

Module 5 Journal Entry  
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After reviewing the linked articles in our slideshow, I compiled a list of the top motivations for committing cybercrime and ranked them from what I think makes the least sense to what makes the most sense. Starting with what I thought made the least sense, I chose boredom. Personally, I have no idea why anyone would resort to cybercrime just because they had nothing else to do. In this modern era, we have the collective knowledge of humanity at our fingertips. There are endless things to learn, watch, or play for entertainment, so it makes no sense to me why someone would risk getting caught committing a crime out of sheer boredom. Next on my list was entertainment. This seemed pretty similar to boredom in the sense that I don't understand why anyone would resort to crime when there are already so many other forms of entertainment that are easily accessible. Next, I ranked revenge. I have never been so slighted that I felt the need to harm someone. Even if I wanted to settle a score, I'd like to think I would find a much better alternative than terrorizing someone online. I'd rather stick with some sort of harmless prank than become a cybercriminal. Recognition is next on my list. I can somewhat understand why someone would commit cybercrime to achieve a certain level of fame or infamy, but I feel like there are many other ways to gain recognition that don't require breaking the law.

These next three are the motivations that make the most sense to me. At number three, I ranked politics. I understand why someone would feel the need to fight against a certain political group or movement, especially in today's world, but I think there are much more constructive ways to stand up for what you believe in and improve your community instead of simply sowing chaos. At number two, I ranked money. Everyone needs money, but not everyone is fortunate enough to have enough of it. While I don't condone committing crimes to make a quick buck, I understand that not everyone has the same opportunities or circumstances. At number one, I ranked socioeconomic and psychological factors. I personally believe that an individual's propensity for crime is greatly affected by their social environment and mental makeup. If someone grew up in a household where crime was common or experienced a traumatic childhood, then it makes sense to me that they could develop a greater inclination toward criminal behavior later in life.