

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.

Looking at the individual motives and the articles alongside them, I've found that they are wide-ranging and cover various crimes.

1. Multiple Reasons. This makes the most sense when it comes to hacking. Unless a computer user with such skills has a conscience, payment will determine how those skills are used. Economic factors can further aggravate this decision, such as whether the individual lived in poor conditions before going in this direction.

2. For Money. Like #1, money provides for a better lifestyle. In this case, instead of making their lives better, their lives are good, and they are seeking to live even more lavishly and irresponsibly to satisfy twisted desires.

3. Political. Hacktivists often commit cybercrimes against an organization, such as disrupting applications and modifying websites illegally when they don't agree with the organization's stances or activities.

4. Revenge. This often comes from a place of hurt. Looking at the article provided, we see celebrities like Jennifer Lawrence and Jeff Bezos. Often, individuals don't respond well to situations that do not go how they'd like or hurt them. This leads to those individuals doing hurtful things in return. Given the fact that social media companies do little to combat revenge porn, the method is found by these individuals to be effective.

5. Recognition. In the instance provided, the individual terrorized a political candidate. Such an act could attract recognition from the opposing group; however, the recognition achieved here was gained from making the victim fearful.

6. Boredom. Doing something because you're bored, like crime, is dumb. One can make better use of their time.

7. Last, Entertainment. Scraping data from LinkedIn and then distributing that data in mass quantities for malicious use is possibly irresponsible. Doing it for kicks could suggest that an individual has serious issues otherwise.