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## Article Review 1

Cybercrime has been a cause for concern since the rise of technology. There are people dedicated to studying not only how to combat risks associated with technology but also the reasoning as to why someone would resort to such behaviors. This is what links cybercrime to the principles of social sciences. Social science involves the study of human behavior, determining what makes a person decide to do the things they do. The article White-Collar Crime, Cybercrime, or Both, written by Brian Payne, demonstrates this exact point of how cyber crime and social sciences are intertwined. The purpose of this article was to study how “various criminal behaviors are socially and legally constructed”.(Payne,18)

In the article Payne focuses on determining how white collar crime and cybercrime overlap one another to determine what type of response would be needed in certain situations, such as a white-collar crime being committed with cyberspace making it also a cybercrime. In order to do this it had to be studied what constitutes a white collar crime and the behaviors of someone who commits these crimes. The behavioral aspect is ultimately the link between cyber crime and social sciences. For example, in module five the class is introduced to different psychological theories as to why someone would offend. These theories could apply in a situation when studying why someone might commit a white-collar crime as well as a cyber crime. Theories such as psychodynamic theory which suggest a person's reasoning for committing a crime is related to their experiences they had during early life such as their child or adolescent phases. Another example would be behavioral theory which would suggest that an offender's behavior is linked to learning it from someone they respect or looked up to.

In the article Payne included various charts in order to show the results of his findings. The data is based on the reviewal 109 cases from the department of justice in order to show the link between white-collar crime and cyber crime. The charts display data such as the average sanctions given to offenders, gender patterns, and age patterns. These are also factors that could be related to social sciences, in the charts it is seen that males committed more crimes than the women. However, it also raised the questions as to why that might be and if it is due to their standing in society. Women could be considered a marginalized group in terms of the workplace as there was a point in history where they were not allowed to work and after were not treated the same as their male counterparts. There is also the notion that women can be seen as more fragile than a man. These are factors that would need to be considered to be able to ask more questions as to why the number of women is so low, is it because there are genuinely not many

women partaking in this crime, or are they not getting caught and prosecuted the same as their counterparts? It could also be that they do not have the same opportunity to commit such acts as successfully. Nextly, the data displayed that typically those who commit cyber crimes were typically within a younger age group whereas, the ages of those committing white-collar crimes were typically over 30.

These studies show that more research needs to be done ultimately to understand the minds of those who commit these crimes as well as how the two crimes overlap one another. If more studies are done not only examining the crimes themselves but the type of people who commit them and why they do what they do we can continue to move forward. All questions should be explored from the what and when to why and how, regarding these situations. By learning more about these factors there will continuously be a way to combat these problems. All in all I feel as though this article was a great demonstration as to how social science applies to crimes, whether that be a standard crime as we know it or dealing with crimes within cyberspace.

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