Module 10 Journal Entry Part 2: Read the following and write a journal entry summarizing your response to the article on social cybersecurity.

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The article largely discusses the impact of how poor security management processes allow for the for malicious actors to decentralize government bodies. The article discusses much on the idea that the internet has allowed for the expansion of non-physical acts of war between agents. This is shown through things like disinformation campaigns, hacking, and a large change from physical warfare to a more psychological style of combat.

One point brought up in the article is the use of fake news and how social media websites are unable to effectively combat foreign propaganda (Carley, 2019). The article expands on this by stating that foreign organizations can put out widespread propaganda targeted at U.S. citizens, and it is difficult to enable a flagging system that users could use to prevent the spread of fake news because of the ability of these foreign actors to use bots to take advantage of the same processes against truthful news articles (Carley, 2019). While, as stated within the lecture notes, many companies are working to be able to identify, remove, and spread awareness of fake news articles it does not completely solve the problem as many of these fake news articles are tailored to confirm peoples biases and it is much more work to make people discredit something they already identify with (Umphlet, Slide 9).

Another point brought up within the article is that the physical presence of the malicious actor is no longer required (Carley, 2019). The internet has allowed for an increased level of anonymity and a greater ability to cast a wide net to a broader audience even while maintaining that anonymity. Along with the lower cost barrier of entry this has allowed for more attacks from more attackers, whether it be decentralizing in nature through the spread of fake news and social engineering, or malicious in nature were viruses are spread to disable central processes.

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