

Sociology 371: Deviant Behavior
Spring Semester 2006

M-W-F 1:10-2:00, or 2:10-3:00

This is a class about how societies define some things as normal, and what happens when individuals or groups go against those definitions. The first part introduces some basic theories of why norms arise and why some people may go against them, or be labeled as doing so. It emphasizes the fact that standards of normality and deviance always involve issues of power and unequal opportunity. The second part looks at the special case of crime in the U.S., covering explanations focused on biology, family history, group association, physical environment, community disorganization, and life course patterns, illustrating once again the central role of power, and in this case racial inequality. The third part of the course applies the same theories to non-criminal subgroups, with examples from sex/sexuality/gender, youth and music, religion, and extremist politics.

Readings.

All readings are required. They are coded as follows;

(B) Book on reserve. The books we are going to read most of (Becker, *Criminology Theory Reader*, Goffman, Hebdige) are also available for purchase at the bookstore.

(C) Copy on reserve.

(J) Available in pdf format on JSTOR.

Part I: Normality and its Implications

Week 1

Wed. Jan. 24

Normality: Institutions or Power?

- Berger, P. and T. Luckmann "Institutionalization", pp.47-91 in *The Social Construction of Reality*
(B) BD175 .B4 45pp
- Foucault, M. "The Subject and Power" pp.326-348 in *Power* (BC) B2430.F722 E5 23pp

Fri. Jan. 26

Labeling the Non-Normal

- Erikson, K. "On the Sociology of Deviance" and "The Witches of Salem Village" pp.1-30 and 137-159
in *Wayward Puritans* (B) BX9355 .E7 53pp

Week 2

Mon. Jan. 29

- Becker, H. S. Chs. 1-3 of *Outsiders* (B) HV5825 .B4 58pp

Wed. Jan. 31

- Becker, H. S. Chs. 4-6 of *Outsiders* (B) HV5825 .B4 60pp

Fri. Feb. 2

- Becker, H. S. Chs. 7-8 of *Outsiders* (B) HV5825 .B4 44pp

Week 3

Mon. Feb. 5

- Best, J. "From Incidents to Instances: The Media Discover Wilding and Freeway Violence," Ch.2 of *Random Violence: How We Talk About New Crimes and New Victims* (BC) HV6789 .B47 20pp
- DeYoung, M. "Another Look at Moral Panics: The Case of Satanic Day Care Centers," *Deviant Behavior* Vol.19 pp.257-278 (E) 20pp

Wed. Feb. 7

Differential Opportunities to do Normal

- Merton, R. K. "Social Structure and Anomie," *American Sociological Review*, Vol. 3, No. 5. (Oct., 1938), pp. 672-682 (J) 11pp
- Anderson, E. "Decent and Street Families" Ch. 1 of *Code of the Street* (BC) F158.9.N4 A52 31pp

Fri. Feb. 9

- Hagedorn, J. M. "Homeboys, Dope Fiends, Legits, and New Jacks," Ch.11 in *CTR* HV6025 .C747 18pp
- Jankowski, M. S. "Gang Involvement," Ch.2 of *Islands in the Street* (B) HV6439.U5 J36 26pp

Part II: Crime in America

Week 4

Mon. Feb. 12

Biology

- Fishbein, D. H. "Biological Perspectives in Criminology," Ch. 5 in *CTR* HV6025 .C747 18pp
- Caspi, A. et. al. "Are Some People Crime Prone?" Ch. 6 in *CTR* HV6025 .C747 15pp

Wed. Feb. 14

Choice and Reason

- Feeney, F. "Robbers as Decision-Makers" Ch.4 of D. B. Cornish and R. V. Clarke *The Reasoning Criminal: Rational Choice Perspectives on Offending* (E) 17pp
- Akerstrom, M. "Looking at the Squares," pp.155-171 in *Cuba: Crooks and Squares* (C) 16pp

Fri. Feb. 16

- Hirschi, T. and M. Gottfredson "Causes of White-Collar Crime," Ch.3 in *CTR* HV6025 .C747 15pp
- Katz, J. "Sneaky Thrills" pp. 52-79 in *Seductions of Crime: Moral and Sensual Attractions of Doing Evil* (BC) HV6791 .K38 27pp

