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The connection is complicated, and I think there are good and bad things to think about. On the one hand, the media is very important for making people aware of cyber dangers. Attacks and breaches that get a lot of attention make the news, which brings up problems like phishing, ransomware, and data privacy. People and businesses may become more alert, which can make them more careful and encourage them to use better security measures. For example, when a big company has a breach, it not only makes people angry, but it also teaches them how important it is to use strong passwords and two-factor authentication.

But I've also seen that the way the media covers hacking can cause confusion. Often, shocking headlines focus on fear rather than facts. This might make people think that cyber dangers are everywhere and can't be stopped, which could make them less likely to take action. Also, using too much technical jargon and making stories too difficult can turn off people who don't know much about IT and make them feel helpless instead of empowered.

The media also tends to focus on the more dramatic parts of cyber incidents, like hackers in hoodies or the most recent major breaches, rather than talking about the reasons or ways to stop them. This could make people have the wrong idea about cybersecurity, thinking that it is only the job of IT teams or tech companies, instead of everyone being responsible for it.

I think that for media coverage to really work, it should find a mix between making people more aware and giving them clear, useful information. Breaking down complicated topics, giving useful tips, and encouraging people to be vigilant could be game-changers in making people more aware of cybersecurity.

People can be informed and interested in the media, but it is also their job to

present knowledge in a way that gives people power instead of fear. As we continue to live in a world that is becoming more and more digital, I hope to see more in-depth conversations about privacy that show how complicated it is.