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Research Topic: What can cause or deter juvenile delinquency in first-time offenders?

Juvenile delinquency has become a persistent and pervasive social problem in the country today. Juvenile-related crimes make up over 40% of the total arrests for such major crimes as burglary, rape, and murder. The increasing rate of juvenile incarceration mirrors that of adult incarceration. Juvenile delinquency and crime need to be addressed to reduce the social and economic costs it causes the country. A better understanding of the causes of juvenile delinquency will help come up with better strategies on how to deter it. By definition, juvenile delinquency refers to committing criminal offenses or acts by young individuals below the age of 18.

My research will revolve around the question; what can cause or deter juvenile delinquency in first-time offenders? This is an important topic to investigate, given the too much juvenile delinquency present in our society. Many adolescents will be sincerely helped if the results of this study determine what can cause or deter the phenomenon. In this study, I will look at the factors that can influence juvenile delinquency and analyze what can possibly deter adolescents from being involved in criminal acts. Lastly, I would also give people information on how adolescents can be assisted to have a brighter future. These three areas will make the study's research objectives. Various articles on the research topic will be used in this study to make arguments and hypotheses. The list of the relevant articles is listed in the reference section of this paper. The results that will be obtained after carrying out this study will provide significant additional information to the existing knowledge on the topic, thus promoting better measures of ending juvenile delinquency.

**Resources to use**

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