Week 5

Mon. Feb. 19

Family Socialization

- Gottfredson, M. R. and Hirschi, T. "The Nature of Criminality: Low Self-Control," pp.85-120 in *A General Theory of Crime* (E) 35pp

Wed. Feb. 21

Group Association

- Sampson, R. J. and Laub, J. H. "The Role of School, Peers, and Siblings" pp.99-122 in *Crime in the Making: Pathways and Turning Points Through Life* (B) HV9069 .S246 24pp
- Matsueda, R. L. and Heimer, K. "Race, Family Structure, and Delinquency" *American Sociological Review* Volume 52, Issue 6 (December 1987) pp.826-840 (J) 11pp

Fri. Feb. 23

Place

- Felson, M. "Routine Activities and Crime Prevention in the Developing Metropolis," Ch. 7 in *CTR* 12pp
- Stark, R. "Deviant Places: A Theory of the Ecology of Crime" Ch.8 in *CTR* HV6025 .C747 11pp

Week 6

Mon. Feb. 26

Community Disorganization

- Bursik, R. J. "Social Disorganization and Theories of Crime and Delinquency," Ch. 9 in *CTR* 17pp
- Sampson, R. J. and Raudenbush, S. W. "Systematic Social Observation of Public Spaces: A New Look at Disorder in Urban Neighborhoods" *American Journal of Sociology* Vol. 105 No. 3 pp.603-651 (J) 39pp

Wed. Feb. 28

Life Courses

- Laub, J. H. and R. J. Sampson "Turning Points in the Life Course: Why Change Matters in the Study of Crime," Ch. 28 in *CTR* HV6025 .C747 15pp
- Hagan, J. "Defiance and Despair: Subcultural and Structural Linkages Between Delinquency and Despair in the Life Course," *Social Forces* Vol.76 No.1 pp.119-134 (J) 15pp

Fri. Mar. 2

- Gray, D. "Turning Out: A Study of Teenage Prostitution" (C) 23pp
- Adler, P. A. and P. Adler "Shifts and Oscillations in Deviant Careers: The Case of Upper-Level Drug Dealers and Smugglers," *Social Problems* Vol. 31 No.2 pp.195-207 (J) 12pp

Week 7

Mon. Mar. 5

...Back to Institutions and/or Power

- Tonry, M. "Race and the War on Drugs" in *Malign Neglect: Race, Crime, & Punishment in America* (BC) HV9950 .T66 38pp
- Bridges, G. S. and Steen, S. "Racial Disparities in Official Assessments of Juvenile Offenders," *American Sociological Review* Vol.63 pp.554-570 (J) 14pp

Wed. Mar. 7

- Chambliss, W. J. "State-Organized Crime," Ch. 20 in *CTR HV6025 .C747* 17pp
- Benson, M. L. "Denying the Guilty Mind: Accounting For Involvement in White-Collar Crime," Ch. 14 in *CTR HV6025 .C747* 18pp

Fri. Mar. 9

- Simpson, S. S. "Caste, Class, and Violent Crime: Explaining Difference in Female Offending," Ch.22 in *CTR HV6025 .C747* 14pp
- Martin, P. Y. and R. A. Hummer "Fraternities and Rape on Campus," *Gender & Society* Vol.3 No.4 pp.457-473 (J) 15pp

Week 8

BREAK!

Part III: Subcultures

Week 9

Doing Difference

Mon. Mar. 19

- Goffman, E. "Stigma and Social Identity," Ch.1 in *Stigma: Notes on the Management of Spoiled Identity* (B) BF727.H3 G6 40pp

Wed. Mar. 21

- Goffman, E. "Information Control and Personal Identity," Ch. 2 in *Stigma* (B) BF727.H3 G6 62pp

Fri. Mar. 23

- Goffman, E. "Group Alignment and Ego Identity," "The Self and Its Other," "Deviations and Deviance," Chs. 3-5 in *Stigma* BF727.H3 G6 42pp

