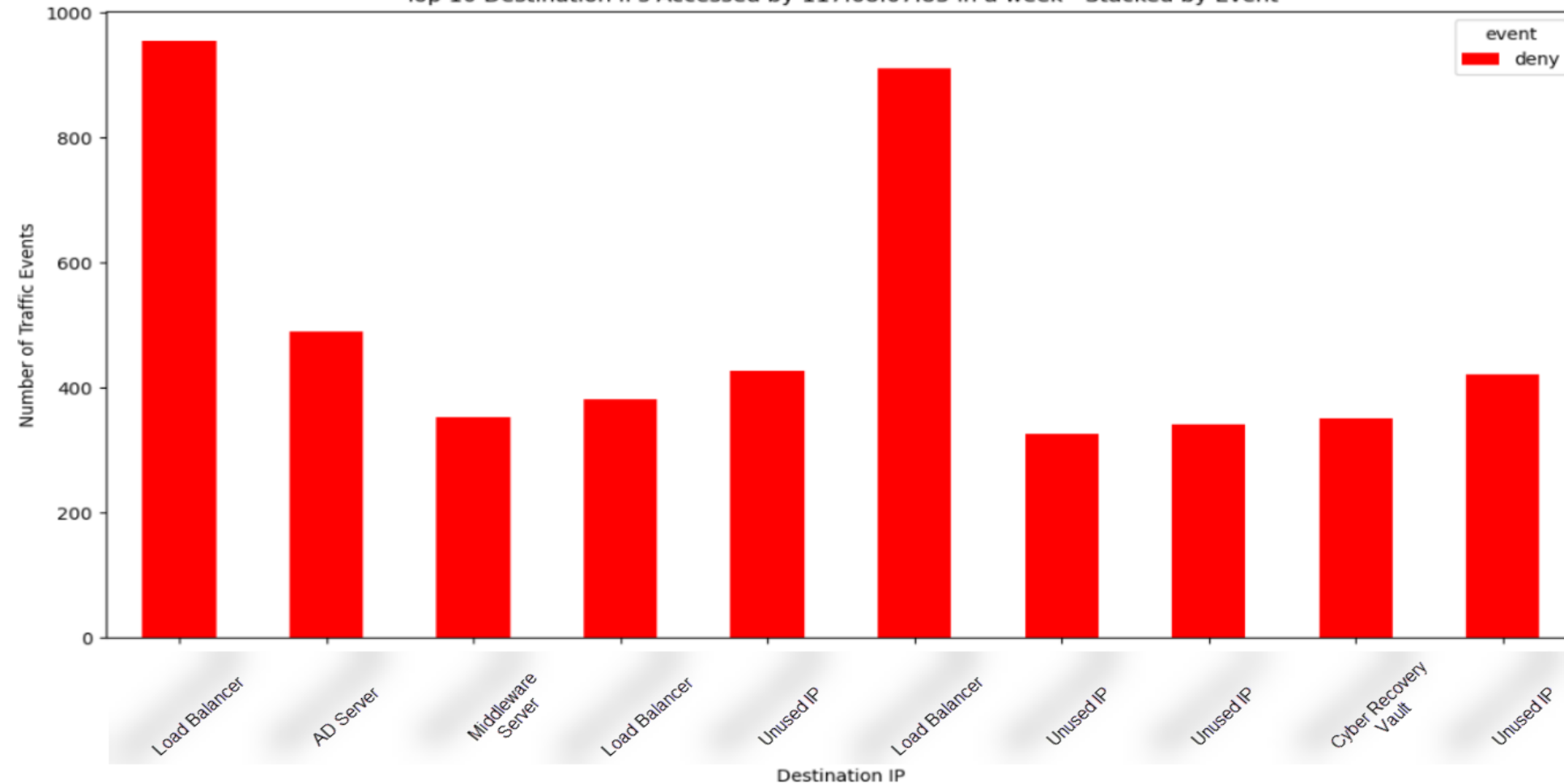


Country	Flagged for Abuse
117.68.67.83	No
218.60.100.155	No
36.150.90.83	No
106.74.32.234	No
119.167.174.59	No
124.65.39.4	Yes
182.242.52.190	No
113.249.101.172	Yes
157.0.3.36	No
60.165.65.54	No

Traffic Analysis – China

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Top 10 Destination IPs Accessed by 117.68.67.83 in a week - Stacked by Event



Top 10 Destination Servers for 117.68.67.83:

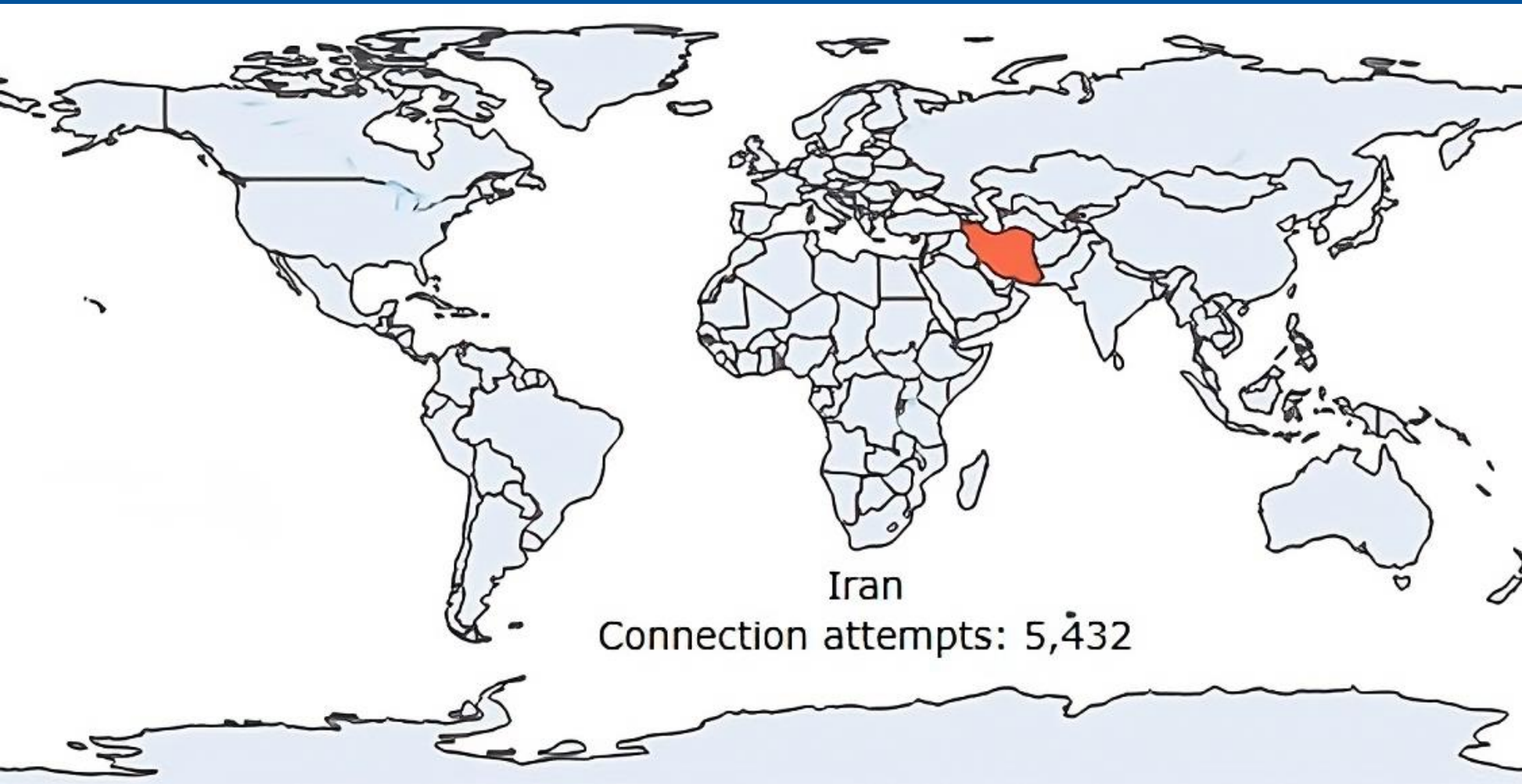
- 4 IPs were unused (different Campus VLANs)
- 3 Load balancers for a campus
- 1 AD Server
- 1 Middleware Server
- 1 Cyber Recovery Vault

The destination port were varied for all the destination IPs. Some of them are listed here: 18377, 19407, 12381, 13666, 21377, 25951, 59376, 2039, 60416, 63711.

Note: This is just built/deny traffic from logs.

