

# THE HOMELAND SECURITY SECRETARY'S MORNING BRIEFING

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**LulzSec Launches “Operation Anti-Security.”** The [Christian Science Monitor](#) (6/21, Shaer, 48K) reports, “Over the weekend, LulzSec, a relatively new group of Internet pranksters, announced it would join Anonymous – a much more established, if still loosely affiliated, organization of hackers – to wage war on government sites, under the auspices of an initiative called ‘Operation Anti-Security.’”

The [International Business Times](#) (6/21) asserts, “LulzSec is no longer just about lulz. It has found a cause in carrying on the works of Wikileaks. ... Although LulzSec didn’t mention Wikileaks by name, that’s exactly what Wikileaks does. The only difference is that Wikileaks obtains secret information from willing informants while LulzSec plans to steal it through hacking.”

The [New York Times](#) (6/21, Bilton, 950K) reports that, in a letter [posted](#) on Pastebin, LulzSec wrote: “Top priority is to steal and leak any classified government information, including email spools and documentation. Prime targets are banks and other high-ranking establishments.” According to the Times, the FBI declined to comment on the letter.

[CNN Money](#) (6/21, Segall) reports that “LulzSec unveiled its new partnership in a blog post declaring ‘immediate and unremitting war.’” On its “Technology Live” blog, [USA Today](#) (6/21, Acohido, 1.83M) asserts, “Essentially, LulzSec and Anonymous have just declared open cyberwarfare against big government and giant corporations.”

The [Los Angeles Times](#) (6/21, Rodriguez, 657K) reports that the two groups claim “they are combining forces to attack governments in what they say is a war on corruption. .... Although the two groups have had their differences, the partnership brings together the manpower of Anonymous, whose membership is believed to possibly be in the thousands, ... with LulzSec’s daredevil attacks that occur several times a week.”

On its “Faster Forward” blog, the [Washington Post](#) (6/21, Tsukayama, 572K) reports, “The partnership could spell serious trouble for government organizations and financial institutions, who have both proven susceptible to cyber attacks from these groups before.” The Post adds that “some reports said that LulzSec and Anonymous were at war with each other, following comments LulzSec made on its Twitter account about the /b/ imageboard on 4Chan, a popular network of message boards.” LulzSec has refuted this claim. The [Huffington Post](#) (6/21) adds, “Though LulzSec has been taunting Anonymous by mocking 4Chan, the site where Anonymous has its roots, apparently the two groups are over that.”

The [Financial Times](#) (6/21, Menn, Subscription Publication, 448K) notes that the FBI and NSA are aware of LulzSec’s hacking activities. Steven Chabinsky, FBI deputy assistant director, explains that the use of social media, like Twitter, by both LulzSec and “Anonymous” allows them to recruit supporters and avoid detection. Chabinsky is quoted as stating: “These organizations have managed to use new technologies to connect to otherwise disenfranchised hackers to gather force and momentum in a way we have not seen before.” According to researchers involved in the FBI probe, some of the LulzSec hackers are former “Anonymous” members.

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