

Deviance and Social Control Terms

Review:

Norms- rules defining appropriate and inappropriate behavior

Resocialization- the process of adopting new norms, values, attitudes and behaviors

Chapter 7 Terms

Deviance- behavior that departs from societal or group norms

Negative deviance- involves behavior that under conforms to accepted norms

Positive deviance- involves behavior that over conforms to social expectations

Social Control- different ways to encourage conformity to society's norms

Social Sanctions- rewards or punishments that encourage conformity to social norms

Strain Theory- theory that deviance is more likely to occur when a gap exists between cultural goals and the ability to achieve these goals by legitimate means

Control Theory- theory that compliance with social norms requires strong bonds between individuals and society

Differential association theory- theory that individuals learn deviance in proportion to number of deviant acts they are exposed to

Labeling Theory- theory that society creates deviance by identifying particular members as deviant

Primary Deviance- deviance involving occasional breaking of norms that is not a part of a person's lifestyle or self-concept

Secondary Deviance- deviance in which an individual's life and identity are organized around breaking society's norms

Stigma- an undesirable trait or label that is used to characterize an individual

Victim Discounting- process of reducing the seriousness of the crimes that injure people of lower status

White-Collar Crime- job-related crimes committed by people with high-status

Crime- acts committed in violation of the law

Criminal Justice System- system comprising institutions and processes responsible for enforcing criminal statutes

Deterrence- discouraging criminal acts by threatening punishment

Retribution- punishment intended to make criminals pay compensations for their acts

Incarceration- a method of protecting society from criminals by keeping them in prisons

Rehabilitation- process of changing or reforming a criminal through resocialization

Recidivism- a repetition of or return to criminal behavior