Hacker Nation

I want to discuss more about the hacker culture worldwide. I have "woken up" to a lot of issues in our society, and I have found out that a lot of the stuff I have been told was a lie, and one of the ways I have tried to find out truth is by hacking, and it's a way of exposing the truth. I would say that it is where I fit in to the hacking culture. When you hack into something that has the truth that has been hidden from you, not only will you know the secrets that have been hidden from you, but you also can expose the truth if necessary.

What makes a nation?

Bishop Dr. Sarhad Y. Jammo of the Chaldeans says that, "Chaldeans are a distinct and autonomous indigenous nation within Iraq, entitled to all constitutional rights overflowing from that identity: cultural, financial, educational, political, and territorial."

The northern territory of Iraq, but also a nation that occupies part of Turkey, Syria, Iran, calls itself Kurdistan, held an independence referendum on 25 September 2017. On the day following the referendum, 26 September 2017, the president of Kurdistan, Masoud Barzani, announced that "the referendum had been a success in seeking independence, and called on neighboring countries to be open to future dialogue."

On 29 June 2014, ISIL announced the establishment of a worldwide caliphate. Al-Baghdadi was named its caliph, to be known as "Caliph Ibrahim", and the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant was renamed the Islamic State.  There has been much debate, especially across the Muslim world, about the legitimacy of these moves

In June of 2003, "L. Paul Bremer III, the head of the American military occupation in Iraq, unilaterally canceled what American officials here said would have been the first such election in Iraq since the fall of Saddam Hussein. Overruling the local American military commander, Mr. Bremer decreed that conditions in Najaf were not appropriate for an election."

In what is recognized as Iraq, we have multiple "nations" declaring themselves independent.  We even have one, "Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant," declaring itself to be the government for the world.  And the "nation" that is recognized by the world isn't even allowed to have its own elections unless the United States allows it.  When we consider what a nation or country is, with just the geo-political map of the Iraq area, a clean, clear cut definition is hard to come by.

So again what makes a nation or a country?

If we examine the similarity in these different peoples in Iraq, it would seem that a nation is defined by a particular culture, similar beliefs and goals, and a common language.

Is there a Hacker nation?

I call myself a hacker because I hack into things to expose the truth, and I have “woken up.” In the Hacker language this would also be called “red pilling” coming from the movie “The Matrix” where hackers take a red pill to see the real reality.  There have been a lot of things I have not been told the truth about, and by hacking, I was able to find out a lot of things that I had previously thought didn’t happen.

This is the beginning of the lifestyle, and one of the first words one learns in the language, and the root of the culture – Red Pilled -- unbound truth seekers.

A hacker is someone who knows the internals of networking and the internals of computers and the software internals, and someone who can find vulnerabilities in computers to prevent other people from getting in. A hacker also can find out information, for example, if a computer has been used during a certain time and the owner of the computer claims he/she didn’t use it during that time, a hacker knows how to find out whether or not it actually was used during that time. If a system is slow then a hacker can see what is going across the network, because something may be going across that you don’t want. A hacker invests a lot of time into acquiring this education and learning the language of logs and protocols.

While I was in public school, we had iPads to use for our schoolwork, you weren’t supposed to use them during class for whatever you wanted, but I did it anyway, and after a couple years, they end up putting a system in place that locks down the iPad whenever the teacher wants to lock them down, they will WITHOUT warning.

While I was in my free time in a class where I could do whatever I wanted, they decided to test it out.  I’m just in the middle of something on my iPad when all of a sudden BAM! my iPad gets locked into a specific app, and I couldn’t get out.  So I tried rebooting because I thought it was a glitch. I reboot, then it goes right back to being locked. I thought that my iPad was broken from whatever they decided to do, as the school can manage the iPads remotely.

So I sent my mom an email saying that my iPad seems to have broken because of whatever the school did to it, then about 15 minutes later, I was told the story, and the school was using an app called “Casper Focus” to lock the iPads into a single app and they claimed to be having technical difficulties “releasing” them.  I don’t believe that was the case, I think they were testing to see how the students would react. Everyone seemed to hate it but they seemed pretty calm about it.  I was NOT calm about it like everyone else was.   I was the only one who didn’t participate in what everyone else was doing just because of this. Why? Because it’s stupid. Things like this put limits on your freedom, and schools will do that type of thing, because it seems to them that it’s the only way they can get students to cooperate. So after about 1 hour and 40 minutes, they finally manage to fix the issue, and again, I think they were just saying that because they wanted to keep the iPads locked down.

After I got home, I immediately started to get to the bottom of this, the first thing I did was look in the installed profiles on the iPad, then I didn’t notice anything new, but I did notice something that rang a bell, I remember them calling it “Casper”, and I saw that it connected to casper.[schools website].org, and I remembered that they called it that, so from that point on, I referred to it as Casper.

I then traced the casper server and found its IP address.  That is when I discovered that it was an extremely hidden web server running on port 8443, which is a port that is in the range that is not often used but is used manually if configured that way. So I tried all evening to hack into casper, and it was a Friday night, so I had all day tomorrow to do anything I wanted also. The next day, I decide to ping the school’s main website, just to flood their logs, I let it run for a few hours, and pings are sent every second, if they could only see the last 10,000 logs for example, all the ones before the hack would have been gone.

I feel like I made my point after I wrote essays explaining in detail what I was doing, and of course that was not the smartest idea, because then all of the vulnerabilities I was taking advantage of were patched, but were then unblocked after a week, apparently they thought that would stop me, but nope. After a few essays were written and vulnerabilities were patched, they stopped using casper mostly, but I still took measures to protect my iPad from getting locked down, for example when they would say they were going to lock it down, I would disconnect it from the network.

One of the main ideals that hackers share is freedom.  When thinking and creativity are locked down in school, where does the lockdown stop?  We will always resist being limited and locked down.

The Hacker nation is a group of people who from all around the world, value exposing truth and fighting for freedom of thought, and freedom of speech and freedom on the internet.  We as a group remain anonymous to avoid fame and attention, but we share the same values.

And just as a tourist might visit a country and enjoy it and have a lot of memorable experiences, shop, find romance, etc., many people visit our land of cyberspace.  And just as locals know all of the good restaurants, and scenic hiking trails, we who live in cyberspace know the secret paths and places to go.  Others just visit.

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