Thought Paper-2016

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| Name: Leonard Lim  Section: C  Short Paper- Thought paper  Title of Reading: When the Cyberbully Is You  In “When the Cyberbully is You”, Nick Bilton asserts that most cyberbullies have no intention to be mean but act the way they do because they feel unjust, insecure and apathetic towards others.  First and foremost, I agree with Bilton that most cyberbullies have no ill intentions towards their target and only seek to do justice in cases where the target is bringing up a controversial subject or displays unacceptable netiquette. Cyberbullies also known as public opinion is a hivemind that feels that justice needs to be served. This mob mentality works like a double-edge sword towards its target which can ruin or benefit them. Moreover, they are made up of individuals who believe they are doing the right thing, and they can influence others to join the bandwagon making them essentially unstoppable. They would not cease until they have done what they set their sights on, to do justice. Secondly, I would disagree with Bilton that the feeling of insecurities would cause a mob to attack a person specifically. A person will get flak regardless of what intention others have if they speak or behave disgracefully. There is a fine line between mob mentality and the alignment of individual thoughts. There is absolutely no reason to target a specific person unless he creates spark and cause tension. Whether the cyberbully feels insecure about himself is an insignificant matter. Lastly, I agree that the lack of empathy towards the target allows the bully to speak harsher words. They often neglect the feeling other the target, not intentionally at times, but because they forgot that there is another human being on the other side of the screen.  Hence, most cyberbullies have no harmful intentions and only act because they feel that the target’s behaviour is unacceptable and needs to be castigated.  **<300 words>** | |
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