

Attachment Theory and Criminality

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Abstract

Criminologist and Psychologist have spent many hours over the last five decades researching, analyzing and debating the roots of criminal behavior. The studies and facts suggest there are many factors which lead to criminality. However, family systems and secure attachment is the foundation to a well rounded individual. Attachment Theory, to date, is a crucial role of the development of personality and criminality. The theory was created by Dr. Bowlby early in the 20th century. The child-parent bond is an important aspect of the development of relationships and bonds to people and society. Proper attachment to parents prevents criminal behavior because it facilitates the proper attachment to society and morality as well. Psychologists argue, the psychology of crime starts primarily with an individual's attachment to their mother and father. In an explanation of criminal behavior, poor attachments have been linked to Conduct Disorder (CD), which in many cases develops into Anti-Social Personality Disorder. Up to half of American prisoners have been diagnosed with CD or ASPD.

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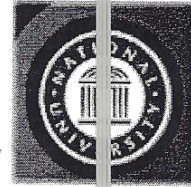
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