

SIXTH EDITION

CRIMINOLOGY

A Sociological Understanding

Steven E. Barkan

University of Maine

PEARSON

Boston Columbus Indianapolis New York San Francisco Upper Saddle River
Amsterdam Cape Town Dubai London Madrid Milan Munich Paris Montréal Toronto
Delhi Mexico City São Paulo Sydney Hong Kong Seoul Singapore Taipei Tokyo

PART 1

Understanding Crime and Victimization

Chapter 1

Criminology and the Sociological Perspective	1
The Sociological Perspective	3
The Mutual Relevance of Sociology and Criminology	4
The Rise of Sociological Criminology	5
Crime, Deviance, and Criminal Law	7
Consensus and Conflict in the Creation of Criminal Law	8
Goals of Criminal Law	8
An Overview of Criminal Law	9
Research Methods in Criminology	11
Surveys	11
Experiments	12
Qualitative Research: Observing and Intensive Interviewing	13
Research Using Existing Data	14
Comparative and Historical Research	14
Conclusion	14
Summary	15
Key Terms	15
What Would You Do?	16

Chapter 2

Public Opinion, the News Media, and the Crime Problem	17
A Brief Look Back	18
Public Opinion and Crime Policy	19
News Media Coverage of Crime and Criminal Justice	20
Overdramatization of Crime	21
Crime Myths	22
Other Problems in Media Coverage	24
Effects of Media Coverage	24
Crime and Controversy Should the News Media Disclose the Names of Rape Victims?	25
International Focus Crime Is Down in the United Kingdom, But the Public Says "RUBBISH!"	26
Research on Public Beliefs About Crime and Criminal Justice	27
Fear of Crime	27

Seriousness of Crime	31
Punitiveness	32
Views About the Police	33
Perceptions of Criminal Injustice	34
Views About Crime and Criminal Justice Spending	34
A Final Word on Public Beliefs	35
Conclusion	35
Summary	36
Key Terms	36
What Would You Do?	36

Chapter 3

The Measurement and Patterning of Criminal Behavior	37
Measuring Crime	38
Uniform Crime Reports	38
National Crime Victimization Survey	42
Self-Report Studies	45
Evaluating UCR, NCVS, and Self-Report Data	46
Recent Trends in U.S. Crime Rates	47
Patterning of Criminal Behavior	48
Geographical Patterns	48
Crime and Controversy Why Has the Crime Rate Dropped Since the Early 1990s?	49
International Focus Measuring Crime in Other Nations	50
Seasonal and Climatological Variations	51
Social Patterns of Criminal Behavior	52
Gender and Crime	52
Race, Ethnicity, and Crime	54
Social Class and Crime	59
Age and Crime	60
Chronic Offenders and Criminal Careers	62
Conclusion	62
Summary	63
Key Terms	63
What Would You Do?	63

Chapter 4

Victims and Victimization	64
Defining Victims and Studying Victimization	65
The Patterning of Victimization	66
Geographical Patterns	67
Social Patterns	68
International Focus The International Crime Victim Survey	69
Victim–Offender Relationship	71
Perceived Race, Gender, and Age of Offenders	73
Crime Characteristics	74
Explaining Victimization	75
Lifestyle and Routine Activities Theory	76



Deviant Lifestyles and Victimization	76
Crime and Controversy Victim Precipitation	77
Physical Proximity and Victimization	78
Individual Traits	78
Repeat Victimization	79
Explaining Demographic Variation in Victimization	79
Victimization of College Students and the Homeless	80
Costs and Consequences of Victimization	82
Economic and Medical Costs and Consequences	82
Psychological Consequences	83
Social and Behavioral Consequences	83
Victims in the Criminal Justice System	84
Victims and Criminal Case Outcomes	85
Victimization by White-Collar Crime	85
Conclusion	86
Summary	86
Key Terms	87
What Would You Do?	87

