After watching the video, write a journal entry about how you think the media influences our understanding about cybersecurity. Has this understanding changed over time? What is different in the older pieces of media vs more current media?

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I firmly believe social media, movies, tv shows, etc. has a huge influence on what is cybersecurity. At first cybersecurity wasn't mainstream or deemed necessary. "At the turn of the 21st century, the importance of cybersecurity was an afterthought for many organizations. There were few regulations and standards in place to protect against malicious attacks." (NU) But as technology gradually extends and the rise of cybercrime, cybersecurity importance has gained recognition.

I do want to point out that growing up, I never seemed to care for security online and never would think I would ever be in danger. But now learning and understanding the threats/risks of online and the amount of individuals being affected by the day, my perspective has definitely changed. I would say over the years the media has definitely glamorized and made hacking and committing online crimes seem effortless and something to get away with, it's creating this false perception to the public. In reality criminal hacking is way more malicious and it's not something easily done. You also have ethical hackers, who spend their time making the world a better place by testing out various systems.

We can also examine social media platforms as we engage online without having any repercussions on our safety and privacy. It creates a gateway for online crime to be committed, whenever it's stealing information, creating fake accounts, or installing any malware. "social networks make it easy for criminals to find out information about you and even infect your computer with viruses."(UNLV)

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