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### Publication

The research reported in this 1982 dissertation analyzes the relationships between human capital, labor market structure, and crime. It tests the relative explanatory power of neo-classical choice theory and labor market segmentation theory on the determinants of labor market outcomes, criminal behavior, and their interaction. The author concludes that the criminal choice decision is a highly complex and multiattributed one, and that the predictions of economic theory do not adequately capture the multiplicity of factors involved in crime.

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