ANONYMOUS:  
Digital Robin Hoods or Cyber Terrorists?

Anonymous is probably the most polarizing of hacktivist groups our country has experienced thus far. Some people refer to them as “freedom fighters” or “digital Robin Hoods” while their critics have described them as “cyber terrorists” or a “cyber lynch mob.” Judging by their long list of targets, the information they have been able to expose about corrupt institutions, and care for the freedom of information, I find Anonymous to be a largely benevolent and beneficial group. Those who refer to them as “cyber terrorists” are probably among those that feel they have some sort of corruption to hide.

Who’s A Target?  Corrupt government agencies in the United States, copyright protection agencies, child pornography sites, PayPal, Mastercard, Visa, the Church of Scientology, Facebook, and the Steubenville rape perpetrators (and those who tried to protect them) are among Anonymous’ targets. [Target could mean mere exposure of corruption or hacking for activist purposes]

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