Free Write #4

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Watch [this video](#) and consider how researchers might use the information shared by the former criminal to conduct cybersecurity studies.

This former cyber criminal shares a lot of valuable information about the dark/deep web that one might not have known. First and foremost, it is not illegal to access sites on the deep web, the only illegal aspects are when online transactions start to occur. Researchers can use this information to narrow down their investigations significantly. Another topic this speaker brings up is the idea of "red rooms", rooms where the livestream of a murder is taken place. He states that they are most likely not real and has never seen one himself. I have heard that livestreaming on "tor", the browser used to access deep web content, is very difficult while also exposing the user's identity pretty easily. These are more reasons that red rooms are less likely, and researchers can avoid their search for them. The speaker ends his segment explaining that the dark web is largely a "safe space for people to convey ideas, messages without fear of repercussions." This idea that the stigma around the deep web is wrong and that it is used for things other than criminal activity can help researchers change the conduct of their investigations. Rather than look and study the cyber-crime, they can see how users actually go about the dark web and maybe research the positive things it brings.