I. Crime

A. Crime: types

1. traditional street crime

2. corporate crime

3. crimes against the moral order

4. organized crime

5. white collar crime

6. political crime

B. traditional street crime: statistics

1. Uniform Crime Reports

a. types: property and person

b. rate: 1996-2005

i. violent crime: down 26.3%

ii. property crime: down 23%

2. National Crime Victimization Survey

a. types

b. rate: 1973-2005

i.violent crime: down 50%

ii. property crime: down 50%

3. Comparison

4. Demographics

C. Street crime: Perception and treatment

1. media

a. news: “If it bleeds, it leads.”

i. street crime

ii. crimes against the moral order

b. entertainment

2. politicians: “tough”

a. 3 strikes

b. mandatory and determinate sentencing: crack cocaine

c. capital punishment

3. public

1. surveys

b. Annenberg study

D. Criminal justice system: conseequences

1. focus

a. street crime

b. crimes against the moral order

2. police: arrests

3. prosecutors: convictions

4. judges: harsh sentences

5. jurors

6. VI Amendment and the poor

a. public defender

b. appointed

i. contributions, “efficient”

ii. sleeping, high, disbarred

c. contract (1455)

d. plea bargaining (48)

7. appeals

a. time limits: exculpatory evidence

b. procedural errors

D. Consequences

1. cost

a. incarcerations

b. total $

b. vs education

2. wrongful convictions

a. DNA

b. Exonerations: 215 since 1976

i. misconduct

ii. eyewitness

iii. coerced confessions

iv. jailhouse snitches

3. crimes against the moral order: war on drugs

a. strategy

i. criminalize certain drug use

ii. harsh penalties

iii. bureaucracy

iv. foreign policy

v. pr campaign

b. cost

c. problems

i. black market

ii. disease

iii. racial profiling

iv. families

v. collective punishment

vi. hypocritical

vii. prison population

viii. failure

4. institutional racism

a. profiling: Black Americans 3x more likely to be arrested

b. sentencing

i. Black Americans 7x jail

ii.Black American 6x federal prison

iii. Black Americans 50% longer sentences

c. juveniles

E. Solutions

1. violent crime: social causes

a. inequality

b. poverty

c. social services

d. gun ownership

2. drug use: public health

a. decriminalize

b. resources to healthcare

c. education

d. no advertising