Traffic Analysis – Iran

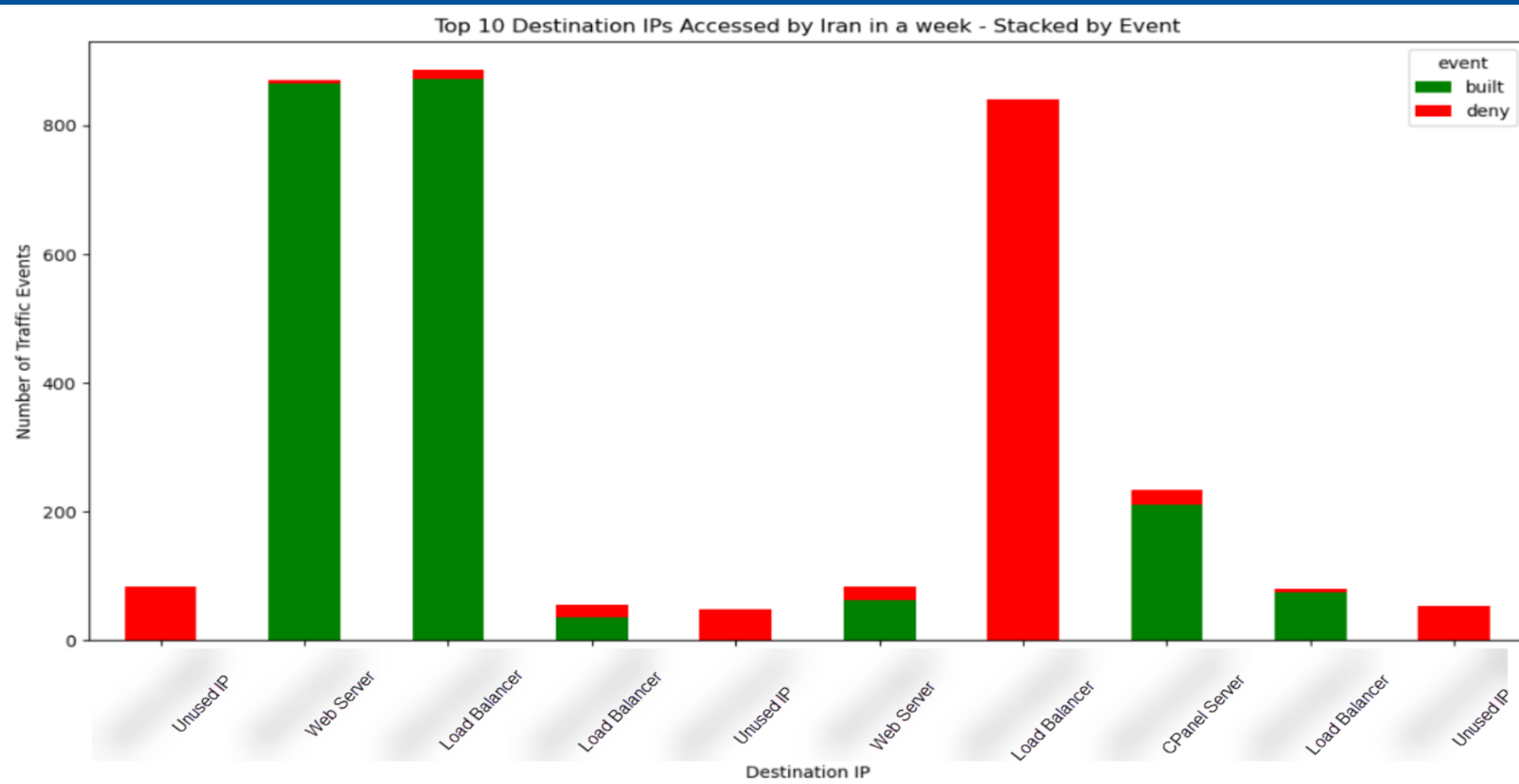
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Country	Count
185.60.136.200	1656
2.189.5.162	856
2.189.5.142	848
85.133.225.6	355
93.113.238.152	274
87.236.166.2	208
185.136.194.162	164
93.113.238.155	116
94.182.106.36	49
95.38.170.215	47

Traffic Analysis – Iran

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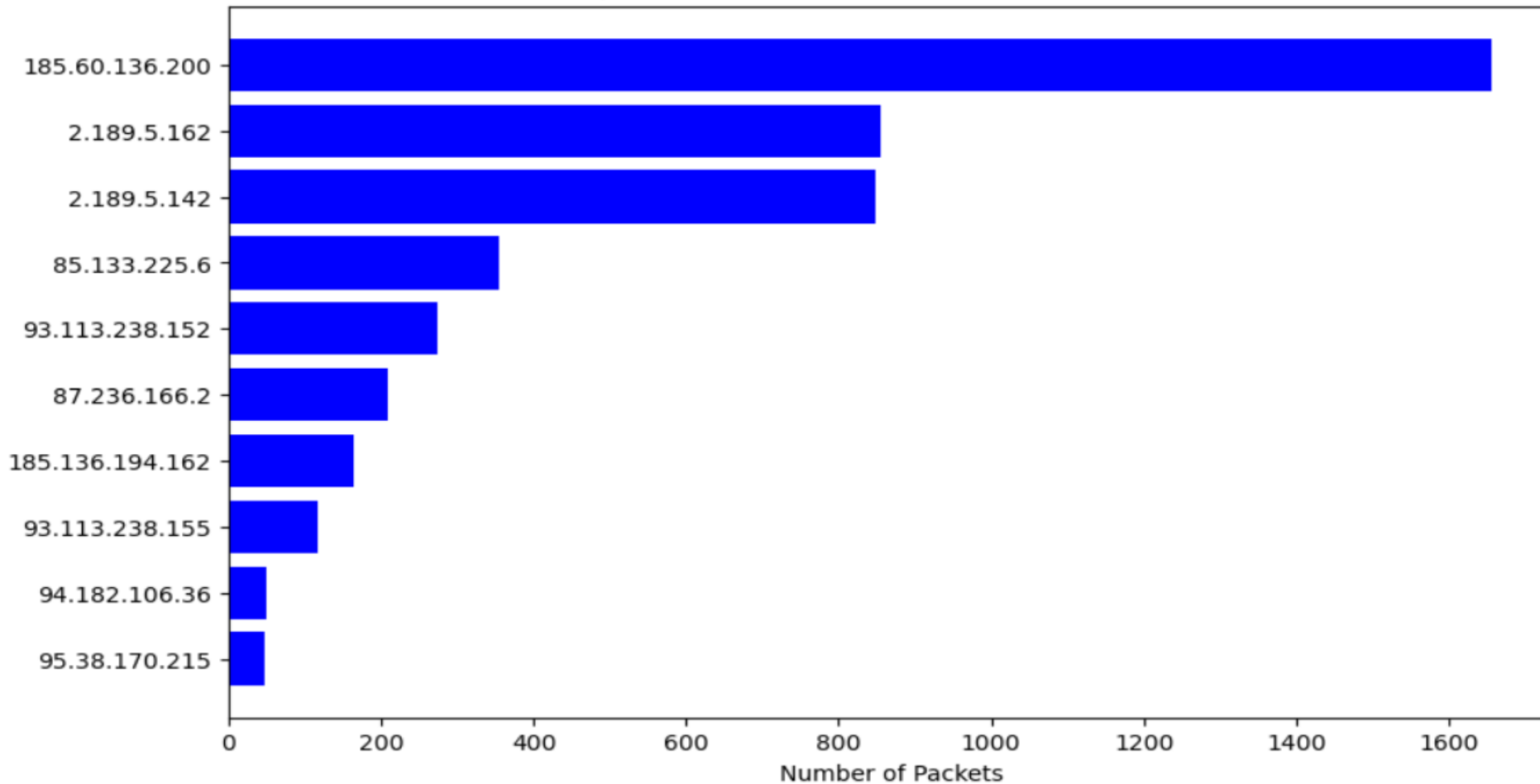
- Top 10 Destination Servers:
- 4 Load balancers (different Campus VLANs)
 - 3 Unused IP
 - 2 Web Servers
 - 1 CPanel Servers

Note: This is just built/deny traffic from logs.

Traffic Analysis – Iran

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Top 10 Source IPs from Iran in Inbound Traffic

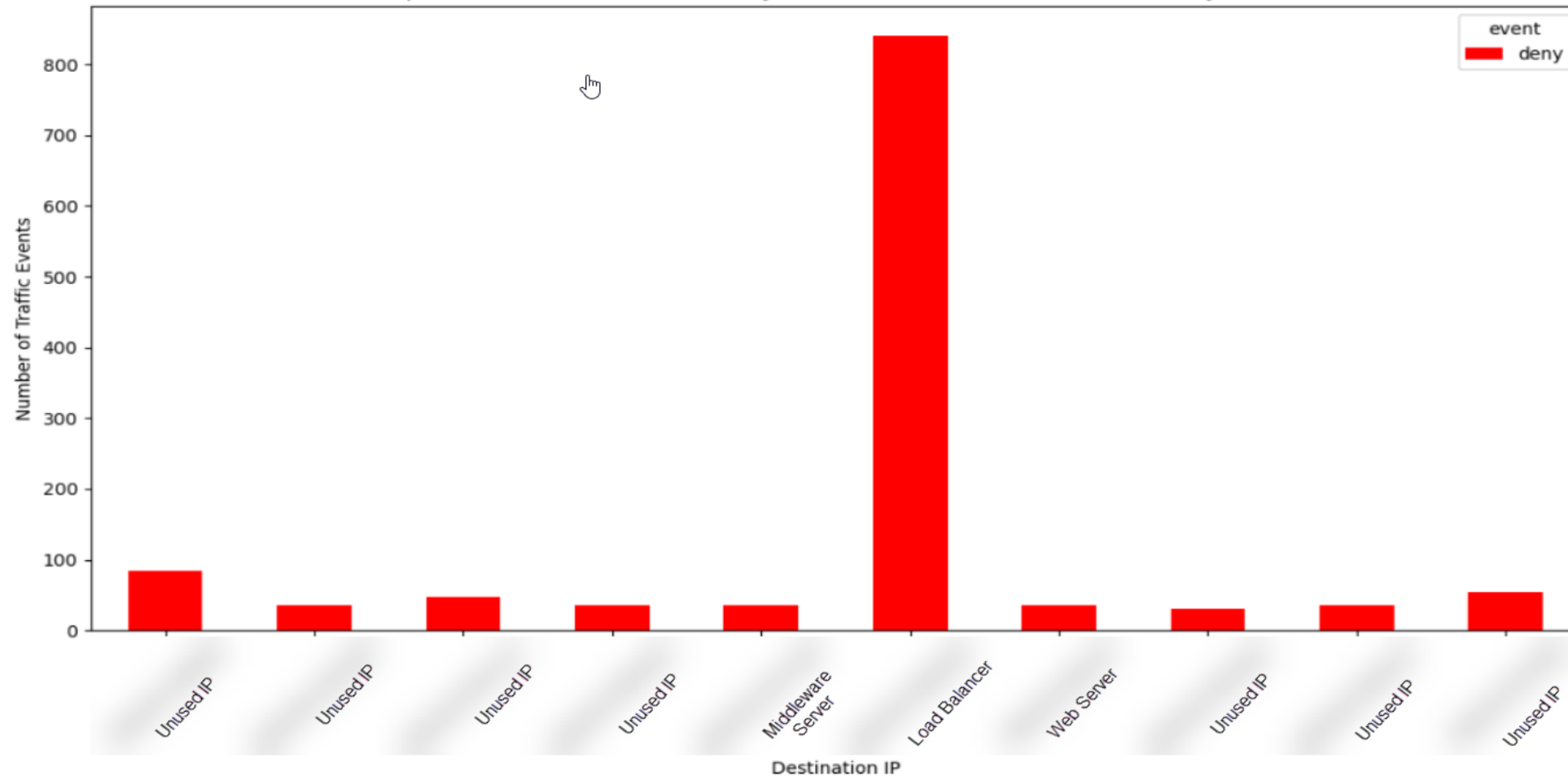


Country	Flagged for Abuse
185.60.136.200	Yes
2.189.5.162	Yes
2.189.5.142	Yes
85.133.225.6	Yes
93.113.238.152	No
87.236.166.2	Yes
185.136.194.162	Yes
93.113.238.155	No
94.182.106.36	Yes
95.38.170.215	Yes

