

Subject: Criminology.

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Assignment #1.

Q: Deviant Behavior is in overt disregard of social norms and popular values. Deviance can be a manifestation of individual and cultural influences that invoke non conforming behavior in an individual. Do you agree?

Ans

Social Deviance:

"While living in a society breaking the social norms, values, moral adicates of that society is called social deviance"

Explanation: In every society have some norms, values, regulations, understanding, moral highups, and the society did not compromised on these things, if a person did violate these norms and values the society didnt accept it.

Social deviance is all about social expectations.

"When in Rome, do as the Romans do".

The society considers social deviance as a threat for it self so the society minimized it.

Example: if we go to rural areas of KPK, or Punjab the mostly people are speaking in ~~the~~ siraki and when we speak in their language siraki the importance of our words is high, and when we speak in urdu the people gives ~~us~~ less importance and if we speak english they ~~totly~~ ignores ~~us~~

Deviant Behaviour

"When human behaviour is in a disapproved direction and exceeds limit of community's toleration, it is called Deviant Behaviour"

All crimes are not acts of deviance but not all acts of deviance are crime.

Example: if a group of people in a public place are smoking and playing loud music, it may be seen as deviant



because they are "loitering". Even if they are not breaking the law, their behaviour maybe seen as anti-social and therefore, deviant.

Individual Influences:-

Individual as cause explain on the basis of three theories. According to Religious theory, The religion of a person talk about their criminal behaviour or deviant behaviour. Mostly religion talk on "demonic possession". By demonic possession means super powers.

"Religious theory is from Pre-classical school of thought Demonology". it is the one of earliest behaviour of 17th century in Europe with the dominance of church and religion.

it is also known as demonological school of thought and they are believe in spirits, demons, wendigo and unknown powers. They thinks that the person who commit crime he didn't done by their own complete will. if there is no

one can be a criminal.

it is a nature perspective and
Not irrelevant even today.

Cultural Influence: Every society have a cultural goals and achieving/accepting that cultural goals in there society have conventional means. Conventional mean is the way in which the society normally achieved the society goals.

Robert Merton deviance Typology tells us how a society makes a person deviant. According to strain theory, Robert Merton proposed Five adaptations:

1. Conformity: Most common response.
2. Innovation: Typical criminal response.
3. Ritualism: Habitual response.
4. Retreatism: Typical of drug use.
5. Rebellion: Seeking radical change.

| | | Conventional Means. | |
|-----------------|--------|---------------------|--------------------|
| | | Accept | Reject |
| Cultural Goals. | Reject | Conformity | Innovation |
| | Accept | Ritualism | Retreatism |
| | | | Through New Means |
| | | | Rebellion |
| | | | Seeking New Goals. |

Example: I can explain this diagram with the help of example.

Every society have some conventional mean to achieved cultural goals. Cultural goal is to earn money and conventional mean to do job.

if a person accept cultural goals and also accept conventional mean so that person is conformist. The adoptation of ways in society is called conformity. i.e. do job and earn money.

if a person accept cultural goal but reject the conventional mean so that person is in innovation. Innovation means to earn money but adopted illegal way.

i.e. rejected job and commit a crime for money so it goes to deviance in society.

if person reject cultural goal and accept conventional means so that person is ritualist. its mean ritualism is Habitual response. i.e. which follow daily routine only for bread and butter.

if a person reject cultural goal and also reject conventional mean. so it means this person is retreatist. Retreatism means he run away from society i.e. he will takes drugs.

if a person seeking new goals he is called Rebellist.