Week 5 Journal

1. **For Money** – Financial gain is a clear and logical motivator. Cybercriminals see hacking as a business, targeting victims for fraud, ransomware, or theft. Money is a universal incentive, making this the most understandable motive.
2. **Revenge** – Personal grudges can fuel cybercrimes, especially when emotions run high. Cases like revenge porn show how cyberattacks can be used as tools for harm and control.
3. **Political** – Hacktivism is on the rise, and while illegal, some see it as a means to push political agendas or expose wrongdoing.
4. **Multiple** **Reasons** – Some hackers are driven by a mix of factors, such as money, ideology, or personal gain, making their motives complex but still understandable.
5. **Recognition** – Some hackers want to prove their skills and gain notoriety. While this is understandable, it lacks deeper justification.
6. **Entertainment** – Hacking for fun, like scraping LinkedIn data, seems reckless and unnecessary but still happens.
7. **Boredom** – This is the weakest excuse. Causing harm just because one is bored is irresponsible and immature.