Weekly Write up #4

Technology is an amazing thing that has granted us many things that we could have never imagined years ago. We are able to talk to friends and family who not even next to us, also we can find anything we need on the internet like information on history, locations, current events. Technology keeps on advancing through out the year just like how governments advance their weapons for their military power against other countries. The advancements in technology has lead to governments around the world to gain a new weapon, unlike any other weapon that has ever been made and that weapon is hacking. This doesn’t have to be lethal to cause damage to other countries, because of it other countries can try and access private files and use it to spy on the countries to gain any information they need. Using that information for their own goal like Iran had done to some countries and how Russia hacked Iran to get that information.

The Iranian Government has a hacking group called APT34 which has been said is under the control of Iran. Iran’s group of hackers have already already collect information from different countries. Then the hackers had gotten hacked meaning that all the info that Iran had hacked has also been obtained from Russia, which meant Russia piggy backed on the Iran hacking groups. Later on countries like Britain and America had found out about Russia hacking Iran for the information they had stolen, a senior at Britain’s cybersecurity GCHQ Paul Chischester had said that Russia has a hacking group called Turla which had used “Iranian tools and computer infrastructure to successfully hack into organizations in at least 20 different countries over the last 18 months”(Stubbs, Bing, 2019). The information Russia obtained Britain and the United States was worried about what Russia could do with it like political Hacktivism (Potasznik, 2019), which is using hacking to promote a political cause or used to hide criminal
offences, Russia can use this information to expose anything wrong doings of any countries government if they feel like and destroy the people’s trust in the government. Then they could abuse the chaos and build up they government they want. Chischester has also noticed that the info of countries that Russia has received was mainly countries in the middle east of Asia and some organizations in Britain.

Britain and the US were worried about the information stolen by the Russians blaming them for the Iranian Government hacking them. When ever the US and Russia are involved the US always pinns Russia as the bad guy without knowing everything because of everything that had gotten into the past like the cold war, already blaming them for the Iranian government hacking other countries and then stealing that information without considering why. “Intelligence officials said there was no evidence of collusion between Turla and its Iranian victim, a hacking group known as ‘APT34’”(Stubbs, Bing, 2019), with all the blame there is no evidence against Russia but yet they are blamed already. For a reason why they would hack the Iranian government could be because they want to make sure they didn’t get any important information from their country and wanted to see what Iran might have gotten on them to make sure they are ready for any attack that could happen.

In my opinion I don’t blame the US for worrying about the involvement of Russia in this type of situation of stolen information from other countries. But the only problem I have with it was they immediately blamed Russia when Iran was the actual one that stole information from other countries without them knowing, yet Britain and the US still had the majority of their focus on Russia instead of Iran