



THE SOCIAL IMPACT OF CYBERCRIME

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INTRODUCTION



CYBERCRIME IN THE SOCIAL ASPECT

Definition: Any criminal activity that utilizes computer networks to harm individuals, businesses, or society, leading to financial loss, identity theft, psychological distress, and social instability due to negative impact caused in part because of the expansiveness of cyberspace and the way online interactions and information sharing occur.

As the Internet and Cyberspace develops, Cybercrime develops and occurs alongside the expansion of cyberspace

INDIVIDUAL AND BUSINESS IMPACT

- Psychological distress is a huge factor here. Anxiety, Fear, and Panic Attacks are very present. This can be avoided with the appropriate preventative measures for both individuals and businesses.
- Give example from personal experience involving social engineering.
- LastPass Blog Article
- Preventative measures

IMPACT ON SOCIETY AS A WHOLE

- Cybercrime has negative impacts on business and the functioning of society. It impairs social functions, and it can cause harm to health care infrastructure and critical infrastructure. Relativism is in play here. If systems are not kept up to date, this leads to these systems being attacked as attackers come to view these systems as low hanging fruit, or soft targets. The WannaCry ransomware attack is a good example. In this attack, the attackers were looking to make money at the expense of society. This had an extremely negative impact on the U.K. healthcare system.

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- Political impact can be damaging. A recent example of this is the leak of the files illegally obtained from the Trump campaign on Senator Vance. While news organizations decided not to publish the documents they received, objectivity seems to be an issue here. Do the people have a right to the information, especially if most of it was already public? Is there a difference between this incident and other incidents from the past?
- According to The Guardian, the Trump Campaign was working with Elon Musk to censor individuals on X who were sharing the documents online. This is a concern where research questions could pose ethical implications. What about the first amendment rights of individuals? Was Musk doing this to benefit the Trump campaign and himself? Should this kind of behavior be prevented in the future? Is this a crime? A journalist was suspended from a media outlet for sharing this information because he believed the public had a right to know.

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