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.

Note: The word count should be in between 100 -125 words.

1. Multiple Reasons

2. For Money

3. Recognition

4. Political

5. Revenge

6. Entertainment

7. Boredom

Explanation -

I found ranking these different motives for cybercrimes very difficult. It is hard to justify committing a crime but for these seven instances, I ranked them based on the severity of the crime committed in relation to the reason. For example, I ranked Boredom at #7 (meaning it made the least amount of sense)

Response

Motive - The Thought Behind the Cybercrime

There is a true underlying cause for each individual cybercrime action. Every individual possesses a different motive to justify why they acted in the manner that they did for any given circumstance. Below please see the list of motives ranked from 1 (making the most sense with that motive choice) to 7 (making the least sense as to motive) and why the ranking order was determined.

Motive Rankings -

1.Multiple Reasons - There are multiple reasons for a motive to be created due to a circumstance in the completion of a cybercrime. For example, the motives of what

factors drive a possible offender to commit a cybercrime can be multi-faceted. These motives are being driven by life choices as motivating factors of their own personal perception both from an emotional and circumstantial viewpoint (Zurkus, 2018).

2. For Money - The motive for financial gain is quite motivating for individual actions to be taken as the quest for financial success as a result of the cybercrime completion. For example, cybercriminals have a tendency to utilize their spending trends on status enhancing purchases with only a small portion of their income being spent on necessities (Carole, 2018).

3. Recognition - The quest for fame and popularity could also serve as a strong motivating factor for actions to be carried out in a given cybercrime scenario.

4. Political - Political reasons or causes can also create an underlying motive for cybercrime actions to be taken.

5. Revenge - The instance of revenge could be a motivating factor for individual actions within the cybercrime realm.

6. Entertainment - For the fun of it, could truly be a factor of motivation of an action in a certain cybercrime scenario.

7. Boredom - Just because…meaning an act of true border created a motive for an action to be carried out in a cybercrime circumstance.

Explanation -

Motivation can truly be a factor in the completion of a cybercrime. There are many factors that signify motive as to why crimes are committed by an individual. Yet, in the heat of the moment, the crime was simply still committed. The motive provided the underlying cause as to why the cybercrime could have been committed, but whether there is a verdict of guilty or innocent that is the factor that requires justification.

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