

Cybercriminal Motives (Journal Entry)

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In the cyberspace there is many motives of why a person do cybercrimes and below I ranked from the most sense to the least sense. Boredom being the most sense because specially affects our future (our children) and we need to protect and educate the next generation. The least sense is for recognition. It is selfish to no think the consequences of our actions, although is the less severe and It was properly handle by the authorities.

1. **Boredom:** This motive is very dangerous because involves our children. We need to be aware of what they are doing in the cyberspace for their protection. We must put limits to the devices and check what our children are doing on the internet because there are adults with bad intentions that try to cheat the children. Also, Children at age of almost adulthood may not know the consequences of wrongdoing to other children like cyberbullying causing even death to that other person.
2. **Revenge:** this motive is dirty in the sense that they are looking for damaging the image of a person. The more famous you are the more impact is going to be. This kind of crime has

increased a lot with help of AI and the slow criminal justice in modernized and go after this type of criminals.

3. **Political:** is an ideology motivation that could be dangerous to influence and manipulate the public, because they can think they are the “robin hood” of the cyberspace, but they are doing just as much damage as it could be the information disclosed.
4. **Entertainment:** In this stance, the criminal took advantage of the applications to gather data and sell it. We understand the data could be public, but it is very concerning as now days the public receives scams by email, phone calls or phone messages. The selling of our privacy data is being very popular these days and it seems that authorities are not doing enough to protect our data from companies like “Facebook” to share it or not safeguard it.
5. **Multiple reasons:** This motive is very similar to the “for money”, except that there is also a psychological and personality characteristic of why this type of cybercrime is done, because is in part for financial gain, but also for passion and ego of the individual challenging themselves.
6. **For money:** This motive is the simplest. Financial gain is the key word. It opens many things for this type of criminals, either because of status, no money worries or luxury lifestyle. In this category, law enforcement just needs to do a better job and investigate more, especially in this modern digital money where is harder to track.
7. **Recognition:** This motive for me is the least, because is indeed causing damages, this individual is looking to show attention from either a group of people like a club or just to let know people he is very skillful.

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