Traffic Analysis – Iran

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Top 10 Destination IPs Accessed by 185.60.136.200 in a week - Stacked by Event



Top 10 Destination Servers for 185.60.136.200:

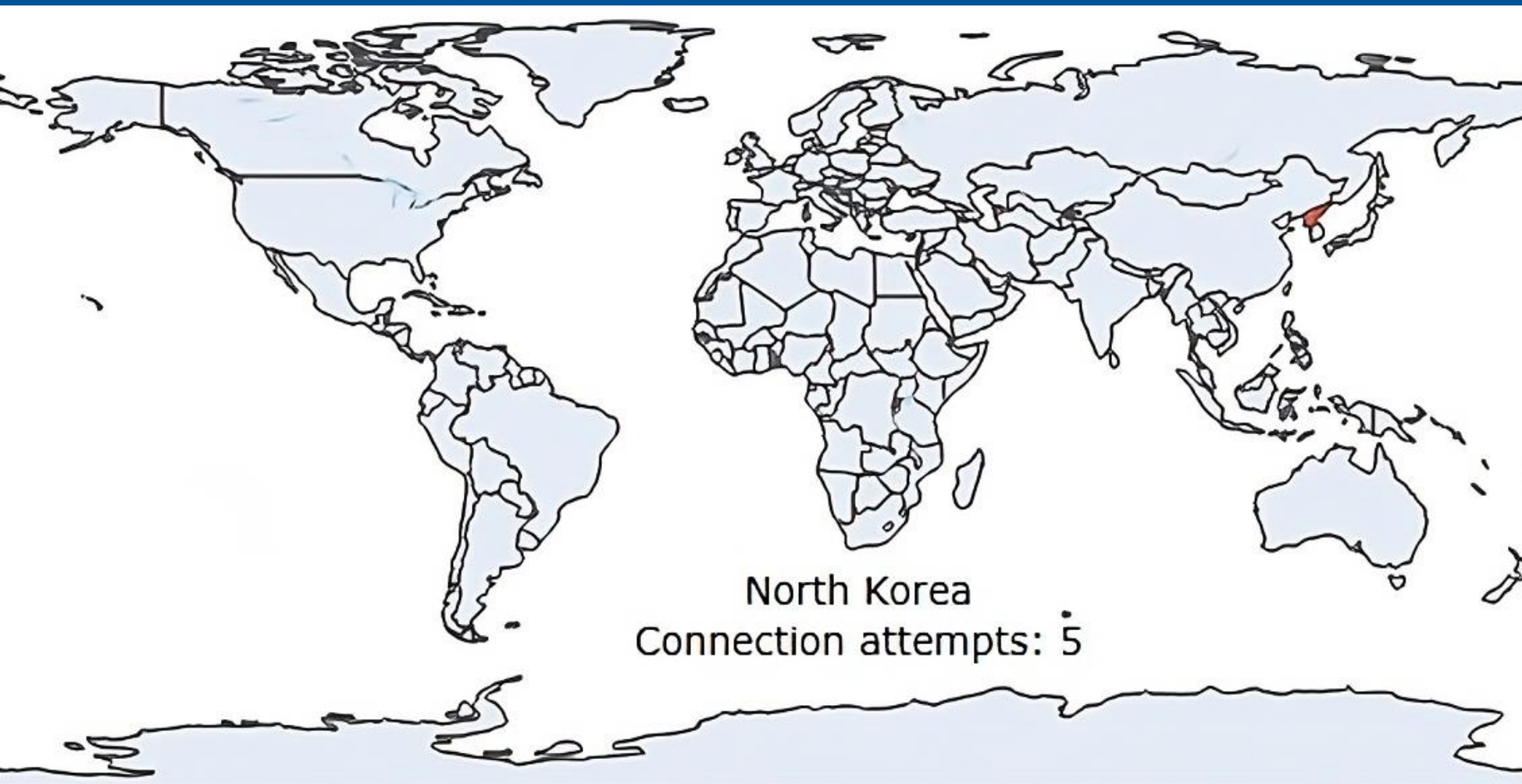
- 7 IPs were unused (different Campus VLANs)
- 1 Load balancer for a campus
- 1 Middleware Server
- 1 Web Server

The destination port was 22 for all the events related to the IP generating the most traffic.

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Traffic Analysis – North Korea

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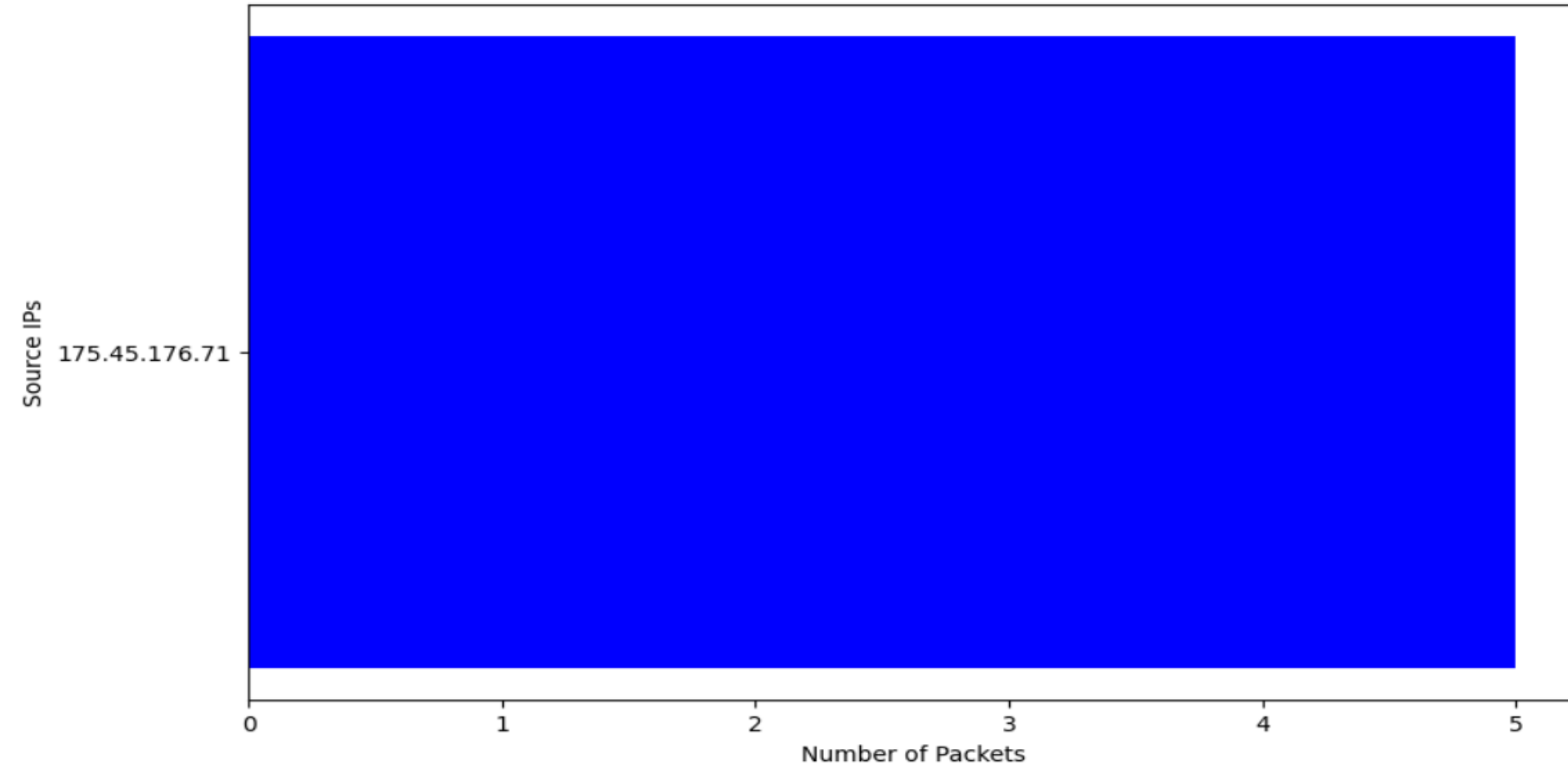


Country	Count
185.60.136.200	5

Traffic Analysis – North Korea

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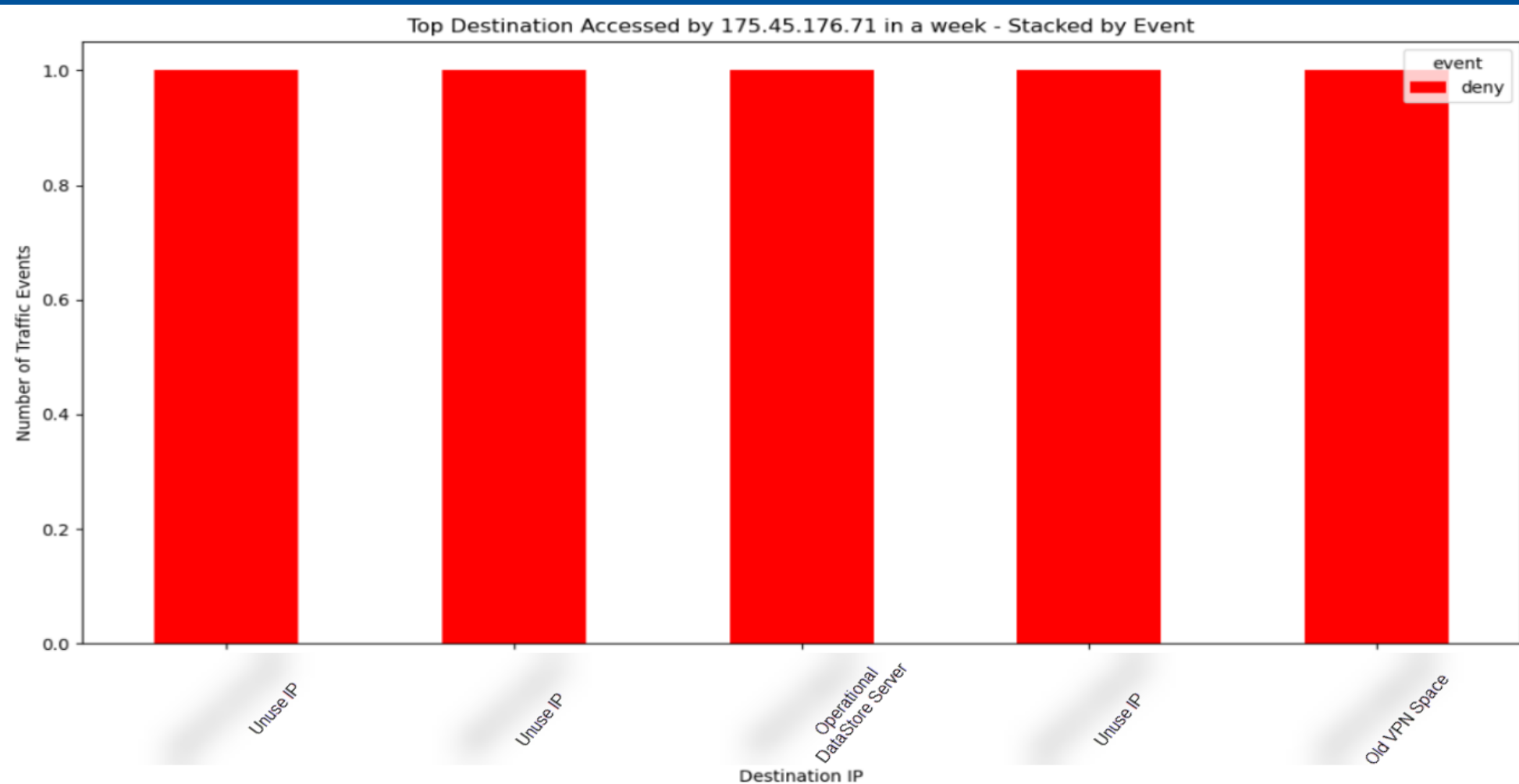
Top 10 Source IPs from North Korea in Inbound Traffic