Week 10

Sex, Sexuality, Gender

Mon. Mar. 26

- Seidman, S. "Gay and Lesbian Life After the Closet" pp.61-94 in *Beyond the Closet: The Transformation of Gay and Lesbian Life* (BC) HQ76.25 .S485 35pp

Wed. Mar. 28

- Weinberg, M. S. et. al. "Becoming Bisexual," Ch.3 of *Dual Attraction: Understanding Bisexuality* (BC) HQ74 .W44 12pp
- Hutchins, L. and L. Kaahumanu "Politics: A Queer Among Queers," (selections) Ch.4 in *Bi Any Other Name: Bisexual People Speak Out* (B) HQ74.B5 30pp

Fri. Mar. 30

- Cromwell, J. "Fearful Others: Transsexual Discourses and the Construction of Female-Bodied Transpeople," Ch. 8 of *Transmen and FTMs: Identities, Bodies, Genders, and Sexualities* (E) 21pp
- Gagné, P. and R. Tewksbury "Conformity Pressures and Gender Resistance Among Transgendered Individuals *Social Problems* Vol.45 No.1 pp.81-101 (J) 20pp

Week 11

Youth and Music

Mon. Apr. 2

- Hebdige, D. "Some Case Studies," Part I of *Subculture: The Meaning of Style* (B) HQ799.G7 H4 48pp

Wed. Apr. 4

- Hebdige, D. "A Reading," Part II of *Subculture: The Meaning of Style* (B) HQ799.G7 H4 67pp

Fri. Apr. 6

- Gaines, Donna "Us and Them," Ch.5 in *Teenage Wasteland: Suburbia's Dead End Kids* (B) HQ796 .G25 22pp

Week 12

Mon. Apr. 9

- Rose, T. "Prophets of Rage: Rap Music and the Politics of Black Cultural Expression" CH.4 of *Black Noise: Rap Music and Black Culture in Contemporary America* (B) ML3531 .R67 46pp

Wed. Apr. 11

- Forman, M. "Boyz N Girlz in the 'Hood: From Space to Place" Ch.6 of *The 'Hood Comes First: Race, Space, and Place in Rap and Hip-Hop* (BC) ML3918.R37 39pp

Fri. Apr. 13

- Muggleton, D. "Resistance, Incorporation and Authenticity," Ch. 7 in *Inside Subculture: The Postmodern Meaning of Style* (B) HM646.M84 25pp
- Frank, T. "Why Johnny Can't Dissent" pp. 31-45 in *Commodify Your Dissent* (E) 14pp

Week 13

Religion

Mon. Apr. 16

- Dawson, L. L. "Who Joins New Religious Movements, and Why?" Ch.3 of *Comprehending Cults: The Sociology of New Religious Movements* (B) BP603 .D390 30pp

Wed. Apr. 18

- Campbell, C. "The Cult, The Cultic Milieu and Secularization," Ch.2 of *The Cultic Milieu: Oppositional Subcultures in an age of Globalization* (BC) BP603 .C835 12pp

Fri. Apr. 20

- Bartkowski, J. P. "Claims-Making and Typifications of Voodoo as a Deviant Religion: Hex, Lies, and Videotape," *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* Vol. 37 No. 4 pp.559-579 (C) 17pp

Week 14

Politics

Mon. Apr. 23

- Swain, C. "White Nationalist Recruitment in America," Ch.12 in *The New White Nationalism in America* (BC) E184.A1 S966 20pp
- Blee, K. M. "A Culture of Violence," Ch.5 in *Inside Organized Racism: Women in the Hate Movement* (BC) HV6773.2 .B54 31pp

Wed. Apr. 25

- J. Varon "'Agents of Necessity': Weathermen, the Red Army Faction, and the Turn to Violence," Ch.1 of *Bringing the War Home : The Weather Underground, the Red Army Faction, and Revolutionary Violence in the Sixties and Seventies* (B) HN90.R3 V37 54pp

Fri. Apr. 27

- Taylor, B. "Diggers, Wolves, Ents, Elves and Expanding Universes," Ch.3 of *The Cultic Milieu: Oppositional Subcultures in an age of Globalization* (BC) BP603 .C835 38pp