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: 1996-2009

i. violent crime

ii. property crime

2. National Crime Victimization Survey

a. types

b. rate: 1973-2005

i. violent crime

ii. property crime

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: consequences

1. focus

a. street crime

b. crimes against the moral order

2. police: arrests

3. prosecutors: convictions

4. judges: harsh sentences

5. jurors

6. Justice for the poor

a. public defenders

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. economic cost

a. incarcerations

b. total $ 1970$11 billion 2000 $150 billion

b. vs education

2. injustice: wrongful convictions

a. DNA

b. Exonerations: 18/215 since 1976

c. police and prosecutorial misconduct

i. coerced confessions

( Central Park Jogger, Brent Butler)

ii. suborning perjury

(Ford Heights Four)

iii. manufacturing/falsifying evidence

( Ford Heights Four)

iv. excluding exculpatory evidence

(Roy Criner)

d. eyewitness (Clyde Charles, Brent Butler)

e. jail house snitches (Ford Heights Four: Williams)

3. crimes against the moral order: war on drugs

a. strategy

i. criminalize certain drug use

addictive?

harmful?

social costs?

ii. harsh penalties

iii. bureaucracy

iv. foreign policy

v. pr campaign

b. cost

c. consequences

i. black market

second economy

violence

corruption

ii. disease and health costs

iii. racial profiling (AA/74%)

iv. families

v. collective punishment

vi. hypocritical

vii. prison population

viii. failure

4. institutional racism

a. profiling: Black Americans 3x

b. sentencing

i. Black Americans 7x jail

ii. Black American 6x federal prison

iii. Black Americans 50% longer sentences

iv. 1 out of 4 AA males

c. juveniles