Country	Flagged for Abuse
185.60.136.200	No

Traffic Analysis – North Korea

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Top 10 Destination Servers for 175.45.176.71:

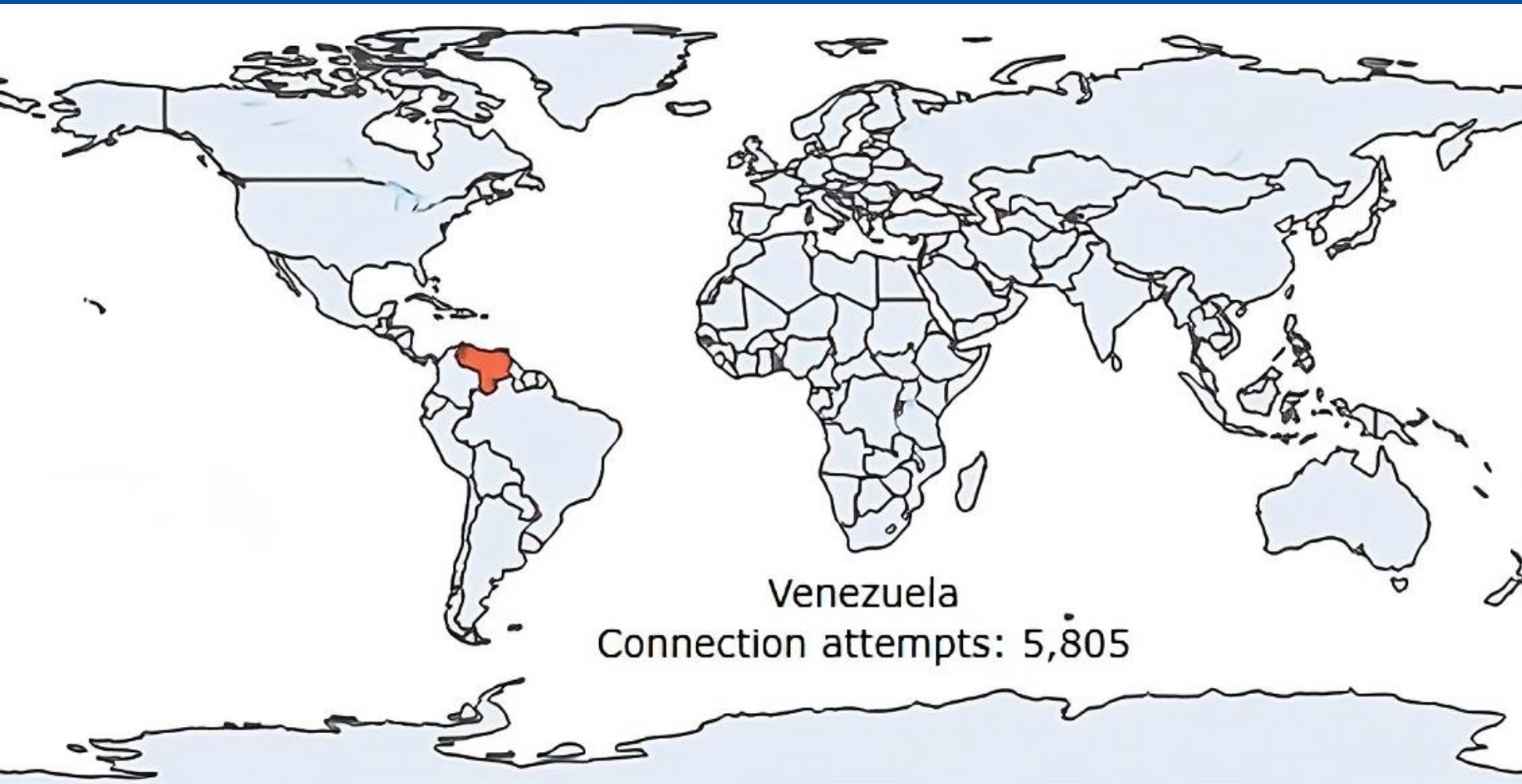
- 3 IPs were unused (different Campus VLANs)
- 1 Operational DataStore Sever
- 1 IP in old VPN Space

The destination port were varied for all the destination IPs. Some of them are listed here: 58413, 64695, 22731, 45871, 38129.

Note: This is just built/deny traffic from logs.

Traffic Analysis – Venezuela

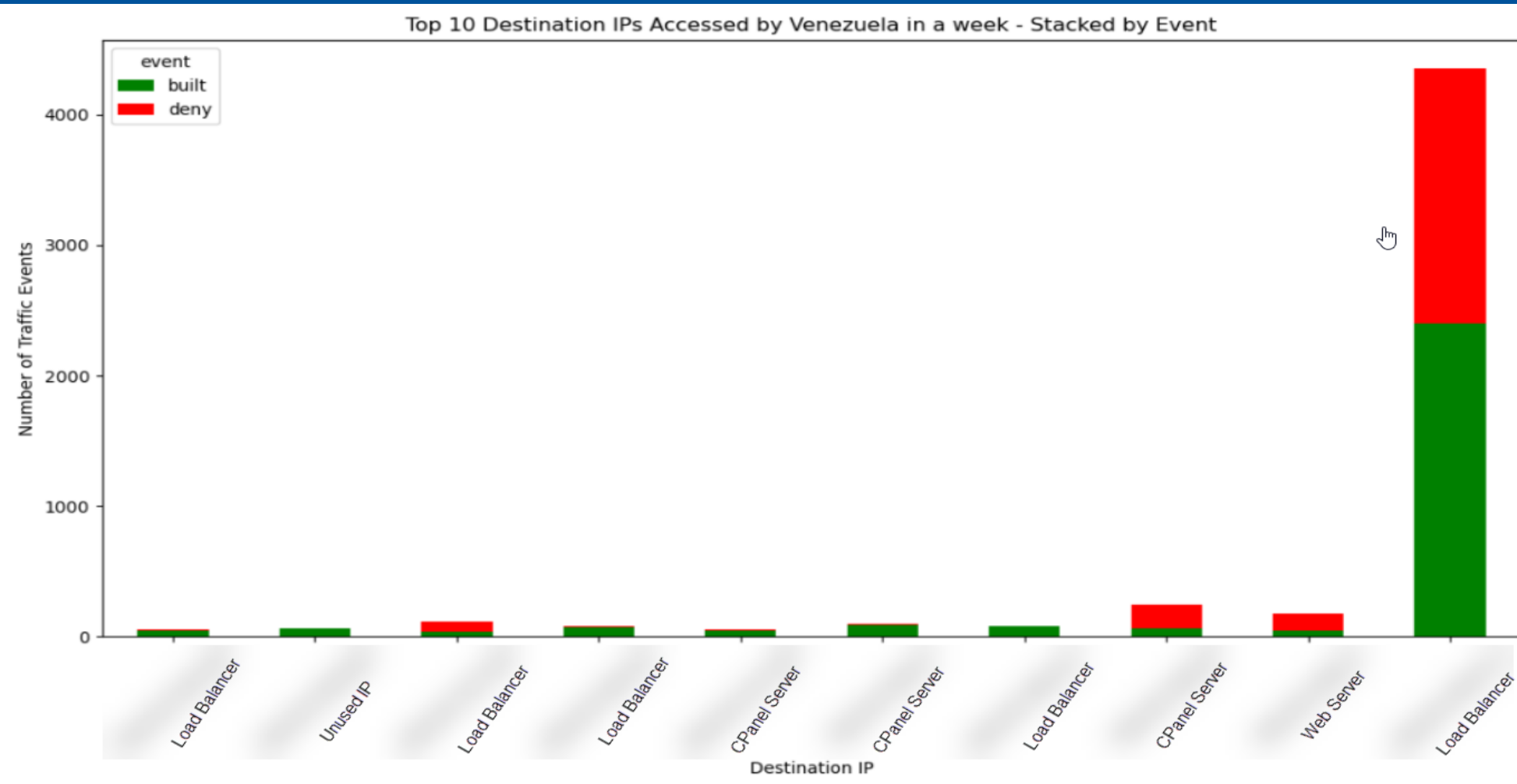
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Country	Count
200.82.188.135	164
181.208.183.224	122
190.203.111.130	110
190.97.226.221	109
45.175.36.1	84
181.208.29.230	83
170.81.145.5	75
170.81.145.187	72
186.185.41.70	64
82.86.131.60	62

