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- Criminology studies crimes, offenders, sanctions & victims
- Traditional crimes (theft, robberies, extortion)
- But what about cyber? Criminology has been relatively 'blind' to cyber, even though most cybersecurity breaches are crimes
- Indefensible as: increasing % of all crimes, increasing seriousness and potential (and real damage) etc.

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- A large part simply 'crimes': people doing illegal downloading, illegal access, hacking, malware, ransomware etc. People becoming victims.
- 85% - x % of cybersecurity breaches/incidents due to the 'human factor'
- But do we really need these stuffy, long-term, impractical bores?
- Yes, totally. We need to understand cyber'attackers' and cyber'users', their motivations, modus operandi, vulnerabilities, what sanctions work for offenders, and which are overkill. We need the best, scientifically grounded knowledge we can get.



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