PART 2

Explaining Crime

Chapter 5	Classical and Neoclassical Perspectives	88
	Understanding Theories of Crime	89
	From Theology to Science	90
	God and Demons as Causes of Crime and Deviance	91
	The Age of Reason	91
	The Classical School of Criminology	92
	The Rise of Positivism	94
	Neoclassical Perspectives	95
	Rational Choice Theory	95
	Deterrence Theory	97
	Types of Deterrence	97
	International Focus Mandatory Penalties in International Perspective	99
	Crime and Controversy Three Strikes Laws Strike Out	100
	Routine Activities Theory	101
	Conclusion	103
	Summary	104
	Key Terms	104
	What Would You Do?	104

Chapter 6	Biological and Psychological Explanations	105
	Biological Explanations	106
	Nineteenth-Century Views	107
	Phrenology	107
	Cesare Lombroso: Atavism	107



Early Twentieth-Century Views	108
Contemporary Explanations	110
Evaluation of Biological Explanations	116
Crime and Controversy Does Abortion Lower the Crime Rate?	117
Psychological Explanations	119
Psychoanalytic Explanations	119
Moral Development and Crime	120
Intelligence and Crime	120
Personality and Crime	122
International Focus Psychological Research in New Zealand	123
Evaluation of Psychological Explanations	123
Conclusion	125
Summary	126
Key Terms	126
What Would You Do?	126

Chapter 7

Sociological Theories: Emphasis on Social Structure	127
The Legacy of Durkheim	129
Social Disorganization and Social Ecology	131
Clifford R. Shaw and Henry D. McKay	131
Evaluation of Social Disorganization Theory	132
The Revival of Social Disorganization Theory	132
Other Ecological Work	132
Crime and Controversy Closing the Window on Crime?	134
Anomie and Strain Theory	135
Evaluation of Anomie Theory	137
Defense and Extension of Anomie Theory	137
General Strain Theory	138
International Focus Strain, Immigration, and Rioting in Sweden	139
Subcultural Theories	140
Albert K. Cohen: School Failure and Delinquent Subcultures	140
Walter B. Miller: Focal Concerns	141
Richard Cloward and Lloyd Ohlin: Differential Opportunity Theory	142
Marvin Wolfgang and Franco Ferracuti: The Subculture of Violence	143
Elijah Anderson: The Code of the Street	144
Prospects for Subcultural Explanations	144
Structural Theories and Gender	145
Conclusion	146
Summary	146
Key Terms	147
What Would You Do?	147

Chapter 8

Sociological Theories: Emphasis on Social Process	148
Learning Theories	151
Edwin H. Sutherland: Differential Association Theory	151
Other Learning Theories	154
Control Theories	155



Walter Reckless: Containment Theory	156
Gresham M. Sykes and David Matza: Neutralization and Drift Theory	156
Travis Hirschi: Social Bonding Theory	157
International Focus Social Bonding in the Land of the Rising Sun	159
Crime and Controversy Does Dropping Out of School Promote or Reduce Delinquency?	161
Michael Gottfredson and Travis Hirschi: Self-Control Theory	162
Charles R. Tittle: Control Balance Theory	163
Mark Colvin and Francis T. Cullen: Coercive Control and Social Support Theory	164
Life-Course Theories	164
Specific Life-Course Theories	165
The Promise and Problem of Theoretical Integration	167
Conclusion	168
Summary	169
Key Terms	170
What Would You Do?	170

Chapter 9

Sociological Theories: Critical Perspectives	171
Labeling Theory	173
The Relativist Definition of Crime and Deviance	173
The Imposition of the Deviant Label	174
The Negative Consequences of Labeling	175
Evaluation of Labeling Theory	176
Crime and Controversy How Should We Deal with Juvenile Offenders?	177
Conflict and Radical Theories	178
Consensus and Conflict Perspectives in Sociology	179
Conflict Perspectives in Criminology	179
Radical Theories in Criminology	180
International Focus Crime and the Economy in China, Vietnam, and Russia	181
Feminist Theories	184
An Overview of Feminist Perspectives in Criminology	184
The Scope of Feminist Theory and Research	185
A Final Word on Feminism	188
Conclusion	188
Summary	190
Key Terms	190
What Would You Do?	191