Traffic Analysis – Venezuela

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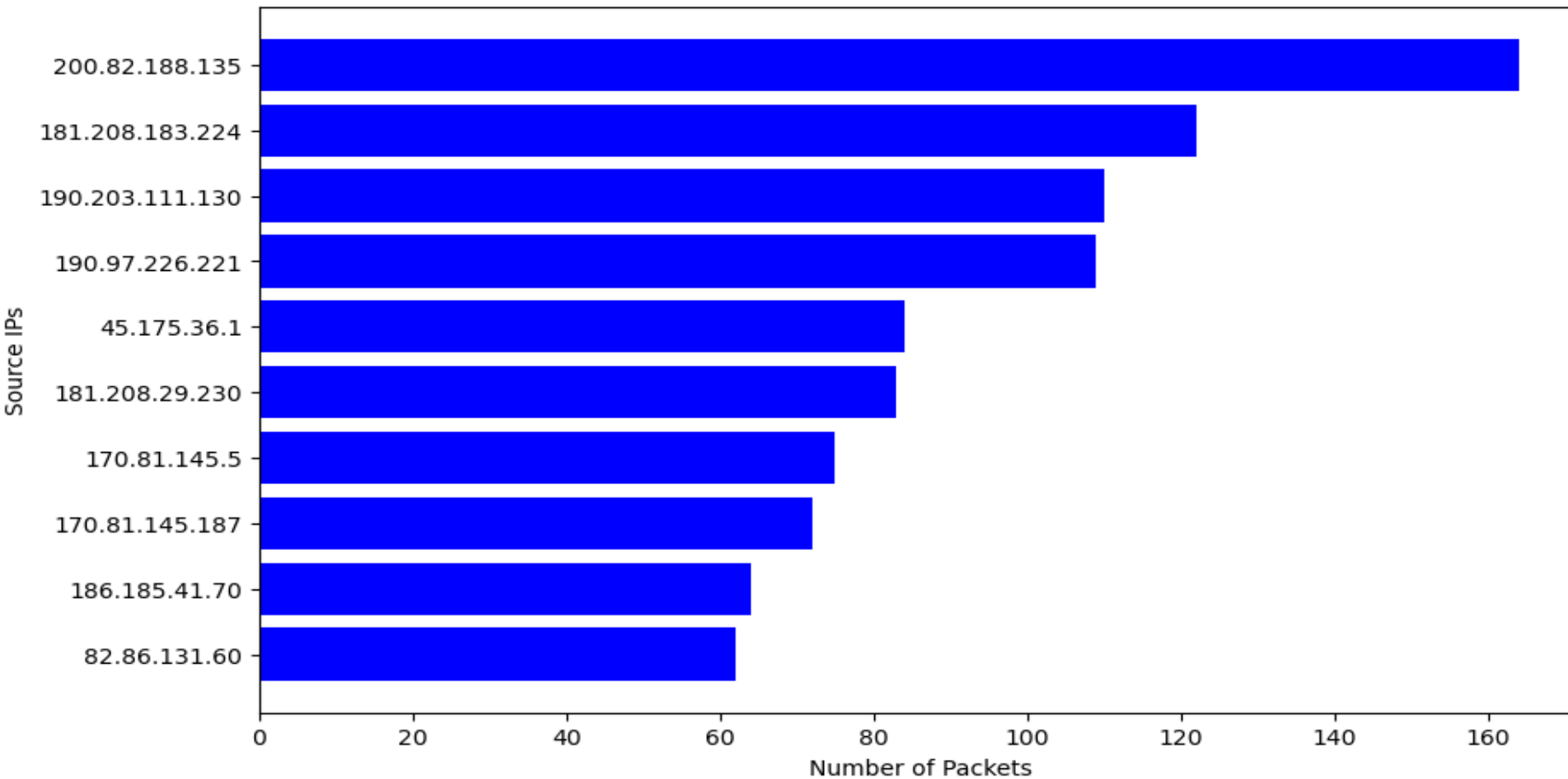
- Top 10 Destination Servers:
- 5 Load balancers (different Campus VLANs)
 - 3 CPanel Servers
 - 1 Web Servers
 - 1 Unused IP

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Traffic Analysis – Venezuela

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Top 10 Source IPs from Venezuela in Inbound Traffic

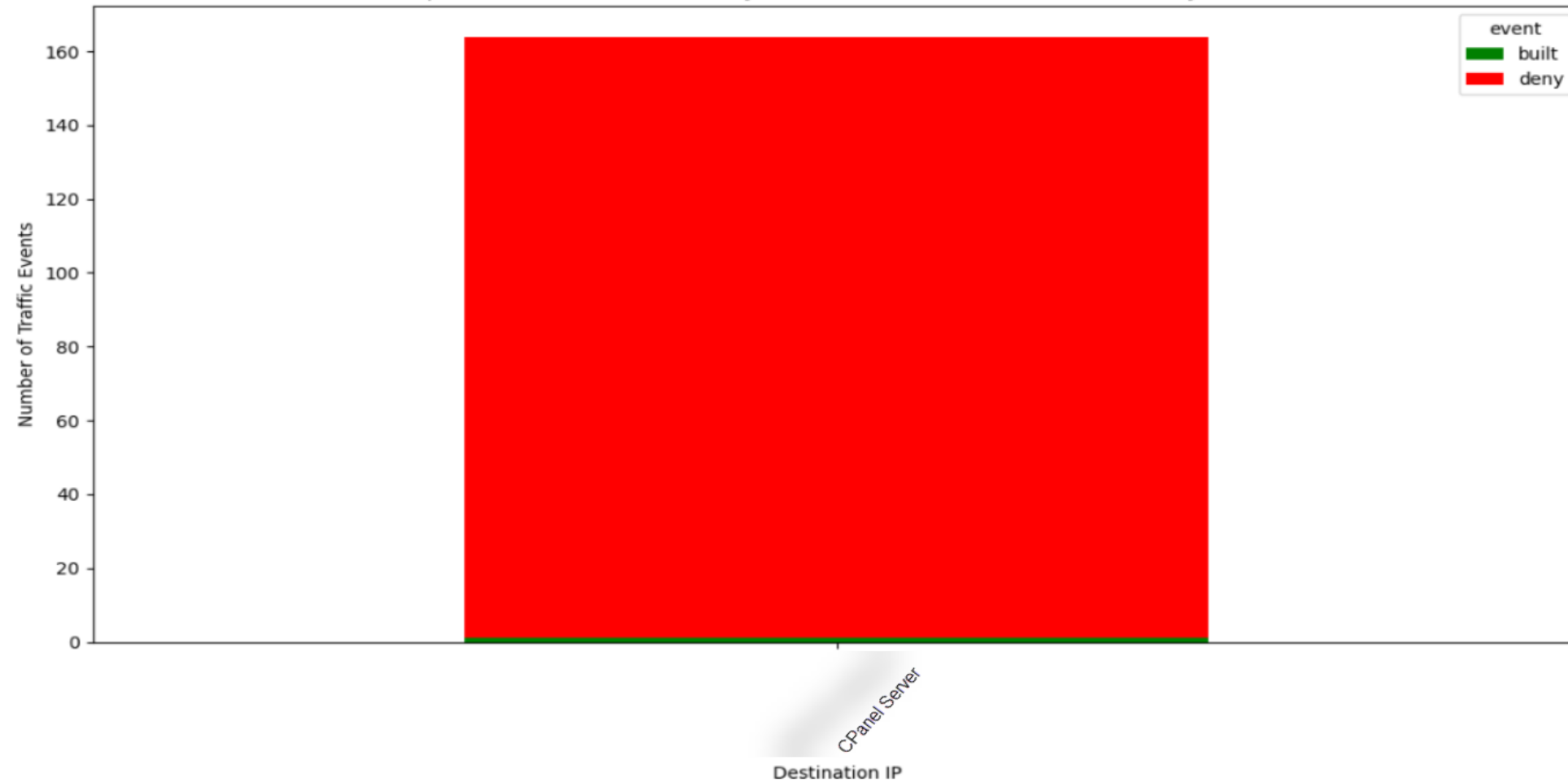


Country	Flagged for Abuse
200.82.188.135	No
181.208.183.224	No
190.203.111.130	No
190.97.226.221	No
45.175.36.1	No
181.208.29.230	No
170.81.145.5	No
170.81.145.187	No
186.185.41.70	No
82.86.131.60	No

Traffic Analysis – Venezuela

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Top 10 Destination Accessed by 200.82.188.135 in a week - Stacked by Event



Analyzed traffic from the IP with most inbound traffic that week shows all traffic headed to a web hosting management platform.

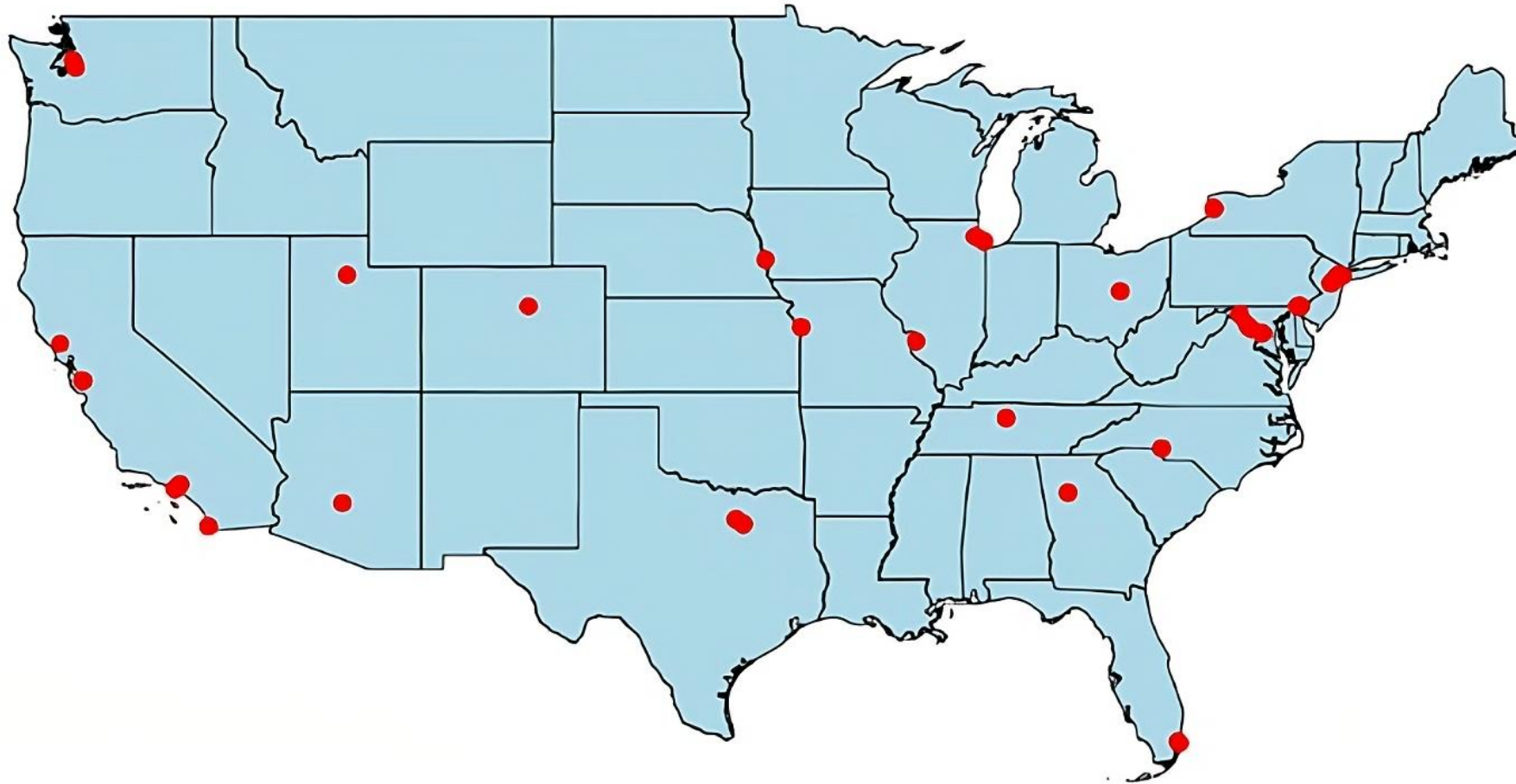
The destination port was 443 for all the events related to the IP generating the most traffic.

