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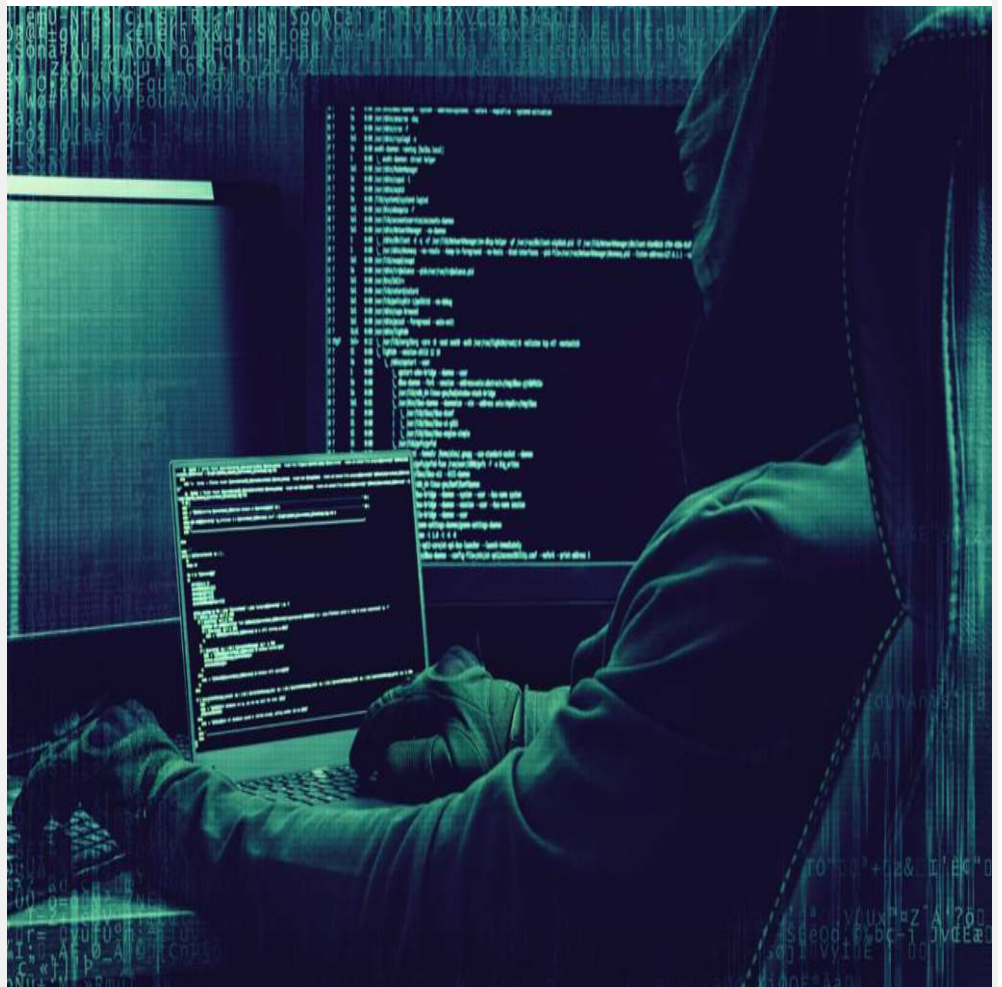
1) Is Dark web safe?

Cyberspace is commonly divided between three "layers". The first is known as "surface web", and refers to the static websites that are typically accessible through mainstream search engines. The second layer, the "deep web" or "invisible web" refers to content that cannot be indexed by search engines. The third layer, the "dark web", is an alternative network in which search engines' crawlers are completely ineffective; hidden websites are listed in directories or on dedicated Reddit's threads. The network can only be accessed through special software such as "The Onion Router", "I2P", "Freenet" and "Riffle".¹³ Each software uses different algorithms to guarantee users' privacy.



2) Should Dark Web be regulated like the rest of the Internet?

The “dark web” is a part of cyberspace that is only accessible through an anonymity software, such as The Onion Router. This encrypted network has prompted important legal challenges. As jurisprudence and international laws develop, many factors are at risk of inhibiting users’ right to privacy. Over the last decade the “dark web” has emerged in the media as a site of anarchy, where criminals can conduct their business in impunity. Headlines about worldwide drug markets and online pedophilic communities have prompted questions as to whether a wider range of power for law enforcement is necessary in order to combat crime in the digital world.



The most popular software to access this network, The Onion Router (Tor), has about 2.5 million users daily⁵, including students, researchers, journalists, human rights workers and members of the parliament or law enforcement who need to protect sensitive information. Following Snowden’s revelations on the activities of the National Security Agency, many felt their privacy was not protected on the internet. Others use the dark web to avoid the surveillance of totalitarian governments such as China’s

communist party, which use the Great Firewall of China as the main means of internet censorship.



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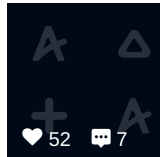
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