

Criminological Theories List

Please make sure when researching these that find information that is linked to what these theories say about criminology.

Biological:

1. Physiological Theories: Lombroso's born criminals theory and Sheldon's somatotypes theory.
2. Genetic Theories: Jacobs XXY theory (you also need to know about twin and adoption studies here).
3. Brain Injuries and diseases.
4. Biochemical explanations: sex hormones ;PMT; blood sugar levels; substance abuse and other substances (e.g. diet and lead pollution).

Individualistic:

1. Psychodynamic Theories: Freud theory and psychoanalysis; Bowlby's maternal deprivation theory.
2. Eysenck's Personality theory.
3. Learning Theories: Sutherland's differential association theory; Skinner's operant learning theory and Bandura's social learning theory.
4. Cognitive Theories: Yochelson and Samenow's thinking errors theory; Kohlberg's moral development theory.

Sociological:

1. Functionalist and Subcultural Theories: Durkheim's functionalist theory; Merton's strain theory; Cohen's status frustration theory and Cloward and Ohlin's three subcultures theory.
2. Interactionist Theories: Labelling theory and self-fulfilling prophecy, the deviance amplification spiral and crime statistics.
3. Marxist Theory.
4. Right realism and Left realism theories.
5. Surveillance Theory.