Note: This is just built/deny traffic from logs.

Traffic Analysis – VPN

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Geographic Distribution of Inbound VPN Traffic by Source ASN in the United States

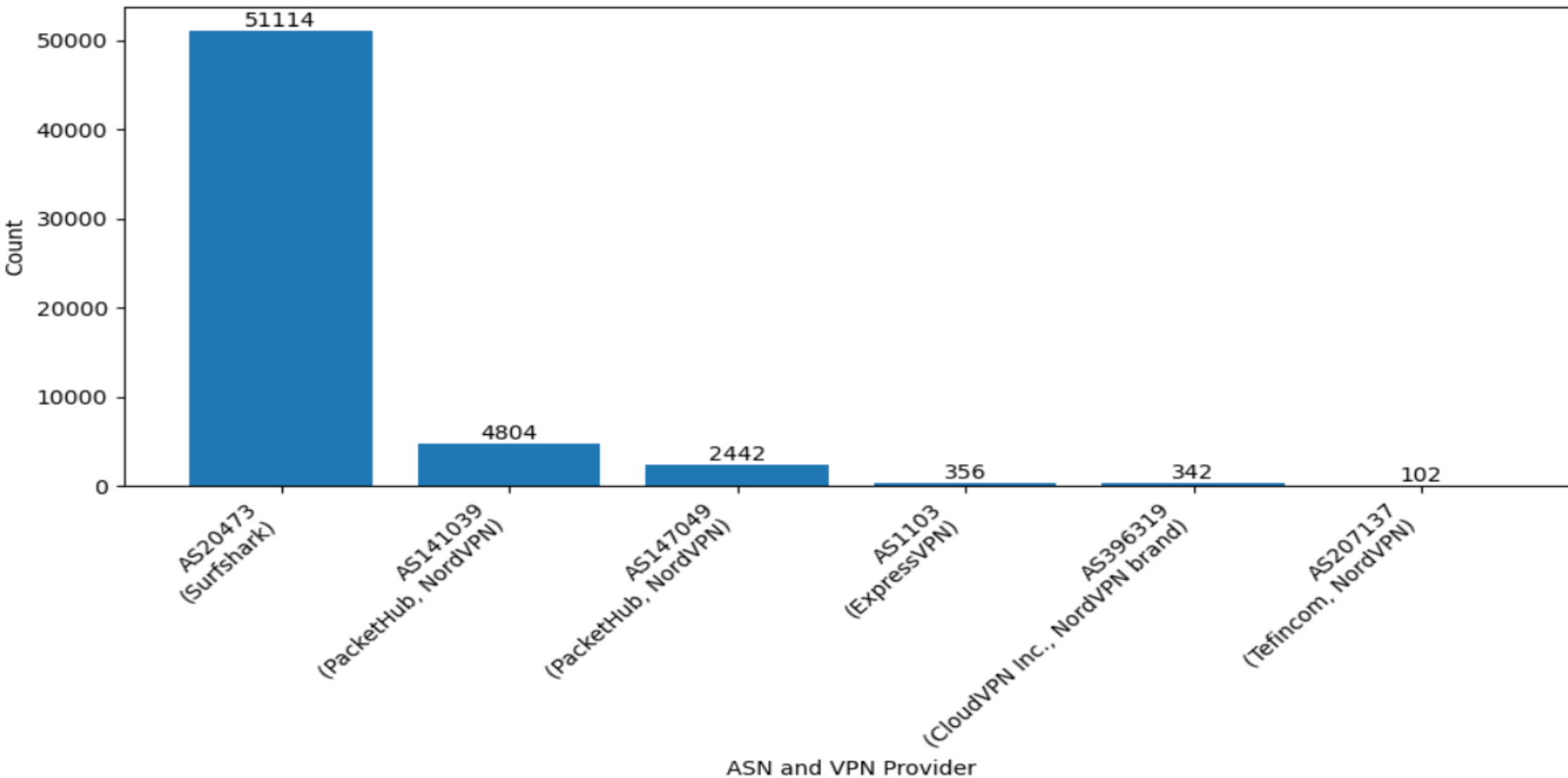


City	Count
New York City	348
Wilmington	247
Leesburg	227
Newark	142
Buffalo	139
Chicago	121
Dallas	76
Piscataway	69
El Segundo	66
Miami	28

Traffic Analysis – VPN

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Counts of VPN ASNs in Data



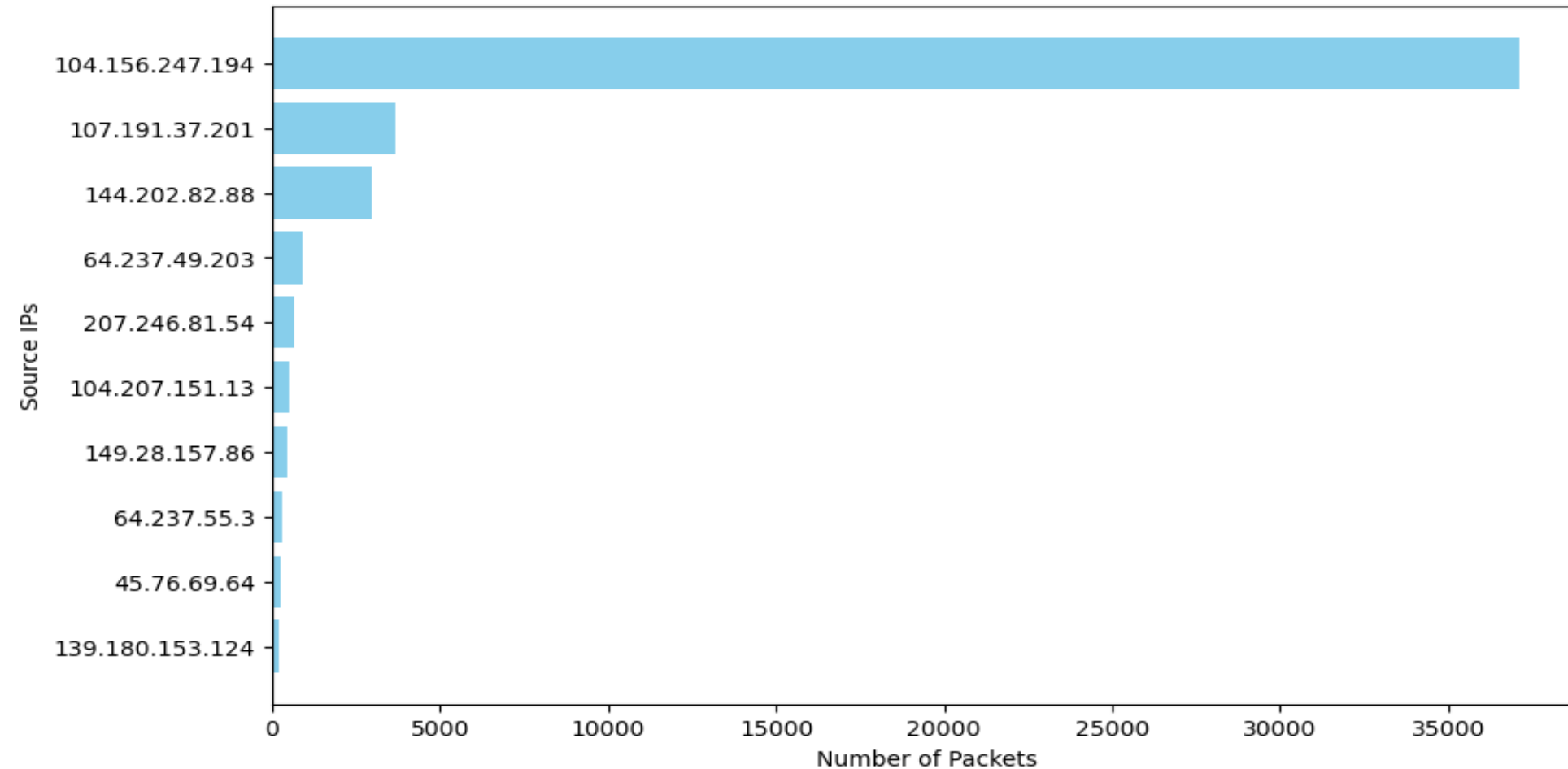
Considering only inbound traffic, there were a total of 59160 events recorded (including both 'built' and 'deny' actions) just from ASsN (Autonomous System Number) that belongs to Surfshark VPN, Nord VPN and Express VPN.

