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Week 5 Journal Entry - Review the articles linked with each individual motive in the presentation page or Slide #4. 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.

Starting with rank 7, I believe that entertainment is the one that makes the least sense. Doing cybercrime just for entertainment would not be its sole purpose in my opinion. It may tag along with the other motives for the hackers since that is more of a “hobby” or “job” for them. They usually have another motive the best serves their purpose such as money. Rank 6 would be Boredom because I feel like the reason for hacking just doesn’t roll well with them just being bored. It seems like a throw away excuse to be “cool” or “edgy”. Rank 5 is multiple reasons this is more like a “catch all” in terms of why hackers do what they do. Yea it can be for multiple reasons, but when a hacker does what he does it is usually recognition that comes with the hacking that they do. The 4th rank would be recognition. Recognition relates well with human nature, we all want to feel important and be recognized for the things that we do. Be it anonymously or not, it does affect how we strive to do things in any field we may be in, including hacking. Rank 3 is political, the political climate in the U.S. right now is very divided and with it comes hacktivists. Hacktivists’ motives are purely political in their ability to perform cybercrime. The reason why it is ranked this high is due to the relevance of today’s society and its prominence. Revenge is rank 2. The main reason why it is at this spot is because I know personal friends who have suffered through this kind of cybercrime. It is probably one of the most devastating crimes that can affect a person. Revenge porn is one of the vilest types of revenge one can do to someone. There is no true gain here except to ruin other people’s lives that didn’t deserve it. Money is the number 1 ranked motive in my opinion. Nothing is really free and money does make the world go round. With Bitcoin and cryptocurrency, it enables most cybercriminals to buy anything they may want or need without the bread crumb trail that goes with real world currency.