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Week 5 Journal Entry

Rank 1 –(Money) The most common scenario, I believe an attacker would commit cybercrime for is monetization almost every single hack that occurs against users online is for some sort of financial gain, whether it be phishing, malware, or social engineering. The scenario given that money would be spent on diapers I feel is unlikely but attackers scamming people online for money I believe is the most common scenario of them all.

Rank 2 – (Multiple Reasons) I believe hackers committing cybercrime for multiple different purposes is the 2nd mist likely scenario, an attacker might want to get revenge against a victim and get recognized for said attack in the process, the attacker could also attack said victim for monetization also. The article simply talks about interviews that were had with hackers and the motives they had for hacking said targets.

Rank 3 – (Political) Hacktivist are very common, I believe this deserves to be in the third spot because politics exists in almost every nation and there will always be someone who doesn’t agree with the politics of said nation. The article talks about a group of hackers who are upset with how politics are so rampant now in social media Gab one of the victims of the attack was a republican social network this is similar to revenge; however, nothing directly was done to these people by the social media app.

Rank 4 – (Revenge) I believe Revenge to be a very feasible and common cause as to why one would attack another online, the article talks about how in whales the amount of cases where sexual content of a particular person would be shared to get even, has increased similarly to Recognition I believe there would be other more common methods in which revenge would happen.

Rank 5 – (Recognition) Moving up on the list I believe an attacker committing an attack to get recognized would be significantly more common than the last two but not for the scenario that was given in the article. In the article a British script kiddie committed a DDOS during the 2019 election to simply get more likes on his social media page this concept is very similar to the last two, but if the attacker was doing this more so to draw awareness to a cause I believe it would be higher on the list.

Rank 6 – (Entertainment) Similar to boredom which is ranked just below Entertainment I feel most criminals wouldn’t typically commit devious acts online for fun as often as committing crimes for a more motivated purpose.

Rank 7 – (Boredom) I believe this to be the most unlikely scenario because, in my opinion a cybercriminal would best use their efforts and time to try and acquire valuable data not just to past time, with every minute could potentially be another victim waiting to be scammed I don’t believe most criminals would commit acts just to past time.