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Social Bond Theory: an overview

"A strong social bond leads to goodness, while a weak bond results in crimes..."

(- Travis Hirschi)

Social Bond theory is a link of relations with society. In fact, social bond theory explains the nature and consequence of bond of an individual and society.

Why some people do not commit crime?

Why some people obey rules?

(- Travis Hirschi)

In fact, a strong bond stop one from committing crimes.

"Every individual has potential"



to commit crime,
but we with a
strong bond stay
away from criminality's
(-Travis Hirschi)

Therefore, social bond theory explains
relationship influence whether to
commit crime or not.

3- Travis Hirschi's 'social bond'
theory with respect to crime
, Fear of relationship
such as, parents,
peers, and community
stop from crimes.
(-Travis Hirschi)

Travis Hirschi argued one
can not commit crime if one
is associated with relationship of
society. According to him,
every individual has potential to
commit crime, but fears - a bond

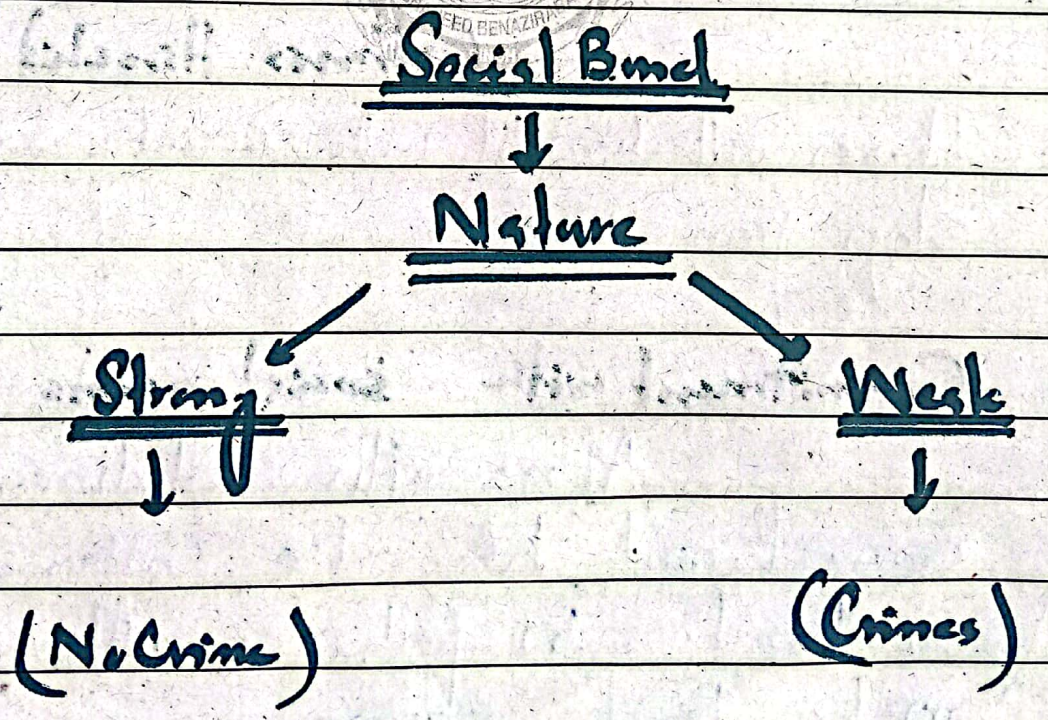


stop a person from committing crimes.

In his book, "Causes of delinquency", he told that a strong bond of individuals put down criminality..

(- Travis Hirschi, Causes of Delinquency, 1969)

Therefore, a strong bond prohibit from crimes, while a weak or broken bond leads to crimes.





4- Elements of Travis Hirschie's Social Bond Theory

Following are elements:

a) Attachment with society

Attachment with society protect one from crimes.

In fact, a strong attachment leads to a strong bond.

"Attachment with parents, peers, and community leads to strong bond."

(- Travis Hirschie)

Hence, attachment with society stop from crimes.

b) Commitment with social norms

Along with attachment, commitment has also influence on bond. In fact, commitment makes bond stronger.

"Once commitment with effort, future goals, and success leads to a strong bond."

(Travis Hirschi)

Therefore, commitment is another factor of strong bond relation.

c) Involvement in social characteristics

Involvement in society leads to social bond firm. A firm social bond leaves almost no space for crimes.

