

In my opinion, the neutralization theory is most relevant in explaining cybercrimes. This theory attempts to explain the ways that criminals justify their malicious acts to avoid the feeling of guilt. The theory identifies five types of neutralization: denial of injury, denial of victim, denial of responsibility, appeal to higher loyalty, and condemnation of condemners. I believe that the feeling of guilt that cybercriminals feel is much less than non-digital criminals due to the lack of in-person interaction with the victim. They will rationalize their actions and may try to shift the blame to the technology for its lack of defenses.