

Social Bonding Theory and Its relation to Cyber Crime

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Introduction

This Article analysis will analyze how the principles of social science relate and can help explain cyber crime. It also discusses ways it affects marginalized communities and ways to prevent cyber crime in the future.

What is Social Bonding Theory?

Social bonding theory, a theory developed by criminologist Travis Hirschi, argues that individuals who have strong attachments to people within their society are more likely to follow societal norms than people that don't have strong relationships with others. This theory relates to the principles of the social sciences, for example psychology is the science of the mind and human behaviors. Psychology relates to social bonding theory because it explains the causes and effects of certain human behaviors. In social bonding theory the cause is lack of strong relationships, the effect is people not adhering to societal norms. Sociology is the study of society and social behaviors. Social bonding theory is a concept observed by sociologists that helps explain why in society some people might adhere to unspoken social norms and some might not. The hypothesis' found in this study relating to social bonding theory are:

1. Higher levels of parent attachment will decrease computer hacking
2. Higher levels of attachment to parental supervision will decrease computer hacking
3. Higher levels of involvement will decrease computer hacking
4. Higher levels of school attachment will decrease computer hacking

In this study, researchers used the International Self-Report Delinquency Study (ISRD-2). The data was collected from 2005-2007 and came from 31 countries and included 68,507 students ages 12-15 in grades 7-9. China was the only Asian country included. The study

was only conducted in 8 countries which include the United States, Venezuela, Spain, France, Germany, Poland, Hungary, and Russia because of their high rates of cybercrime. (International Journal of Cybersecurity Intelligence & Cybercrime, 2018) The study found that the findings in this article partially support social bonding theory and that lack of parental attachment can contribute to increased risk of crime in some people.

How concept from powerpoint relate to this article

Some concepts from previous powerpoint modules that relate to this article are the theories of relativism and determinism which are discussed in module 2. Relativism is the idea that all things are related. This relates to the article because it supports the idea that individuals who have strong attachments to people within their society are more likely to follow societal norms than people that don't. In this article the findings suggest that not having strong attachments to parental figures may correlate with being more likely to engage in cyber crime. Determinism also relates to the research information found in this article. Determinism is behavior caused, determined, or influenced by preceding events. In the case of social bonding theory in the context of cyber crime, the cause or influence of the crime would be not having strong parental attachment.

How this article relates to the challenges and concerns of marginalized groups

This article relates to the concerns and challenges of marginalized groups by addressing the reasons why certain crimes happen. In many marginalized or forgotten about communities crime is usually a big problem due to lack of resources. By addressing the reasons why these crimes may happen using the principles of social science, we can better help prevent cyber crimes from happening where the main targets are usually less fortunate people and other marginalized communities.

Overall societal contributions from this study

This study contributes to society by helping figure out the root causes of cybercrime so that we can not only prevent cyber crimes from happening in the future but also focus on the

deeper issue of rehabilitating people that come from rough environments or have issues with mental health.

Conclusion

In this essay we learned what social bonding theory is, how this article relates to things we've learned in class, how it relates to the challenges and concerns of marginalized groups and overall societal contributions this study will have. This study highlights the importance of using principles of social science and sociological theories like social bonding theory to help explain and prevent cyber crime by means of rehabilitation. This rehabilitation can also lead to a decrease in other types of crime as well and could teach kids how to pick up legal skills like a trade, coding skills, etc. It is important to teach kids that they are loved, that there are other legal options to make money, contribute positively to society, and live life to the fullest.

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