

Article Review #1: Patterns of Cybercrime in Nigeria

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Introduction/BLUF

The article *Pattern of Cybercrime Abuse of Individual Internet Users in Nigeria* examines the forms, prevalence, and impacts of cybercrime on internet users in Nigeria. The study finds that cybercrime is common in Nigeria and affects internet users socially, economically, and psychologically, enforcing the need for social interventions.

Relation/Connection to Social Science Principles

The article discusses how certain online interactions expose people to cybercrime, how socioeconomic factors in Nigeria influence cybercrime, and the role of social institutions in cybercrime prevention. Moreover, principles like social inequality, social change, deviance, and social control are also discussed within the article.

Research Question /Hypothesis/ Independent Variable/Dependent Variable

- Research Question: What are the common forms of cybercrime committed on people in Nigeria and how does it affect them socially and economically?
- Hypothesis: Increased internet usage without cybersecurity awareness increases ones' vulnerability to cybercrime.
- Independent Variable: Level of internet usage, cybersecurity awareness, type of online activities
 - Dependent Variable: Types of cybercrime experienced

Types of Research Methods used

The study used quantitative research methods through questionnaires given to internet users in Nigeria. The data was collected via surveys and analyzed to find the trends and any correlations.

Types of Data Analysis used

Descriptive statistics, like percentages and frequency distributions

Comparative analysis to identify cybercrime patterns.

Connections to other Course Concepts

Cyber victimization, cybersecurity awareness, cybercrime prevention

Connections to the Concerns or contributions of Marginalized Groups

The study highlighted that youth and low-income individuals were common perpetrators and victims of cybercrime. The study stated that limited digital literacy makes the marginalized populations more vulnerable.

Overall societal contributions of the study/Conclusion

The study contributes to society by improving understanding of how cybercrime affects individuals in developing nations and calls for stronger cyber laws, public education surrounding online safety, and better institutional and government support surrounding cybersecurity and user awareness.

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