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Hackers can bring down government agencies, hijack websites, and snoop on private information. But sometimes, they're just looking for a job.

At the U.S. Cyber Challenge, hackers battle each other in a multi-faceted battle — they have to exploit other systems while protecting their own. The contest isn't just about being able to hack into another system, but rather finding these intelligent and tech-savvy youth constructive and non-exploitative outlets for their hacking skills. As former director of National Intelligence, Mike McConnell, says, without a massive supply of these hackers (we need about 20,000, and have roughly 1,000), the U.S. is setting itself up for "catastrophic consequences."

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