

Course takeaways

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Three things that really impacted me through the course were the impact of user data, whistle blowing, and cyber conflict used. These really left an impact on me because they allowed me to explore different ways of looking at the world. The way data is used today is constantly changing and evolving rapidly. The way companies like Facebook use our data and manipulate the content we see in order to click ads is terrifying. Learning about how in Europe they use the GDPR was a good thing to see and I learned that an argument can be made for the United States to adopt this way of thinking in order to stop malicious companies from trying to take control of the users data and harvest it for malicious purposes. My main takeaway is that I should always try to keep my data as secure as possible. The most impactful thing I learned about was Whistleblowing and how it can have a good impact on society but a bad impact on another person. Whistleblowing can have a positive impact on society by exposing corruption, unethical practices, and wrongdoing, ultimately leading to increased transparency and accountability. However, it can have negative consequences for the individual blowing the whistle, such as retaliation and professional repercussions. My takeaway is no matter the punishment for a whistleblower we should be thankful and celebrate them, and even if the government frowns upon it people should still do it. This makes life a lot better for civilians and in the case of Snowden exposing privacy concerns he really helped a lot of Americans in the long run. Finally the cyberconflict between Israel and Iraq is something that should not be taken lightly. The idea of war changed through the use of computers. It is important to understand how attacks are ok during war but they need to serve a purpose and not be exceedingly cruel. I learned about the social contract in war where people have to have a sense of diplomacy and respond with an appropriate amount of force. This cyberwar is an example of the importance of diplomacy and the use of force in war. It is a reminder of the importance of understanding the social contract of

war and the consequences of engaging in cyberwarfare. It is important to not attack civilians which is exceedingly easy to do with cyberwar which I learned. The human element being taken away makes it easier to hurt civilians without feeling bad that makes it easier for people to hurt others. My main takeaway is that cyberwar is dangerous and it can be easier to stray from twithic the more people rely on it. Overall the modules offered a lot of interesting topics and they all offered many different ways of looking into cyber security and I learned a lot from them. The main theme I got with these three topics is that civilians usually end up getting caught in the crossfire and that is scary. Civilians caught in the crossfire of most of the cyber topics we covered are the underlying issues when it comes to cyber ethics. It is important that we understand how we can affect people that have no intention of being involved in cyber. Overall being able to apply moral principles to modules that go into depth about different ways cybersecurity and cyber in general impacts the world is extremely interesting. I will carry these lessons onto a future career.