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It's time to close the CISO credibility gap

Trend Micro's research reveals there is a lack of credibility given to IT security leaders by their boards.

Silencing security concerns:

Having the hard conversation

79% of global cybersecurity leaders have felt boardroom pressure to downplay the severity of cyber risks facing their organisation.

Why?

43% say they are seen as being repetitive or nagging

42% say they are viewed as overly negative

33% a third claim they have been dismissed out of hand

Gaining credibility:

Aligning cyber with business value

46% of security leaders say that when they have been able to measure the business value of their cybersecurity strategy, they've been viewed with more credibility.

Other benefits include being...

45% Given more responsibility

44% Seen as a more valued function

41% Brought into senior decision making

Hurdles to overcome:

A communication gap remains

54% only half of respondents believe their C-suite completely understands the cyber risks facing the organisation

34% over a third say cybersecurity is still treated as part of IT risk rather than business risk

80% believe that only a serious breach would incentivise the board to act more firmly on cyber risk

To close the CISO credibility gap, it is vital that security teams have the right tools in place that provide a single source of cyber truth for their business to unite around. Armed with insights obtained from a holistic platform and by honing in on more effective communication, security leaders can claim their rightful place in the boardroom.