

Deviant Behavior And Perception

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Deviant Behavior:

The behavior or activity that violates the social norm includes both formal and informal rules that are enacted by society. (Becker, 1963) The formal norm which I have witnessed is the crimes committed by the offenders. On the other hand, the informal rules enacted by society reject any social norms that are being practiced by everyone. Deviant behavior, in my opinion, is not always a negative thing, but also it can be a positive thing to be done by any person.

Crime:

The crime that I have seen and noticed through media houses gives me the understanding that any act that the law doesn't validate as an acceptable act is considered to be a crime, and the state punishes the person who engages in that act of crime. After reviewing the law, I realized that crime is actually an offense that harms anyone, including society overall.

Victim Of Crime:

The victim of crime can be defined as the person who has faced any harm directly by the offender who has committed the crime. Also, it needs to be clarified that the victim of crime is always affected by the offender, not society. However, I have seen that some of the victims are also affected by the system, and the example can be taken from white-collar crime, which is not always for a particular person, but the person is somehow affected by this crime.

Justice For Victims:

The court and the government are working for the justice of those who are a victim of crime. The cases which have been filed in the courts go into the proceedings and end with justice. Justice can be defined, in my opinion, when a victim gets what he or she deserves and is taken by him or her by the offender. The offense can be of any type, but in the end, the victim should be rewarded with compensation so that crime could be reduced, and that's what justice is.

2.1 Deviant According To Value:

Deviant behavior, as described above, is an act that violates the enacted rules, both formal and informal. According to my values, the behaviors will be considered informal and not acceptable. There are several of those behaviors, such as picking up the nose in public places, eating loudly, and standing too close without respecting someone's personal space. There are others that people sometimes notice and come late to some place, which violates commitment and speaks loudly, but these behaviors vary from culture to culture, as I have noticed.

2.2 Root Of Crime:

In my opinion, the cause of crime is quite hard to understand because, according to what I have witnessed, the causes of crime in our society could be poverty and neglect by parents because poverty makes people frustrated by their condition, and when a person is neglected by the parents do things which are not acceptable due to lack of supervision to tell what is right and what is wrong. There are reasons as well that deal with the mental condition of a person who commits a crime; sometimes, it could be a lack of education or the culture that influences the person.

2.3 Most Happen Crimes:

According to media news, the most common crimes happening in the country are theft and, after that, burglary, vehicle theft, assault, and robbery. These are the crimes that I have seen mostly in the news and, in my opinion, are the most common crimes that happen the most.

2.4 Who Commits The Crime?

People who have a background in poverty mostly commit crimes. In my opinion, those who have been frustrated enough commit the crime because the unstable mental condition takes away the sense of right and wrong in a person. The poor condition of living convinces people to commit crimes because the consequences no longer seem to be worse as compared to their current condition.

3.1 Who Is Victim?

The victim is the one to whom the crime is committed in any way. The victim will be the one who, in the first place, faces the harm.

3.2 Fearful Of The Crime:

Under the current situation, I have always been fearful of being a victim of any crime, including my family. The crimes that are 7 undertaken in the streets are growing day by day.

3.3 Believing Victim:

In my opinion, it is always about the nature of the crime when identifying the victim. The story of the victim will always come first when making any assumption about the victim.

Justice in our society is handled well when it comes to those behaviors that are being enacted by the law, but those behaviors that are being done and considered to be informal still need improvement.

According to me, every person receiving the same punishment shouldn't happen. Those people who commit the crime regularly should be punished severely compared to those people who do not regularly commit the crime.

The course and textbook have provided me with extensive knowledge regarding sociology and perception. (Conerly et al., 2021) The knowledge will help me pursue further education and a relevant career path.

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