

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

Examination One

Schwaner, Fall 2017

Directions: There are three questions for you to answer in this examination. You are strongly advised to use outlines to develop a conceptual framework and execution of your responses. The page length is simple: get the job done well. Use APA formatting and citations.

This exam is due on Wednesday, November 1, at the beginning of class.

1. Write an analytical history of juvenile delinquency in America. How do social, political, environmental forces, and economic forces shape the nature of childhood and delinquency?
2. Based upon your responses to question one and two, choose a micro theory and then a macro (or a mid-range) theory to explain delinquency as you understand it. How does your choice of theory impact the story of juvenile delinquency? Please explain.

Some Micro Theories: symbolic interactionism, labeling, ethnomethodology, dramaturgy, grounded theory, Differential Association, and phenomenology.

Some mid-range theories: Network theory, Subcultural theory, lifestyle, routine activity, social disorganization, Social control theory,

Macro-theory: Functionalism, Anomie, structural strain, Conflict theory, Internal colonization

3. Please, choose one crime of delinquency to analyze. You will need to construct a statistical table, show the patterns of the crime, and use a theory to explain the crime pattern. You may help to tell the story by discussing environmental, social, and political forces on crime.
4. In examining your questions 1-3, why is all of this important? Why does it matter?