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1. Although monetary profit, violence and the desire to monopolize the market are largely absent, child sexual abuse material fora on the Darkweb show clear signs of criminal organization.
2. While ‘lurkers’ do not portray any verbal activity on Darkweb child sexual abuse material fora, they do impact and play a major role in the forum community.
3. Personal characteristics and the engagement in social and networking behaviors are most important for the establishment and maintenance of trust in Darkweb child sexual abuse material fora.
4. Technical security runs like a thread through the criminal process of Darkweb child sexual abuse material fora.
5. The cooperation between academic and law enforcement communities could be improved, in order to achieve a deeper understanding of the more hidden criminal networks.
6. Future criminological research projects would benefit from multidisciplinary cooperation.
7. For people convicted of online crimes against children, the focus should be on rehabilitation rather than punishment, to best prevent future child victims.
8. The Circles of Support and Accountability (CoSA) initiative is effective in supporting sexual offenders as they reintegrate into society after their release from prison.
9. “Our representation of the standard criminal might be based on the properties of those less intelligent ones who were caught.” (*Nassim Nicholas Taleb, 2007*) This also applies to individuals who commit sexual crimes against children online.
10. “Let’s be mature about pedophilia.” (*TED talk Madeleine van der Bruggen*)