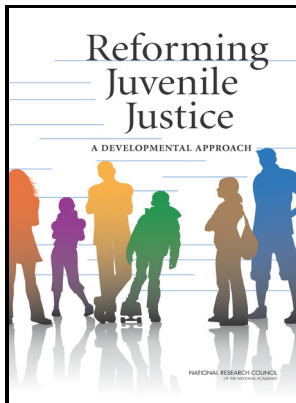


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## History of Criminal Psychology (Forensic Psychology)

Yet, as discussed, it seems that the policies of the criminal justice system have been and are being re-evaluated in order to allow for deterministic defences, while maintaining a pre-supposition of the freedom of will. Different clinical neuroscience paradigms are beginning to converge on the same conclusion that there is a significant brain basis to antisocial behavior, and that these neurobehavioral processes are relevant to understanding violence in everyday society. This was largely replaced, however, by the defence of diminished responsibility for murder as the McNaughton rules were considered to present far too narrow a concept of insanity Gross, 2009.

## Genes, Environment, and Criminal Behavior

These unfortunate conclusions, which did not take into account social conditions, cultural differences, or socialization processes, lent support to unconscionable practices such as lengthy incarceration of the disadvantaged, confused, and powerless. Criminology involves the documentation of factual information about criminality and the development of theories to help explain those facts. It is more reasonable to look at the figures compiled by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics for psychologists, who are estimated to experience a growth in demand in excess of 14% over the next 10 years.

## Important Theories in Criminology: Why People Commit Crime

Sociological controls targeted at this goal could originate in higher State and Federal levels of government as well as local levels of government and would include programs designed to guarantee equal opportunities to all individuals.

## Psychological Perspectives

Our social backgrounds also affect one other important part of our lives, and that is our —our chances whether we have a good chance or little chance of being healthy, wealthy, and well educated and, more generally, of living a good, happy life. School failure in turn may often be a

consequence of the unstimulating intellectual environment that lower-class parents tend to provide for their children, and their lack of emphasis on abstract concepts. Despite the criticism, the concept of the CJS was born.

### **The biological crime: implications for society and the criminal justice system**

The theory faults traditional approaches to crime for separating victims and offenders, revictimizing the victim, and transforming offenders into victims of the unjust criminal justice system. Philosophically and psychologically speaking, the criminal justice system is somewhat microcosmic of the universe.

### **Criminal Behavior**

Similarly, in the case of antisocial behavior, nearly all of findings have indicated that the associations between popularity and traits such as conduct disorders and childhood aggression are negative Table 4. Generally, psychologists are committed to the scientific study of human behavior, with its emphasis on theories that can be tested and falsified using empirical, quantitative data, controlled experiments, systematic observation, valid and reliable measures, replications of empirical results, and so on. The first, restorative justice theory, focuses on how to heal the harm caused by crime.

### **Criminal Justice**

In the prospective longitudinal study of over four hundred London boys, those high on both E and N tended to be juvenile self-reported offenders, adult official offenders, and adult self-reported offenders, but not juvenile official offenders. May 13, 2013 ; State v.

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