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Crime and Deviance-Topic 2: Social Distribution of Crime : L6-8 : Ethnicity and Offending and victimisation (pt1)

Year 13: Paper 3



Ethnic differences in patterns of offending and			Data is misleading;				
vic I	timisation Victims	A lower proportion of Asian adults were a victim of personal crime in	Ι	Key idea	-Differences in the rate of stop and searches could just reflect policing strategies or institutional racism in the CJS.		EY LANGUAGE Custodial sentence: Prison term
		2018/19. Highest rates amongst black and mixed ethnicity pop. In the Black ethnic group, a larger proportion of homicide victims were children.	2	Phillips and Bowling (2012)	 Evidence of institutional racism: Mass stop and search operations: (see stop and search data) Paramilitary tactics-riot police Excessive surveillance-esp. re terror suspects 	2	Indictable offence: Serious offence- may lead to a custodial sentence.
2	Stop and Search and Arrests	2018-2019, there were 4 stop and searches for every 1,000 White people, compared with 38 for every 1,000 Black people. 2017/18 Black people were over 3 times as likely to be arrested as White people			 Armed raids Police violence/Deaths in custody: BLM -raised again with George Floyd- Sandra Bland, Dalian Atkinson Failure to respond effectively to racist violence-eg Stephen Lawrence and findings of the 	3	Stop and Search: A police officer has powers to stop and search you if they have 'reasonable grounds' to suspect you're carrying: •illegal drugs •a weapon •stolen property •something which could be used to commit a crime, such as a crowbar You can only be stopped and searched without reasonable grounds if it has been approved by a senior
3	Court	White defendants had the highest guilty plea rate since 2012. White defendants have had a lower average custodial sentence length than all other ethnic groups since 2014.	3	Roger Hood (92) Courts	Macpherson Report. Even when previous offences and severity of crime was considered- black men were 5% more likely to receive a custodial sentence		
4	Prison	Black prisoners served a greater proportion of their sentences in custody.	4	Hudson and Bramhall (2005) Probation	Harsh sentences may be the result of probation officers' unwitting discriminatory practice.		
5	Offenders	In 2018, a higher proportion of White offenders had a long history of offending. The Black ethnic group had the highest reoffending rate and White reoffenders had the highest number of reoffences per reoffender.	5	Institutional Racism in Prison	 In 2014 – just over a quarter of the prison population were from ethnic minority groups-majority were Black. Black people 4x more likely to be in prison than whites. Black and Asian prisoners serve on average 4yrs longer in prison than white offenders. Ethnic minorities also more likely to be on remand- not granted bail before trial. There are similar patterns in USA; 2 out of 5 prisoners held in local jails are black, while one in 5 is Hispanic. 	4	police officer. Institutional Racism Discriminatory treatment of ethnic minorities is present in the policies and practices of an
6	CJS	The proportion of white practitioners in the CJS has slightly decreased over the last 5 years -with equivalent increases seen across most minority ethnic groups. – However, members f the BAME community are still under- represented in the CJS.				5	BAME Black Asian Minority Ethnic population.

See the powerpoints for more depth and detail- L6 of L6-8- see other ppts to complete the debate/essay content.



