

Enlist the criminological perspectives.  
Briefly describe the three criminological perspectives on the study of crime and criminal behaviour.

## Introduction

The subject criminology is vast and coined with various techniques, research and theories. That is speciality of criminology. It is considered very sensitive and carefully handled system, because it deals with death and life. If there will be minute mistake will lead to wrong decision resultant wrong person will sentence punish.

There are numerous criminological perspectives which are responsible to make capable to identify offenders and justice for victim.

### → List of criminological perspective

- (i) Preclassical theory
  - a) Demerolism
  - b) Religional
  - c) Spiritual explanation

→ (ii) Classical theory

- a) Social contract theory
- b) Marxist theory of criminology
- c) Feminist criminology

→ (iii) Positivist school of thought

- a) Biological theory
  - ⊙ XYY / XXY
  - ⊙ Heredonistic calculus
  - ⊙ Somatotype theory
  - ⊙ Physiognomy
  - ⊙ Phrenology - theory
  - ⊙ Inheritance theory
  - ⊙ Intelligence theory
- b) Sociological - theory
  - ⊙ Social learning theory
  - ⊙ Labelling theory
  - ⊙ Strain theory
  - ⊙ Social contract theory
  - ⊙ Social disorganization

These all theories describe how an individual commits crime and why. It also elaborates feelings of criminal while performe deed. These perspective also help to indicate which are main

areas that influence on criminal and trigger him/her to commit crime.

Three perspectives which are based on crime and criminal behavior:

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### Social learning Theory

Social learning theory belongs to modern and positivist school of thoughts which are based on to demonstrate root cause of criminality. It has been started since mid of seven teen century.

Many psychologists and criminologists + add to invent this theory. Albert Bandura said: "An individual observes what is going on surround me then adopt that thing in his own behavior".

• Factors which affects an individual's behavior

(i) Economic

(ii) Education

(iii) Environment

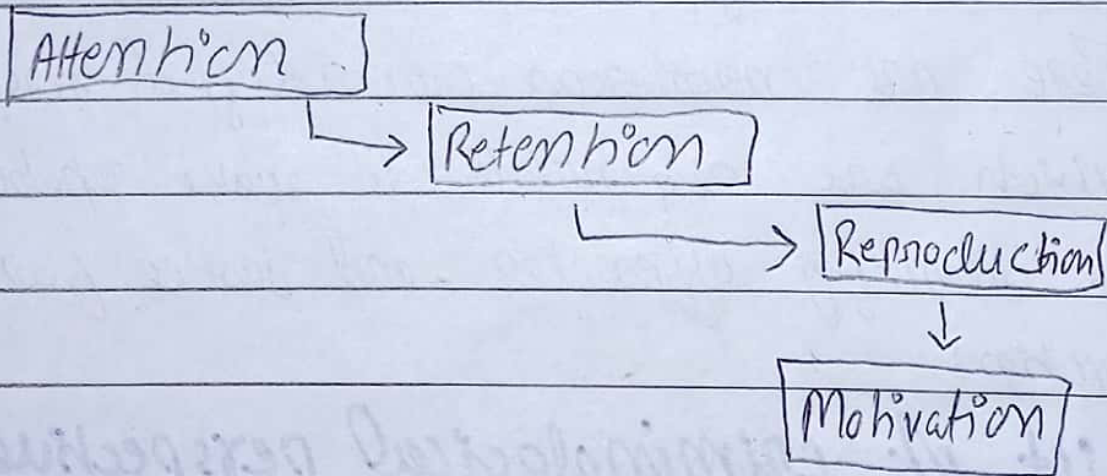
(iv) Any accident

(v) Ideologies

(vi) Family

Once a famous psychologist named John Watson said, "Environnement of a child leads him toward a national hero or a criminal." He also challenged to society - "that give me ten kids and tell me what do you want those kids going to be, I will build them accordingly."

Main idea of social learning theory



It shows, how an offender learn and get attention from society and retain it, then reproduce it in his/her own way that makes motivate them to do any particular act.

## 2 Strain theory

Strain theory has given by Robert Merton. He describes demands and standards of society influence on person's life. Basically, he emphasis on two things personal goals and societal and cultural demand.

(i) How an individual chose deviance behaviour  
 This theory tells the emphasis of societal and cultural behaviour pressurize the an individual that leads him toward deviance.

(ii) Source of criminal behaviour

- a) Failure of my goal in his life.
- b) Negative impression from society.
- c) External stimuli.
- d) Unable to blance of thoughts

(iii) Adaptation

(a) conformity

When a person adopt and follow societal, cultural and ethical rules is called conformity.

(b) Innovation

People accept societal rule but in own way.

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### c) Retreatism

People do not accept societal side make own's.

### d) Rebellionism

People go away from societal and personal aims after fed up from huge implications.

## 3 Labelling theory

It is very common in various societies that leads toward criminal behavior. What happens, when a person tagged by anything such as deviance, criminal so there are huge chances that going to be. This theory given by Howard S. Becker in his 1963 book Outsiders. People use to provoke and trigger their feelings and make them be become oppressed and commit crime. This theory basically applies on those who had done something before.

### Conclusion

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Criminologist has huge responsibility to analyse criminal's behavior, psychology, interest and the reason why it done by him and theories are helpfull to achieve it easily.