

## Student Worksheet

### DIRECTIONS

Read the following news story and answer the reading comprehension and discussion questions. Use additional paper if necessary.

### STORY

## **Cyber Crime and Spying Threaten National Security**, 04/10/09

[http://www.pbs.org/newshour/extra/features/us/jan-june09/cybercrime\\_04-10.html](http://www.pbs.org/newshour/extra/features/us/jan-june09/cybercrime_04-10.html)

### READING COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

**1. Where does the FBI rank cyber crime?**

**2. How much has the Department of Defense spent on guarding its networks from cyber attacks in the last six months?**

**3. What did a recent report say about the American electricity grid?**

**4. What did Canadian researchers find?**

**5. What has infected millions of computers around the world?**

**6. How did one security analyst describe many hackers?**

**7. What are some of the most common cyber crimes?**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (more research might be needed)

**1. Have you ever been a victim of cyber crime? Are you worried that an online criminal will steal from you?**

**2. How should the government fight online criminals? Should they spend more money on fighting online crime at the expense of other crime?**

**3. Do you think online spying will become a bigger national security problem in the future? What should the U.S. do to protect itself?**

**4. What steps do you take to protect yourself from online crime?**

**Extension Activity**

Have students write a 300-500 word essay on this topic providing clear examples. Send your completed editorial to NewsHour Extra ([extra@newshour.org](mailto:extra@newshour.org)). Exceptional essays might be published on our Web site.