

Chapter 7

Deviance

* Deviance

- recognized violation of cultural norms
- crime - violation of society's formally enacted criminal law
- may be forced or not

* Social Control

- norms guide social behavior
- social control - attempts by society to regulate people's thoughts & behaviors

* Biology & Deviance

- "bad" genes?
- Cesare Lombroso - physical traits in criminals; he said they did look wild; criminals look like apes
- William Sheldon - body structure & criminality
- genetic research - V & W. Weinberg looked at defective genes & environment factors & found connection

* Deviance & Personality

- deviance viewed as unsuccessful socialization
- Walter Reckless & James Dinitz - good boys/bad boys study
- good boys had personality to control behavior; bad boys didn't

* Social Foundations of Deviance

- deviance is shaped by society
- 1. refers to cultural norms
- 2. people become deviant as they are labeled as such
- 3. both norms & the way people define rule breaking involve social power