

Individual motives behind cybercrime include; entertainment, politics, revenge, boredom, recognition, for money, and multiple reasons. The most sense, ranked one, in my opinion is multiple reasons due to everyone not having the same motives as every cyber-criminal. The main motivations for cyber-criminals include socioeconomic factors, technical skill and psychological drivers such as revenge and ego (Zurkus, 2018). This makes the most sense due to individuals who chose to participate in online crimes are those looking for satisfaction in themselves and to feel some type of way like they have accomplished something. Ranking second on the list from most sense to least sense is for money. Of course, this is why a lot of criminals participate in crimes because they need money to pay for bills, pay others back, or they want to go on a shopping spree with someone else's income. 15% spend most of their money on immediate needs like buying nappies (diapers) and paying bills (Carole, 2021).

Ranking third is revenge since these cyber criminals have computer experience already, if anyone gave them a hard time or even broke up with them while in an intimate relationship the first thing that comes to mind is getting back at them with information that they have them. This leaves the victim with a permanent inappropriate photo or video of them on the internet that their friends and family can't unsee. A new trend with the mass availability of new software is 'deepfake' pornography, an AI-powered crime where a real person's likeness is used to create a virtual simulation, often in a pornography context (Lisa Baker, Editor, Welsh Business News & News from Wales, 2019). This trend makes it easier for those who don't have material to make someone look bad on the internet, all they need is a picture of their face if nothing else to make it look like it is the real person. Ranking fourth is recognition to gain likes on their own personal accounts. By appearing as someone who is an official for a state and then adding or changing their social media account to their own is doing so in spite of their personal gain.

Ranking fifth is political, cyber-criminals might get paid to advertise and make people change their minds or viewpoints on presidential campaigns and to vote for a specific side or person. This ranked closer to least sense since it wouldn't be fair to the vast majority when election time does come around and a person is elected to a position for the wrong reasons. Ranking sixth is entertainment, by gathering and storing data on a public website then selling it doesn't make sense to me since this information is not meant to be stolen but for public knowledge. Lastly, ranking seventh of least sense is boredom. Someone should never commit crimes due to being bored. There are many activities individuals can do in their free time and manipulating children is not and shouldn't be one of them. Children also look for alternative ways to entertain themselves. They have access to video games. They exchange details with strangers, not knowing who they are communicating with (Sonjica, 2021).

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