According to Travis Hirschi,

"To obey rules,
To be honest,
and

To be responsible
makes a strong
social bond."



Therefore, involvement in society makes strong relationship.

d) A strong belief in social norms
Furthermore, a strong belief encourages society. People involve and make society trustworthy.

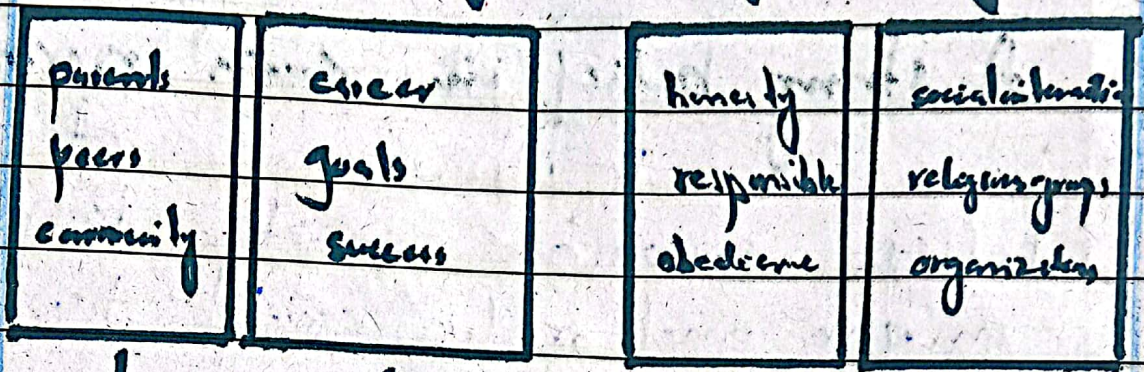
"Certain seminars, religious gatherings and social interaction gives birth to faith in social values."
(Trans Hirschi)

Therefore, a strong belief in social values makes a strong bond between people and society and prevents from crimes.

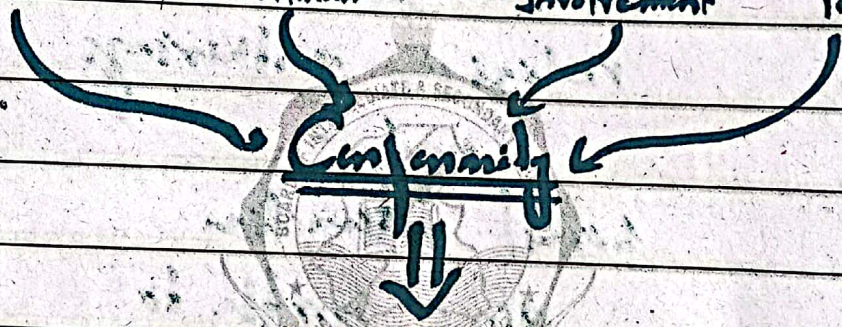
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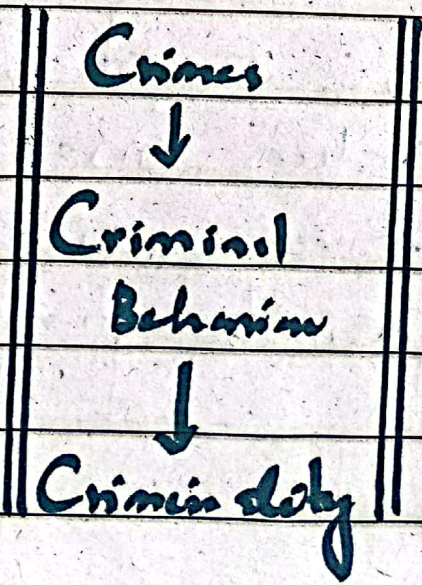
Elements of Social Bond Theory



Attachment Commitment Involvement Faith



(Weak)



5- Criticism on 'social bond' theory

"Peers grouping leads to criminality."

'Social Bond' theory could not explain that relation with peers also leads to crimes. In fact, bad grouping influence others. Therefore 'Social Bond' Theory is criticized on gathering influence.

6- Conclusion

"A strong Social Bond ties strong relations

with betterment of society."

(- Travis Hirschi)

'Social Bond' theory explains relations with society. Strong relations keep people away from crimes. Therefore, a weak or broken bond leads to crimes.