

Unit 1 Lab

TedTalk

1. **Based on Glenný's discussion of the Hackers Profiling Project, funded by the U.N., what is one way we could encourage more research into the abilities and socialization of hackers?**

To encourage more research, they would need to get more funding. The speech states "because it's a U.N. operation, of course, it lacks funding." To get more funding, more people would need to know about this project, which would in turn pave the way for them to get more funding.

2. **What does Glenný mean when he says, "hackers are only one element in a cybercriminal enterprise, and often they're the most vulnerable element of all?"**

This statement is saying that there are more elements to that than just the hacker(s). Another element apart of this can also be who is being targeted by the hacker(s). For example, Anonymous (the hacker(s)) may target another government (the target) because they don't like something that they do and want to make it noticed to everyone.

3. **Glenný introduces you to six people (he calls them characters) he met doing cybercriminal research. What common characteristics did he find among these hackers? Glenný forms his opinion about what the United States should be doing about cybercriminals based on these common characteristics: What is his opinion? Do you agree? Why or why not?**

The six characters he introduces are Dimitry Golubov, Renukanth Subramaniam, Matrix001, Max Vision, Adewale Taiwo, and Cagatay Eyyapan. All of these characters were people who learned hacking when they were very young. Since they were young, they took the hacking they did farther than it should have been taken. Glenný believes that the criminal justice system should be changed for the way people are prosecuted because of hacking. He believes that people should not be put into jail for hacking if it was caused by them having certain disabilities. In the speech it states, "certain disabilities can manifest themselves in the hacking and computing world as tremendous skills, and that we should not be throwing in jail people who have such disabilities and skills because they have lost their way socially or been duped." I believe that it should depend on the circumstance. Some people still may do it for a benefit, while others may not. So in all honesty, I'm in the middle with this.

Anonymous

1. **Why is it difficult to attribute a single driving motivation to a group like Anonymous (in a way that's not true for, say, Wal-Mart, Amazon, or Apple)?**

It is hard because sometimes there are multiple motivations for a group like Anonymous. With a group like Anonymous, who push for lots of different things, there can be lots of motivations that drive them to do what they do.

- 2. One “service” that members of Anonymous often claim to provide is demonstrating how vulnerable our data is in the hands of the various companies we trust. Do you find that argument valid? Why, or why not?**

I can see why they say that. The problem of us using these websites, is that we are trusting that the company is not going to do anything with the data that they collect about us. There are companies out there that do sell user data to other countries and governments, so yes I do believe that our data can become vulnerable. Even on top-level websites that we use every single day.

- 3. One “service” that members of Anonymous often claim to provide is that they are a voice of resistance against the power of dictators, corporations, and other people in power. Do you find that argument valid? Why or why not?**

Again, I can see why they say that. This kind of goes off the last question a bit. Large corporations and people that have lots of power in this world have lots of control over our data. Something that these kinds of people do sometimes is sell the user data they have, in return for benefit to them. That is not right. I can see why Anonymous would not like that and pushes against it.