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Exploring Risky Behaviors

Setting: Café

Subject 1

A student in a café, who is neglective, decides to leave their laptop out in the open and unlocked while they go to use the bathroom. The external vulnerability present in this situation is the lack of awareness that anyone in the café could easily access the laptop for specific purposes when it is not locked. This situation could best be categorized as latent victimization because the student was previously described as neglective, meaning they are more likely to commit this same act again and also other acts that are neglective such as leaving their backpack open. It could also fit as provocative victimization because they are leaving their laptop out in the open for anyone to see. This means that it gives the opportunity for anyone with deviant thoughts to intrude on the student's possession and do what they want such as hack or post something explicit online under the student's profile. Any offenses committed would be marked as cyberviolence and would be based on the self-control theory. This is because the likeliness of an offense being committed would be based on the offender's willingness to commit the offense. The best recommendation would be for the student to take

their belongings with them to the bathroom or make sure that all their belongings are secure first.

Subject 2

A student sets her phone on the front counter, focused on ordering what she wanted at the café rather than paying attention to the people around her. This would be a provocative victim situation because anyone could easily snatch the phone since the student is distracted by ordering. The likelihood of the phone being stolen is high, but the neutralization theory can justify this for the offender because it is the student's fault for leaving their phone away from her hands. This would be cyber-trespassing due to the fact that anyone taking the phone is more likely to have malicious intents and would not have consent from the student. As a recommendation, the student could easily have hidden their phone away in their pocket.

Subject 3

A student leaves their backpack open while listening to music on their phone, sleeping. I would consider this to be passive victimization since the student did not purposely expose their backpack for offenses to be committed. The offenses committed would potentially be their presumed laptop in the backpack being stolen and used for cyber-trespassing purposes. This would be another neutralization theory situation because the offender would blame the incident on the student being neglective of their belongings. I recommend this student to be more secure of their belongings.

Subject 4

A student leaves their laptop unlocked and open, exposing their schoolwork for anyone to see next to their friend. This is a provocative victim situation because it is enticing to anyone in the café or even the friend to want to access the laptop. The offenses committed would be cyberviolence as the criminal intent would be to harm the student's identity online. But the theory that could fit this situation could possibly be the social bonds theory because although the student's friend could easily do something malicious on the laptop, she is hesitant due to the fact that they are friends and does not want to get in trouble by the school.