PART 3

Criminal Behaviors

Chapter 10

Violent Crime: Homicide, Assault, and Robbery	192
Homicide and Assault	193
Defining Homicide and Assault	194
Patterning and Social Dynamics of Homicide	194



Trends in U.S. Homicide Rates	198
Aggravated Assault	199
Explaining Homicide and Aggravated Assault	200
International Focus The "Chain Saw Congressman" and Other High-Level Violence in Brazil	201
Violence by Women	203
Robbery	203
Defining Robbery	204
Extent and Patterning of Robbery	204
Types of Robbers	205
Explaining Robbery	205
Special Topics in Violent Crime	206
Mass Murder and Serial Killing	206
Workplace Violence	208
Hate Crime	209
Child Abuse and Elder Abuse	211
Mass Media and Violence	212
Firearms, Crime, and Violence	213
Crime and Controversy Packing Heat in the Land of Jefferson	215
Reducing Violent Crime	216
What History Tells Us	216
Conclusion	217
Summary	217
Key Terms	218
What Would You Do?	218

Chapter 11

Violence Against Women	219
Overview: The Gendered Nature of Violent Crime	220
An International Problem	221
Defining Rape/Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence	222
International Focus Rape in the Nordic Nations	223
Extent of Rape/Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence	223
Rape and Sexual Assault	223
Intimate Rape and Sexual Assault	224
Domestic Violence	224
Crime and Controversy "All I See Is Blood": Rape and Battering in the Military	225
Social Patterning of Rape/Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence	226
Age	226
Social Class	226
Race and Ethnicity	227
Explaining Rape/Sexual Assault and Battering	228
Gender and Economic Inequality	229
Cultural Myths Supporting Rape and Battering	230
Other Factors and Perspectives	232
Battered Men: Fact or Fiction?	233
Stalking	234



Reducing Violence Against Women	235
Arresting Batterers: Deterrence or Escalation	236
Conclusion	237
Summary	238
Key Terms	238
What Would You Do?	238

Chapter 12

Property Crime and Fraud	239
Defining Property Crime	240
Extent of Property Crime	241
Patterning of Property Crime	242
Social Organization of Property Crime	243
Burglary	245
Decision Making in Burglary	246
Property-Crime Victimization: Costs and Circumstances	246
Explaining Property Crime	247
Cultural Emphasis on Economic Success	247
Techniques of Neutralization	248
International Focus The Globalization of Motor Vehicle Theft	249
Economic Deprivation and Unemployment	249
Routine Activities and Social Process Factors	250
Property Crime for Thrills	250
A Look at Shoplifting	250
Reducing Property Crime	251
The Criminal Justice System	251
Situational Prevention	252
Crime and Controversy Vicious Dogs and Property Crime	253
Fraud	254
Identity Theft	254
Tax Fraud	255
Insurance Fraud	255
Computer Fraud and Computer Crime	256
The Cost of Fraud	258
Conclusion	258
Summary	259
Key Terms	260
What Would You Do?	260

Chapter 13

White-Collar and Organized Crime	261
White-Collar Crime	262
Edwin Sutherland and White-Collar Crime	263
Defining White-Collar Crime	263
Occupational Crime: Lawbreaking for Personal Gain	264
Organizational Criminality and Corporate Crime	266
Crime and Controversy Harvest of Shame: Pesticide Poisoning of Farm Workers	271
Economic and Human Costs of White-Collar Crime	275



Explaining White-Collar Crime	275
Reducing White-Collar Crime	279
Organized Crime	279
History of Organized Crime	280
Alien Conspiracy Model and Myth	281
International Focus Yakuza: Organized Crime in Japan	282
Controlling Organized Crime	282
Conclusion	283
Summary	284
Key Terms	285
What Would You Do?	285

