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**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.**

If I had to rank the motives from what makes the most sense to the least sense for people to commit cyberattacks it would be:

1. Multiple reasons
2. For money
3. Revenge
4. Political
5. Recognition
6. Boredom
7. Entertainment

Multiple reasons makes sense, I think that some of these reasons aren't enough on their own to actually drive someone to committing a cyberattack, so I think a combination of reasons makes the most sense. However, I would say that under the right circumstances the next three could be their own factors, but even the individual factors line up with another factor rather than be intentional or not. Like for money purposes, some cyber criminals use ransomware attacks to get money for a multitude of reasons, and one of them is recognition from other cyber criminals. I still have recognition fairly low, though, because cyber criminals generally need to lay low as they are still criminals. There are people who commit cyber crimes for revenge, I think the most notable are the "hacktivists", or cyber criminals that hack in the name of activism. This can also be people trying to get back at companies that wronged them, or, to lead into the next point,

people who believe politicians or their political systems have wronged them. It doesn't just have to be people who feel betrayed by their political systems, it could also be in favor of the political systems. There are many Russian hackers that are employed to hack for the profit of the Russian government, and many other countries do that too. Committing major hacks out of boredom seems a bit out of the ordinary because at the end of the day, it is still a crime to hack people, businesses, governments, etc. I do think boredom can be a factor, but not really a driving factor. I think similarly with entertainment; some people want to watch others' downfall or even in some cases, depending on the definition of cyber crime, people can use services to get around paying for television shows, movies, etc. I think when it comes to cyber crimes we think of the most high stakes situations, so for entertainment reasons may actually be the most common, but not the most lucrative.

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