I will be discussing the article “Assessing The Role of Cybercriminology in South Africa’s Combat Against Financial Cybercrime”. This article relates to the principles of the social sciences as it discusses cybercriminology. Cybercriminology is the study of why people commit cybercrimes, not just the technology they used to commit their crime. In the case of this article, they use cybercriminology to specifically study and use it to explain why human behavior plays a part when it comes to financial cybercrimes in South Africa. To put it simply, in this article their research question is how can cybercriminology help South Africa fight against finance cybercrimes. In this article, they use rational choice theory to explain their reasoning why people commit cybercrimes. Throughout the article the author uses multiple previous studies, existing documents of the law, and reports on financial cybercrime in South Africa to answer why cybercriminology could help fight against financial cybercrime in South Africa. This article, like previously stated, relates to rational choice theory, a concept we learnt about in class. Rational choice theory is related because cybercriminals will think about the possible gains of the crime they are about to commit, as well as the risk of the crime. This article has relation to marginalized groups in the aspect of having a bigger financial burden on those who are already struggling financially. Those who are already struggling financially may be unable to properly fight against, protect themselves, and learn about cybercrimes. This study helps contribute to society by bringing more awareness, helping understand and improve prevention of financial cyberattacks in South Africa, but also possibly all over the world.

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