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“Targeting the Underrepresented – How and Why They Are Watching You”

Abstract: This presentation will discuss why the underrepresented, specifically in the U.S. are being surveilled in a targeted approach. It’ll also dive into how social media, dating apps, and even DNA repositories are being used as tools to monitor, and at times bait the underrepresented. This presentation will also touch on the social engineering aspect of surveilling.

Hakeem Thomas is a U.S. military veteran, where he specialized in signal communications (e.g., radio communication, satellites, and computer networks). He has nearly 20 years of information technology experience and holds a B.A. in Criminal Justice and a B.S. in Digital Forensics; he is currently pursuing his M.S. in Cybersecurity Management. Hakeem is currently a Cybersecurity Manager for Netmaker Communications, LLC, serving as a Subject Matter Expert (SME) in vulnerability assessment, penetration testing, social engineering (SE), and policy writing, to name a few. In his spare time, he enjoys competing in various Capture-the-Flag (CTF) competitions and mentoring.

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