Chapter 14

Political Crime	286
Defining Political Crime	287
Major Categories of Political Crime	288
Crime by Government	288
Political Repression and Human Rights Violations	288
Crime and Controversy Civil Liberties in an Age of Terrorism	292
Unethical or Illegal Experimentation	292
State–Corporate Crime	293
International Focus Cracking Down on Digital Dissent in Vietnam	294
Political Corruption	294
Crimes against Government	296
Mass Political Violence: Rebellion, Riots, Terrorism	296
Civil Disobedience	298
Espionage and Treason	300
Explaining and Reducing Political Crime	300
The Social Patterning of Political Crime	301
Reducing Political Crime	302
Conclusion	302
Summary	303
Key Terms	304
What Would You Do?	304

PART 4

Controlling and Preventing Crime

Chapter 15

Consensual Crime	305
Overview of the Consensual Crime Debate	306
Illegal Drug Use	307
Drug Use in History	307
Contemporary U.S. Drug Use	307
Explaining Illegal Drug Use	309
The Drugs–Crime Connection	311



The Legalization Debate	312
Harm Reduction and Drug Courts	316
Crime and Controversy Pot Shops and the Medical Marijuana Debate	317
International Focus What Happened After Portugal Decriminalized Drug Possession?	317
Sexual Offenses: Prostitution and Pornography	318
Prostitution	318
Pornography	321
Gambling	323
The Growth of Gambling	323
The Gambling Debate	324
Reducing Consensual Crime	324
Conclusion	325
Summary	325
Key Terms	326
What Would You Do?	326

Chapter 16

Policing: Dilemmas of Crime Control in a Democratic Society	327
Crime Control in a Democratic Society	328
The Ideal of Blind Justice	329
A Preview of the Discussion	329
Development of the Modern Police Force	330
Working Personality and Police Behavior	330
Police Misconduct: Brutality	332
Police Discretion: To Arrest or Not to Arrest?	337
Race, Ethnicity, And Arrest	337
International Focus Police and Policing in Japan	338
Crime and Controversy Racial Profiling and Racial Justice	340
Gender and Arrest	341
Impact of Policing on Crime	342
Do Additional Police Deter Crime?	342
How Police Are Used	343
Does Arrest Make a Difference?	344
Community Policing	344
Legal Technicalities and Police Effectiveness	345
Impact of Policing on Crime Revisited	345
Women and People of Color in Police Forces	346
Conclusion	347
Summary	348
Key Terms	348
What Would You Do?	349

Chapter 17

Prosecution and Punishment	350
Criminal Courts and the Adversary System	351
Normal Crimes and the Fate of Poor Defendants	352



Prosecutors, the Courtroom Work Group, and Plea Bargaining	352
Punishment, Social Structure, and Inequality	353
Economic Conditions and Punishment	354
Crime and Controversy Should Felons Lose the Right to Vote?	355
Social Class and Legal Outcomes	355
Impact of Race and Ethnicity	357
Gender and Sentencing	360
Impact of Punishment on Crime	360
Evidence against a Deterrent Effect	362
Evidence against an Incapacitation Effect	362
International Focus Punishing Criminals in Denmark and the Netherlands	363
The Death-Penalty Debate	364
Cost of the Death Penalty	365
General Deterrence and the Death Penalty	365
Arbitrariness and Racial Discrimination in the Application of the Death Penalty	366
Quality of Legal Representation of Capital Defendants	367
Wrongful Executions	368
Conclusion	369
Summary	370
Key Terms	370
What Would You Do?	371

Chapter 18

Conclusion: How Can We Reduce Crime?	372
The Criminal Justice System Funnel	373
A Sociological Prescription for Crime Reduction	375
Social, Cultural, and Community Crime Prevention (Primary Prevention)	376
Developmental Crime Prevention (Secondary Prevention)	378
Criminal Justice Approaches (Tertiary Prevention)	380
Conclusion	383
Summary	383
Key Terms	383
What Would You Do?	383

GLOSSARY 385

REFERENCES 390

NAME INDEX 417

SUBJECT INDEX 425

