

Individual motives

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Question: Review the articles linked with each individual motive. Rank the motives from 1 to 7 as the motives that you think make the most sense (being 1) to the least sense (being 7). Explain why you rank each motive the way you rank it.

- 1. Money**
- 2. Political**
- 3. Recognition**
- 4. Multiple reasons**
- 5. Revenge**
- 6. Boredom**
- 7. Entertainment**

I made a list of what logically made sense to me. I also put myself in a mindset of if I was to hack what would motivate me the most to do it. The one that made the most sense to me was money. Money drives everything and with inflation it would make a lot of people do things like scam. Things like credit card fraud is for financial gain; same with bank information getting stolen. People could also sell these information they steal from other people. Hackers can do so in order to get information that will allow them to demand a huge amount of money from other people. Hackers also do work for other people so they can get paid. Hacking might as well be an addition to a lifestyle that will support them with a constant way to get fast money.

The second on my list was political. Altering voter registrations databases, spreading false information or lies, or breaking into voting machines are further ways that hacking can be used to harm election procedures. The fairness of elections can be damaged by such actions, and political organizations might become ruined. The attackers may use hacking to spread their political ideas or link themselves with political lines. People can use hacking to get information from certain governments as leverage to make demands in their countries favor. Sometimes it is in the benefit of justice or to help their country that is why I put it as second.

Number three is recognition. Someone would hack for this reason because it could get their name out there. Even if they were to get caught it would help boost their image with other

hackers underground and could get them money. They could also use it to get famous, so the world knows them and the work they did even if it means going to jail. It can cause them to want to get more jobs from people higher up in the game to use them for more work.

I put multiple reasons as four on my list because it can always vary on why people hack. There are multiple ways of gain that give it a dangerous aspect. You never know what the motive is, that is why it is higher on my list because everyone can for the most part rationalize it because there will be a multitude of reasons.

Number 5 is revenge. Someone using this to hack does not logically make much sense to me because I do not believe in revenge. Being a Christian we believe in forgiving and leaving it there. Also revenge does not always end up being good for the person trying to do it because it could always backfire on them. When thinking about revenge in most cases it is not the best punishment that the person is looking for especially when it is something that was small but the person blew out of proportion. It could also cause things to get to a level that it did not need to that can cause harm to the people involved or outside of the problem.

Number 6 is boredom. Being bored and hacking does not go together in my eyes. If you are bored there are hobbies that are risk free or will not cost you your life either in death or in jail. It is also not the right thing to do because you are messing with innocent people's lives. You could be messing with someone's financial situation that worked really hard for all because you did not have anything else to do. There are other alternatives of activities to do if you are bored like reading.

Number seven is entertainment. To me boredom and entertainment can be interchangeable because they go hand in hand. It could affect your life because you want to mess with someone else for your own personal gain. Doing it solely because you want to have a laugh

or be entertained out of boredom can end up with your reputation being ruined. Some hackers use this easy to do inappropriate thing that is morally wrong that I do not side with. One of the articles was talking about pornography is not right because they hack other people to get it without their permission. In conclusion that is my list on what makes the most sense to the ones that do not to me.