

Module 12 Journal Entry

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After reading the article I have quite a few thoughts on how some of those “illegal” things aren't so illegal. The first of which being using torrenting services. Torrenting copyrighted media like movies or music without paying for a specific license does go against copyright agreements. But this sentiment that torrenting is only used to download illegal movies is what really hurts the legal torrenting community. Services providers will even block you from torrenting all together to combat these copyright issues, omitting the legal uses of torrenting like downloading ISO images and other large files. Another “illegal” thing that's not so illegal is recording phone calls without consent. In some states (Virginia being one of them) consent from one party is sufficient in recordings or pictures. So as long as you personally consent to the recording of a call you are good to go to record any calls you take. The bullying and trolling portion is also interesting as a lot of what is classified as bullying or hate speech is not directed at specific people making it permissible under the first amendment. However directed speech toward someone is not permitted. Under the faking your identity portion the article mentions how lying about your age goes against a site's terms of use not the law. If it's not against the law then it's not illegal. Overall I would say this is a good clickbait article but contradicts itself many times and is quite an interaction on the nuances of cyber law.

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