Module 12 Journal Entry: Andriy Slynchuk has described eleven things Internet users do that may be illegal. Review what the author says and write a journal entry

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**Using Unofficial Streaming Services:** This point does not seem to be entirely true from what I have read, while it is illegal to stream movies, TV shows, and other content without license, it is not illegal to watch a stream of it as it operates off of the good faith principle that users did not know the stream was unlicensed. (Supan, 2019)

**Using Torrent Services:** Torrenting itself is not an illegal act as torrenting is just a way of sharing files, it becomes illegal when it concerns the distribution and downloading of unsanctioned licensed material (Bischoff, 2018).

**Using Copyrighted Images:** This is illegal without a license or other type of permission from the owner to use the content (*A Beginner’s Guide to Using Copyrighted Images | Pixsy*, n.d.).

**Sharing Passwords, Addresses, or Photos of Others:** This is also true, without complicit consent from the affected party, except for photos taken on public property those are considered legal.

**Recording a VoIP Call without Consent:** This is a matter of jurisdiction mostly, VoIP calls usually fall under the same laws as phone calls, and some states are one party consent states, some are two party consent states, and some just require that the person be in the same jurisdiction for it to be a one party consent state.

**Bullying and Trolling:** Trolling is not considered a prosecutable offense, but all forms of bullying are illegal. Trolling can be illegal when the attack is considered personal and offensive but that could also be considered cyberbullying so overall saying inflammatory language without a target does not fall under any offense and the “Troll” can elect first amendment rights (*Trolled Online: What You Can Do When You’re Bullied on Social Media*, n.d.).

**Faking your identity online:** It is illegal to use someone else’s information to impersonate them, but I believe parody accounts are technically legal and john doe account are legal (Bitdefender, n.d.).

**Using Other People’s Internet Networks:** This is only illegal in the context of using someones wifi without permission, specifically when it is what they are the sole owner of, but free wifi networks are allowed (*Stealing or Borrowing Wi-Fi from Neighbors: A Victimless Crime?*, n.d.).

**Collecting Information About People Younger Than 13:** From what I have seen this is only illegal when it concerns personal information, online habit tracking is legal regardless of age (Federal Trade Commission, 2020).

**Extracting Audio From YouTube:** This is mostly true, except for when the content falls into public domain or the owner of the copyrighted material has sharing permission (Radhakrishnan, 2024)

**Illegal Searches on the Internet:** This is true, all searches on the internet are legal except for ones that fall into certain categories that are tracked due to public safety and protected parties (Firm, 2022).

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