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**see part I : Data is accurate: Evaluation of the claim that the data is accurate			NEO-MARXISM : GILROY						
	Key idea			Key idea	Statistics are socially-constructed through the racist labelling and discrimination in the criminal justice system. Political actions are labelled as crimes by the CJS.				
				Myth of blac criminality	 Crime is the outcome of racist stereotypes of African Caribbean and Asian people. 				
LEF	T REALISM : LI	EA and YOUNG			 The criminal justice system acts on these stereotypes- ethnic minorities are criminalised and so appear in greater numbers in the 				
Ι	Key idea	Statistics represent real differences in the rates of offending. Black crime is a real problem that can be explained by;			 crime statistics. Crime committed by ethnic minorities is a political act- a resistance against a racist society. This resistance has it's roots in the struggles Black and Asian people faced in the colonies used as a defence mechanism when ethnic 				
2	Marginality	Racism has led to marginalisation and economic exclusion;			 BUTthe state have criminalised this political struggle. 				
3	Relative	The media emphasis on consumerism promotes	Eval	Evaluation of GILROY					
	deprivation	relative deprivation by setting materialistic goals that many members of ethnic minority groups cannot reach by legitimate means.	I	LEA and YOUNG	 First-generation migrants in the 1950s and 1960s were very law- abiding. Most crime is intra-ethnic- within the same ethnic group- hardly an 				
4	Subculture	Some form delinquent subcultures.			anti-colonial struggle				
.		This leads to an increase in utilitarian crime eg theft to cope with the relative deprivation .	NEO-MARXISM: HALL: Policing the Crisis						
	BUT as a result of marginalisation of these groups and their political exclusion- we see more violent crime/rioting too- non-utilitarian crime.		Key Idea		 The 1970s moral panic of the black mugger served the interests of capitalism. The ruling class can usually obtain the consent of subordinate groups but during times of crisis social order is threatened. The crisis of capitalism marginalised black youth 				
Eva	uation of Left Realist approach				and led them into petty crime as a means of survival.				
Ι	Weakness	Arrest rates may be lower for Asian people than for black people as a result of racial stereotyping by the police- not because they commit fewer crimes.	2	Moral Panic: Black Mugge	 r disintegration of social order. • The effects of the moral panic were two-fold; 				
2	Weakness Since 9/11 South Asian people are now also viewed as dangerous by the police and so there is a rising criminalisation and surveillance of this group.		1		I) It divided the working class on racial grounds				
					2) It won popular consent for authoritarian forms of rule.				
	Strength	Howeverit does help us to understand intra-ethnic	Eval	uation of HALL					
3	offending rates.			Downes and Rock	Hall is inconsistent - how can black street crime be exaggerated but also rising due to unemployment?There is no discussion of how a capitalist				
	L7 of L6-8 :See L7 powerpoint for wider reading on recent contributions- also see L6 and I8 to complete the debate			(2011)	sis led to a moral panic. There is no evidence that the public were icking or blaming black people for muggings.				



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			Th	The Extent of Racist Victimisation			Explaining the Extent of Racist			
I	ate Crime Definition Describes an incident whereby the victim or witness perceived the offence to be motivated by hostility or prejudice based on one of the following protected characteristics: Disability, race, religion, transgender identity or sexual orientation.		Ι	Key Idea	Until recently the focus of much research into ethnicity and crime has been on the over-representation of ethnic minorities in the criminal justice system. However, more recent research has been concerned with the racist victimisation of ethnic minorities.		ctimisa Bowl Philli (2012	ing and ps	 Higher risk of victimisation is the result of the relatively high proportion of minority ethnic groups living in cities, especially 	
			2	Case Study: Stephen Lawrence and the Macpherson	This is a case study of racist victimisation. The issue received greater public attention because of this case and the outcome of the Macpherson				inner cities, where rates of victimisation are high. • Per capita rates of racially	
Ra	cist victimisa	tion		Report	Report (99)				motivated offences are	
I	Definition When an individual is selected as a target for crime because of their race, ethnicity or religion.				As well as finding evidence of institutional racism the report found that police had failed to act on this racist victimisation /hate				higher outside the major cities- especially in rural areas.	
					crime and also failed in their duty of care of the family. ** Also see Black Lives Matter case studies	2		tity may the only :	BAME groups contain a disproportionate number of young people compared	
2	Repeat victimisation	Sampson and Phillips Repeated minor instances of abuse and harassment are interwoven with periodic incidents of physical violence. Long term psychological impact needs to be considered alongside the physical injury and	3	Spike in hate crime	Following the EU Referendum on Brexit and acts of terror eg London Bridge Attack, Manchester bombing, there have been several spikes in hate crime- showing evidence of racist victimisation despite law		Yout	h	to the white ethnic majority, explains higher rates of criminality and this is also linked to victimisation.	
					changes.		Responses to victimisation			
			4	Police recorded crime (2014/5):	PRC logged 54,000 incidents in England and Wales in 2014/15. Also recorded 38,000 racially or religiously aggravated offences in 2014/15 ie assault- most cases were harassment.		(2013) greater a groups the		of crime is amongst ethnic minority han among white people in the same area.	
	damage to property caused by the offenders.		5	CSEW 2014/15	Suggests that many racist incidents go unreported. Estimated 89,000 racially motivated incidents 2014/15.		Minority groups do n passively to the fear Campaigns have called		y groups do not respond y to the fear of crime. igns have called for greater protection following the	