

### Computer Topic Short Essay

At this point, there have been so many data breaches, it's more likely than not that some of your personal information has been compromised. Email Spam (or junk mail), has steadily grown in your inbox since around 1990. Many of these emails end up being a link that contains malicious hardware for one's computer to compromise data for personal gain. These emails are looking for a target, whether it be just single individuals or entire companies.

Blue Cross, Anthem Medical, Sony, and even the U.S. postal service has been targeted by online terrorism. It is not the companies who are affected but the customers that have to deal with money being stolen from their card. Not too long ago, back in 2013 Chick-fil-A has their database of Customer Payment Cards stolen, with nearly 9,000 customers' cards listed in that alert, with over 1,850 locations in 41 states. In all of these incidents the intruders were able to access the point-of-sale software through some sort of spam email that affected these computers.

So who is to blame? When you become a target for some sort of computer terrorism, the first person to be blamed is the company that got hacked. Should they have had more security protocols for their system? Are they to blame for not spending money to insure safety of data? Or attacks like this inevitable?

With so many instances of cyber bullying, internet fraud and scams how can spam emails not be illegal. Well America decided to agree with these scammers by enacting, the CAN-SPAM act of 2003. We need a set of moral principles for this new society of technology. Even though we have just broken through the tech threshold, we still need to apply some sort of ethics towards the use of the internet.