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Cybercrime Deviance and Victimization

Cyber deviance and victimization do not equally affect social groups or social classes and age

groups. The Routine Activities Theory is closely related to cybercrime victimization because the

theory states that motivated offender, suitable target, and lack of guardianship must be met for

someone to commit a crime whether a cybercrime or not. This theory can also relate to the

determinism principle of science because if there is a lack of guardianship that is because of the

previous conditions or events which would help make a suitable target and that would help

influence a motivated offender to commit the crime.

There is a good percentage of deviants in cyber space that are Nigerians. There is also increased

victimization of the elderly. People with less knowledge about cybersecurity are more likely to

fall victim to scams or cyber attacks because they don't take the measures they need to take in

order to avoid them. The majority of the elderly aren't very experienced or knowledgeable with

cybersecurity which is why they have an increased victimization when it comes to cybercrime.

Because of the increased deviance of the cyber space in Nigeria, there is support for a better

education program for awareness of information security and cybercrime victimization there.

This program will be to give more and relevant knowledge to people that are not very aware of

cybersecurity issues in their country or just in general.

If there are programs that help give people good knowledge about cybersecurity then people will

be more able to prevent cyber attacks from happening to them because they would be able to

know how to avoid certain attacks and protect against others. Programs or classes to give general

knowledge about cyber security to people is a great idea because they would be able to better

their cybersecurity hygiene which would help themselves and others a lot. Different groups of

people will have different types of cybersecurity practices because some will use strong

passwords and others will not. Also the different types of deviants will have different techniques

in scamming people and some deviants will have to use different techniques on different people

because some techniques might not work on some people.

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