

Review the articles linked with each individual motive. Rank the motives from 1 to 7 as the motives that you think make the most sense (being 1) to the least sense (being 7). Explain why you rank each motive the way you rank it.

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Ranking the individual motives from “least amount of sense” to “most sense,” I chose #1 revenge, #2 recognition, #3 boredom, #4 entertainment, #5 political, #6 multiple reasons, and finally #7 money.

I ranked revenge as #1 the least sense because compared to the other motives, I don't find it as compelling or common. Taking revenge on the internet may not have the full impact someone may want, so it would seem more effective to take revenge in real life.

#2, recognition, nowadays, a lot more people are tech savvy and computer literate. Social media has grown extensively, so it makes sense that the people who are already using the internet and the social media platforms, who aren't getting those followers or likes that they long for, turn to hacking and cyber-crime to get the recognition they want. With that being said, compared to the other reasons, I just don't find it as compelling as say money.

Boredom at #3 and entertainment at #4 go hand in hand, but I believe entertainment makes more sense than boredom because hacking and cybercrime takes a certain level of effort and desire to learn the skill that I believe someone wouldn't fully commit to doing without finding it somewhat entertaining. They really can't exist without the other in a way at the end of the day. I could rank it near #7 because I find that people who have found an interest in hacking, must have some type of enjoyment along with it.

Politics pretty much holds the power to affect everyone on the planet. Politics start wars and earn money; therefore I find it ranked at #5. People get very worked up and passionate when it comes to politics which spills over onto the internet, and if done right, cybercrime can hurt entire countries.

Multiple reasons lands in at #6 because it makes sound sense that someone would find multiple reasons to engage in cyber-crime. Financial struggle, a bad ego, the desire for followers, entertainment, having all these motives along with the tools to commit cybercrime just leads the way to it happening.

Finally, the motive that makes the most sense is money. Money is a huge driving factor, and the lack of it can lead an honest, innocent man down the road of cybercrime. Money for the most part runs the world, without it, survival is rough and you need money to make money, so turning to cybercrime for a quick buck just makes the most sense as the #1 motive.