Role of Anonymous during conflict.

The war between Russia and Ukraine.

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Who are anonymous(hacker group)?

- Anonymous is a collection of decentralized international activist and hacktivist.
- Primarily known for its various cyberattacks against several governments, government institutions and government agencies, corporations and the Church of Scientology.



Anonymous famous attacks?

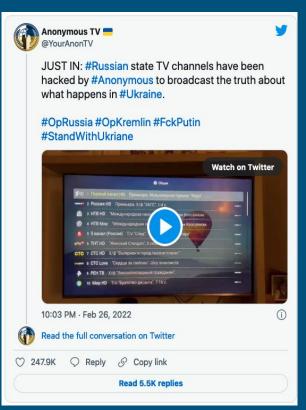
- Operation Sony
 - O Sony Computer Entertainment | April 2, 2011
- Bank of America E-Mail Drop
 - o Bank of America | March 14, 2011
- Operation Payback
 - O Visa, MasterCard, Amazon, PayPal | December 2010.
- Operation Tunisia
 - O Tunisian government | January 2011



Anonymous cyberwar vs Russia

- The group has claimed credit for several cyber incidents including distributed denial of service attacks.
- Anonymous also hacked the Ministry of Defence database and Russian state TV channels.





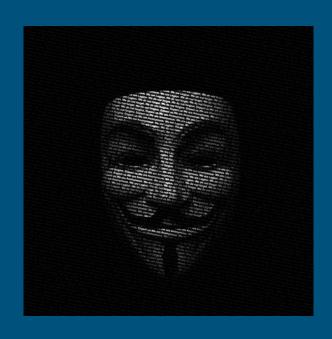
Motives behind the cyberwar?

- It is sometimes be difficult to verify their attacks and motives as anyone can claim to be a member of the community without revealing their identity.
- However, Anonymous is often motivated by political causes.
 - For instance the group vows to hack
 Minneapolis Police supporting the protests
 after the death of George Floyd in 2020.



Ethical analysis

- Their interest is not clearly defined, so it's difficult to say they're ethically correct or not.
- No 'official' website and organization structure and take responsibility for hacks.
- They decide what's right and wrong based on their own perspective which is not acceptable in a democratic society.
- During crisis, these group could just create more tension to the ongoing cris without clear goal.
- These group is like out of control chainsaw, could attack anyone at anytime.



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