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Traffic Analysis – VPN

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Top 10 Source IPs from Surfshark in Inbound Traffic



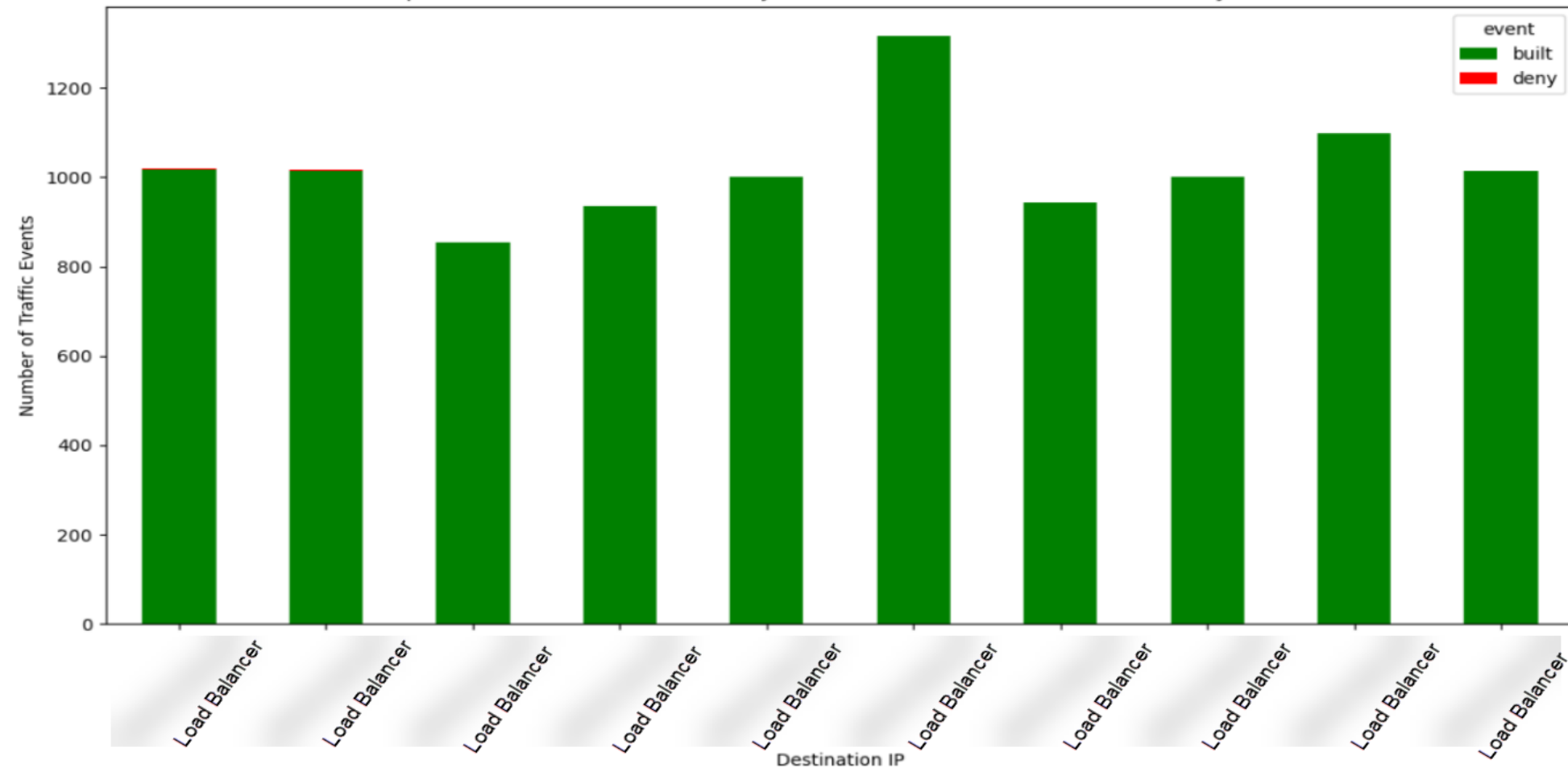
Considering only inbound traffic, there were a total of 51114 events recorded (including both 'built' and 'deny' actions) just from an ASN (Autonomous System Number) that belongs to Surfshark VPN.

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Traffic Analysis – VPN

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Top 10 Destination IPs Accessed by 104.156.247.194 in a week - Stacked by Event



Analyzed traffic from the IP with most inbound traffic that week shows all destination IPs were load balancers for different campus VLANs.

The destination ports were mostly 443, 10000, 9443, 10003 for all the events related to the IP generating the most traffic. These are mostly ports associated to Banner.

There is no way to tell whether this is one person accessing all these servers or different people assigned this IP at different times.

What's the solution to protecting yourself from people using VPN to bypass GeolIP?

A world map with a dark blue background and a light blue grid. The map is overlaid with a network of thin, light blue lines connecting various points across the globe. Several countries are highlighted in a semi-transparent red color: the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Italy, and Australia. Other countries are highlighted in a semi-transparent blue color: Brazil, India, China, and Russia. The text "A Defenders Perspective" and "Objective: Protect the business!" is centered on the map in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

A Defenders Perspective
Objective: Protect the business!

KK Park



Myanmar

Moei River (Southeast Asia)

Thailand

Expansion of KK Park compound

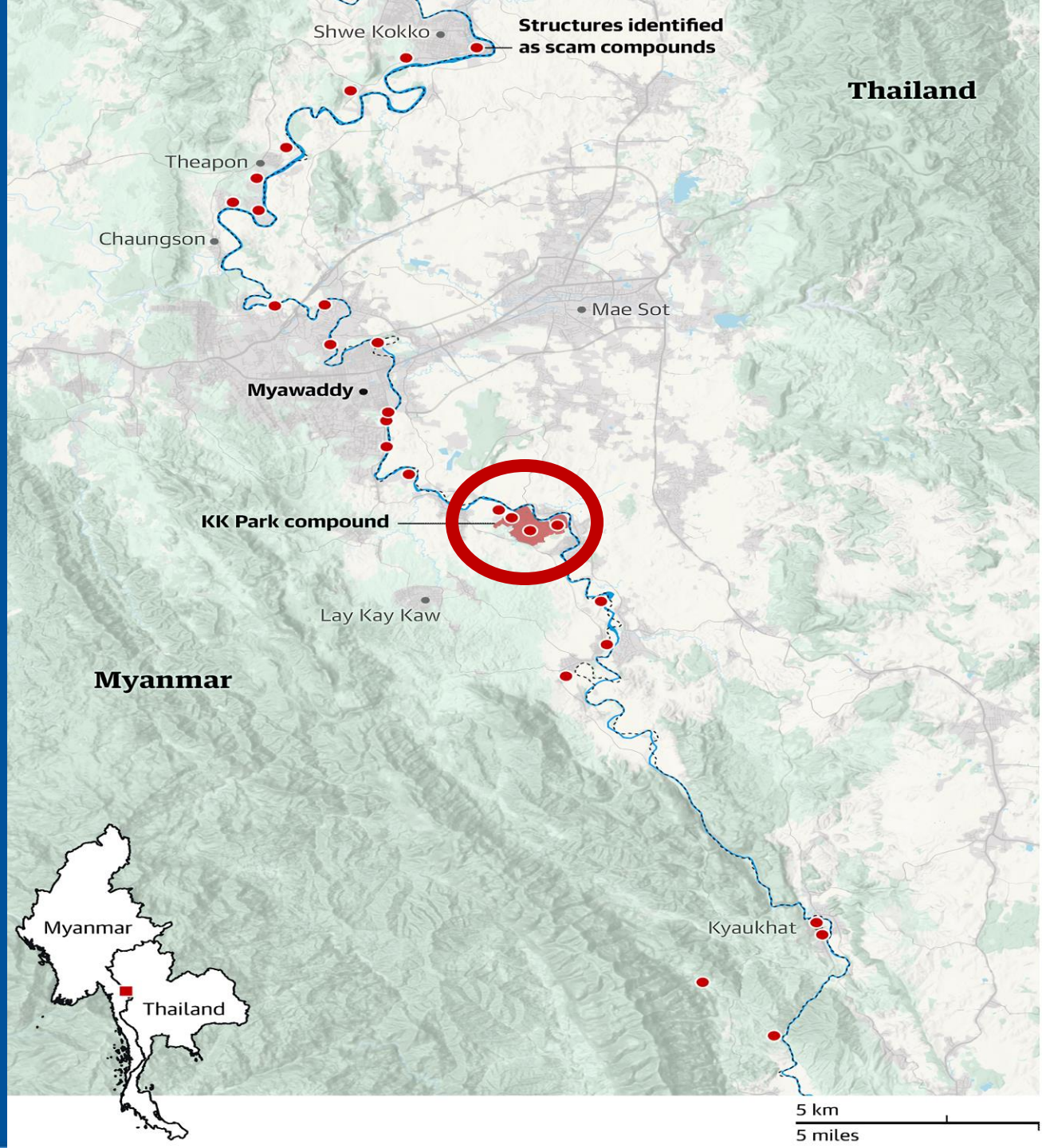
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Source: TheGuardian.com



Operating at Scale

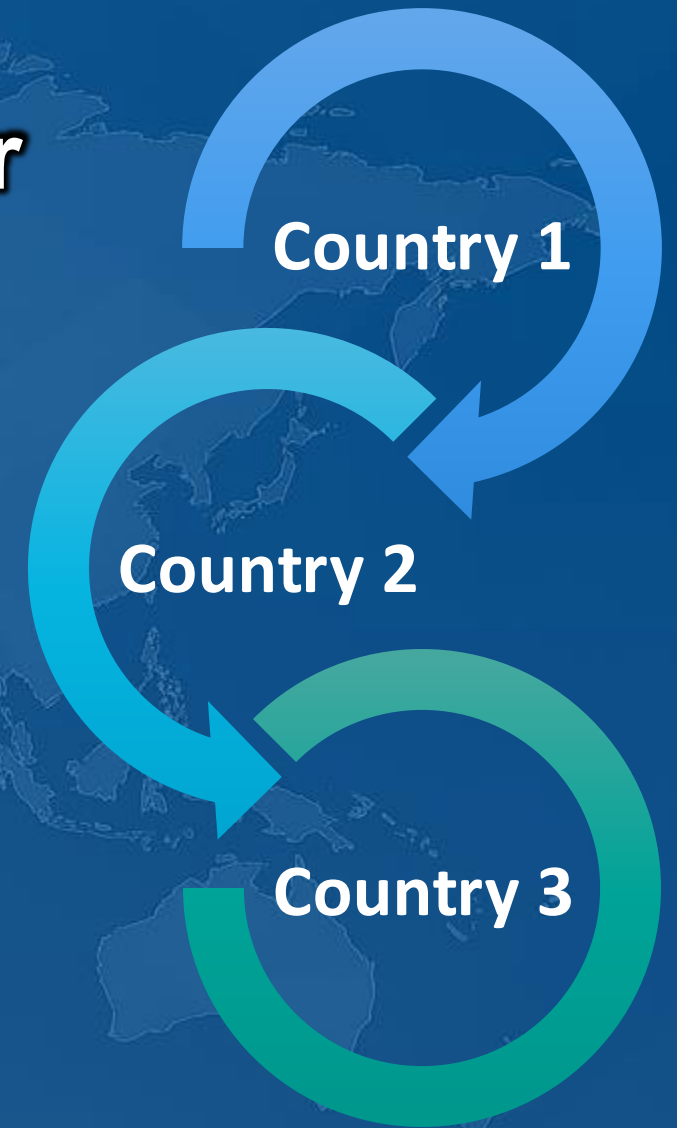
1. This is just one part of the world!
2. We are being outpaced.
3. Device to IT Admin Estimates
 1. EDU: 500:1 to over 2000:1
 2. Private Sector: 70:1 to 100:1
4. Being proactive and implementing GeoIP blocking is crucial.



