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.

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Individual motives emphasize 7 factors depending on the individual and their connection to crime, these include Entertainment, Political, Revenge, Boredom, Recognition, For money, and Multiple reasons.

In my opinion, I would rank "for money" first, as a plausible reason for why an individual might commit a crime, as the saying goes "money makes the world go round". It sheds light on the importance of earning money and having financial gain, thus creating a motive for one to commit an act, for example, if someone has a crucial debt one might commit online fraud or embezzle money from the comfort of their home. Revenge comes in as second just because it poses a powerful motive, making an individual go to extreme measures whether it's justifiable or not. This could lead to targeting various attributes such as certain individuals, groups, companies, etc. I would rank multiple reasons as third, just because it poses multiple causes or bases when individuals commit an act. This makes sense because the majority of cybercrimes are related to more than one reason or purpose versus sticking to one factor. For example, a cybercriminal committed a crime for financial gain and the intention of entertainment. Politics would be ranked as fourth as many individuals have strong beliefs and ideologies thus committing actions driven by political motives. We can take a look at the capital riot on January 6th, 2021, it was coordinated online by using social media platforms as many people planned and then took action. Fifth would be recognition as people would do the unthinkable just to experience some form of fame, regardless of the consequences. For example, Bradley Niblock launched a DDoS attack on a UK election just to gain a following and attract likes on his Twitter feed. I would rank Entertainment as sixth. Similar to boredom, one might feel pleasure in committing various acts, some are seeking the thrill of committing an act and getting away with it. An example would be the 2019 Capital One incident, where Paige Thompson gloated about her achievements in GitHub which led to her arrest. Finally, I would rank boredom as last, I would understand why someone would commit a heinous act but I believe there isn't a justification or reason to pursue it. Someone just might be bored out of their mind and find a way to pass the time by wreaking havoc. Especially during COVID-19, the long extensive lockdowns have catered a way for individuals to indulge their time in committing cybercrimes.

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