



Key sociologists: Becker, Carlen, A. Cohen, Heidensohn, Merton

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<i>Topic 1: Crime & Deviance</i>			
1. Defining C&D (what is the difference? Examples of each)			
2. The importance of time, place, culture, social situation			
3. What are social order and social control?			
a. What is the difference between formal & informal social control?			
b. What is the difference between formal & informal rules?			
<i>Topic 2: Measuring crime</i>			
1. Official crime statistics:			
a. Why do sociologists use official crime statistics?			
b. What are the problems with official crime statistics?			
2. What are victim surveys?			
a. What are the advantages and disadvantages of victim surveys?			
3. What are self-report studies?			
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<i>Topic 3: How do sociologists explain C&D?</i>			
1. Biological and psychological explanations			
2. How does functionalism explain C&D?			
a. Boundaries & values, social cohesion, anomie			
b. The ideas of Durkheim			
c. Robert K. Merton (strain theory)			
3. How does Marxism explain C&D?			
4. How does Feminism explain C&D?			
a. Heidensohn's control theory			
5. How does interactionism explain C&D?			
a. How are C&D social constructed?			
b. Howard Becker & Labelling theory			
<i>Topic 4: What is the relationship between social class & crime?</i>			
1. Explanations for the link between class & crime			
2. White-collar & corporate crime			
<i>Topic 5: What is the relationship between gender & crime?</i>			
1. Statistics on gender and crime			
2. Explanations for women's lesser involvement in crime			
3. Explanations for women's increasing involvement in crime			
4. The class & gender deal (Pat Carlen)			

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<i>Topic 6: What is the relationship between ethnicity & crime?</i>			
1. Statistics on ethnicity and crime			
2. Sociological explanations for the patterns of ethnicity & crime			
3. Institutional racism			
4. Stereotypes (media & police)			
<i>Topic 7: What is the relationship between age & crime?</i>			
1. Statistics on age and crime			
2. Sociological explanations for the patterns of age & crime			
3. Albert Cohen (status frustration & subcultural explanations)			
4. Stereotypes (media & police)			
<i>Topic 8: the role of the media, public debate about C&D</i>			
1. The media and crime			
a. Media coverage of crime			
b. Moral panics			
c. Deviancy amplification			
d. Violent media content			
2. Public concern about crime			
a. Concerns about youth crime			
b. Sentencing			
c. The prison system and young offenders			
d. Anti-social behaviour			
<i>Topic 9: Research methods, C&D</i>			
1. Strengths & weaknesses of different research methods for studying C&D (see separate PLC)			