Implementation Challenges & Considerations

Scenario Consideration: Local Attacker

1. Our Data – The attacker is not next door.
2. Block low-effort, opportunistic attacks.
3. Reduces noise on defenses at the perimeter.
4. Removes "easy access" from APTs.



Scenario Consideration: Student Population

Smart GeoIP Logical Controls for Inclusive Campus Security

1. Allow/Block Lists with Exceptions
2. Create Granular Policies by Application
3. Leverage IP Range Exclusions
4. Combine GeoIP with Identity Controls for Remote Access

High-Level Roadmap

A winding road with a dashed center line on a blue mountain landscape background. The road starts from the bottom right and curves upwards and to the left, ending at the top right. The background consists of stylized, layered blue mountains of varying shades, creating a sense of depth and perspective.

1. Approval (Research)

2. Inventory

3. Capabilities

4. Recommend

5. Approval (Pilot)

6. Report Findings

7. Approval (Implement)

8. Implement

9. Monitor Change

Learning The Hard Way



Netherlands

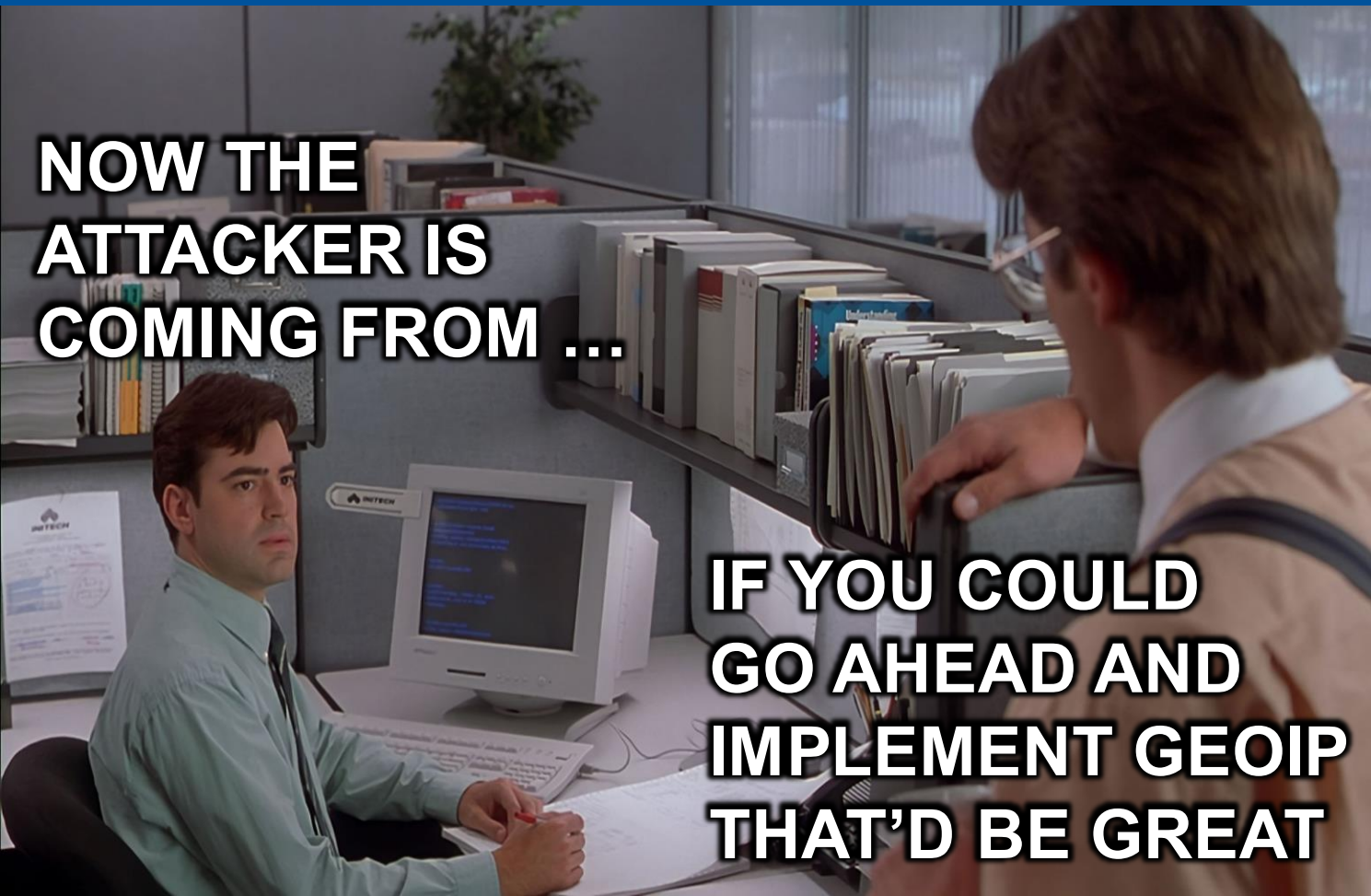
Risk-Based Prioritization

1. Firewalls
2. Remote Access
3. Web App Firewall (WAF)
4. Load Balancers
5. Cloud Services
6. Identity and Access Management Platforms
7. Security Gateways (DNS/Content Filtering)
8. Email Servers

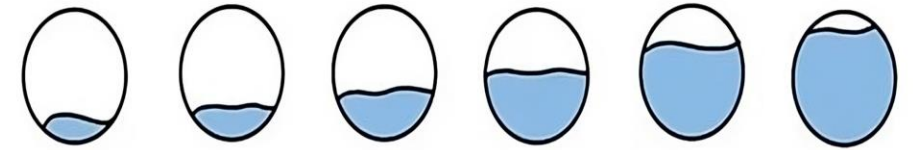
RISK ASSESSMENT

Assessment Item	RARE (A)	UNLIKELY (B)	POSSIBLE (C)	LIKELY (D)	ALMOST CERTAIN (E)
Severity					
CRITICAL (5)	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH
SERIOUS (4)	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	MEDIUM
	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	MEDIUM

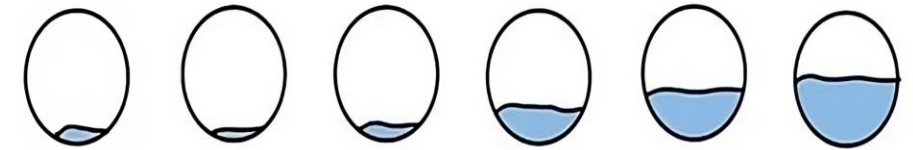
Progress over Perfection



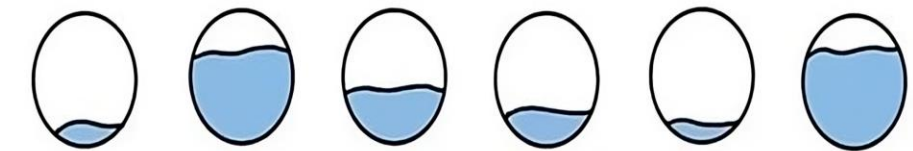
This is progress



This is also progress



And so is this



Rationale for Implementation

1. Reduces Risk
2. Low-Cost / No-Cost
3. Due Care (Proactive Efforts)
4. Recommended by U.S. Government & Industry Leaders

Block banned countries

Government Regulations:

EAR (Export Administration Regulations)

OFAC (Office of Foreign Assets Control)

ITAR (International Traffic in Arms Regulations)

You can implement policies to block websites hosted in countries categorized as high risk. The designation of such countries may result from your organization's customers or through the implementation of regulations including [EAR ↗](#), [OFAC ↗](#), and [ITAR ↗](#).

Guidance from Cloudflare

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Dashboard

API

Government Regulations:

EAR (Export Administration Regulations)

OFAC (Office of Foreign Assets Control)

ITAR (International Traffic in Arms Regulations)

Selector

Operator

Value

Action

Resolved Country

in

Afghanistan, Belarus, Congo (Kinshasa), Cuba,

Block

IP Geolocation

Iran, Iraq, Korea, North, Myanmar, Russian

Federation, Sudan, Syria, Ukraine, Zimbabwe

DNS Security Risk Blocking

7	Threat Intel Feeds	BLOCK	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
8	GeoIP Restrictions	Traffic: Resolved Country IP Geolocation <u>OR</u> Traffic: Source Country IP Geolocation	BLOCK	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
9	Block Top-Level Domains	BLOCK	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
10	Block Content Categories	BLOCK	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
11	Block Security Threats	BLOCK	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
12	Block Malicious Domains	BLOCK	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
13	Block Malicious IPs	BLOCK	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
14	Hide Explicit Search Results	SAFE SEARCH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

HTTP Security Risk Blocking

33	HTTP Block Security Threats	BLOCK	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
34	HTTP Block Top-Level Domains	BLOCK	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
35	HTTP Block Malicious Domains	BLOCK	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
36	HTTP Block Malicious IPs	BLOCK	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
37	HTTP GeoIP Restrictions	BLOCK	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Traffic: Resolved Country IP Geolocation
OR Traffic: Source Country IP Geolocation**

Doing More With Less

- Attack volume keeps increasing.
- Staffing and budgets do not.
- Exposure must be reduced before unnecessary work is created.
- GeoIP controls can be applied in:
 - Firewalls
 - Load Balancers
 - Application Gateways
 - Web Application Firewalls (WAF)
 - Applications



Questions or Feedback



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