When official rates of crime are reported as rate per 100,000 people aged 10 and over, the rates for both girls and boys are equal. A study from the National Crime Victimization Survey found that the incidence of violent crimes, such as robbery and assault, is higher among boys than girls. However, the rates for property crimes, such as burglary and theft, are higher among girls than boys. This suggests that factors such as societal expectations and peer influence may play a role in the differences in crime rates between genders.

An Introduction

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Developmental Theories

A Complementary Pair of Life-Course-Persistent Offending and Adulthood-Limited and

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Evidence for a Life-Course-Persistent Type

Adolescence-Limited and Life-Course-Persistent Offending


evidence of the two proposed types of delinquency and of the common origin of serious offending behavior which differ in their course of development. The dynamic nature of antisocial behavior is also evident in the high rates of recidivism among convicted offenders and the persistence of such behavior into adulthood. The study of antisocial behavior across the lifespan is essential for understanding the development of crime.
Evidence for Audiences-Lighted Thoughts

In contrast to the small group of the course-presentation members, a detailed procedure for course preparation is necessary. The description of the audience's interests, needs, and cultural background can help in tailoring the presentation to their needs. The audience's previous experiences and expectations can influence how they perceive the information presented. Therefore, it is important to consider the audience's perspective when preparing the course materials.

Considering the course's objectives and the audience's interests can lead to more effective presentations. The course should be designed to address the audience's needs and challenges. This can be achieved by incorporating interactive elements, such as discussions or group activities, into the presentation. The audience's feedback can also be used to improve the course over time.

In conclusion, the audience's perspective is crucial in the preparation of effective presentations. By taking their interests, needs, and cultural background into account, the course can be tailored to meet their expectations and enhance their learning experience.


1. Describe the concept of the theory of the development of the conscious-point of view. How does this perspective influence our understanding of human behavior and development? How does it differ from other psychological theories?

2. Discuss the implications of the conscious-point of view for practical applications in psychology and education. How can educators and therapists apply this theory to improve their practice?

3. Evaluate the strengths and limitations of the conscious-point of view. What are some common criticisms of this theory, and how do they impact its validity and usefulness in modern psychology?
Lifecourse-Persistance Behavior Begins With Social Interventions

The current trend to reduce response to the growing challenges of educational funding, classroom overcrowding, and student performance is to engage in critical risk assessment and determine to what extent children have potential for academic achievement. This requires a broad approach that includes interventions during the early years of life. The use of high-quality programs, such as Head Start, can significantly impact children's development and educational outcomes. For example, children who participate in Head Start programs are more likely to enter kindergarten ready to learn and are less likely to drop out of school or require special education services. Therefore, it is crucial to invest in early childhood education and support programs that provide a strong foundation for lifelong learning and success.
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An Educational Theory for Adolescence-Limited

Toward a Better Understanding of Adolescence-Limited

Adolescence-Limited Development

Adolescence-Limited Development is a theoretical framework that explores the unique developmental trajectory of adolescents. It emphasizes the importance of considering the transitional nature of adolescence and how it shapes individual growth and development. This theory highlights the distinct vulnerabilities and resilience factors that adolescents face, which can significantly impact their future life trajectories. The concept is crucial for understanding the challenges and opportunities that emerge during this critical life stage.
Social Minority and the Reactions between Life-Course-Depression

Robert B. Edwards

(1999) and his theory of the "social minority," defines a social minority as a group that is systematically disadvantaged and excluded from the mainstream of society. This theory suggests that social minorities experience higher levels of depression due to the structural barriers they face in society. Edwards argues that these barriers are not just individual problems but are rooted in systemic issues that perpetuate inequality and disadvantage. This perspective highlights the importance of addressing structural inequalities to reduce the prevalence of depression among social minorities.
A magnet role would imply that children who were rejected and ignored by others should experience newfound "popularity" as teens, relative to their former rejected status. That is, life-course-persistent youth should encounter more contacts with peers during adolescence when other adolescents draw near so as to imitate their lifestyle. A longitudinal test of this hypothesis is needed; definitive sociometric research must follow up aggressive/rejected children into adolescence to test whether they develop relationships de novo that include late-onset delinquents. However, some research is consistent with the interpretation, if one assumes that very aggressive children exemplify Life-Course-Persistent cases. Aggressive seventh-graders in the Carolina Longitudinal Study were rated as popular as often as nonaggressive youths by both teachers and themselves, and were as likely as other youths to be nuclear members of peer groups (Cairns, Cairns, Neckerman, Gest, and Gariepy 1988). In their review of peer-relations studies, Coie, Dodge, and Kupersmidt (1990) noted that the relation between overt aggression and peer rejection is strong in child samples, but weaker, or absent, in adolescent samples. Findings such as these suggest that although life-course-persistent are rejected isolates in elementary school, in high school they do experience regular interactions with peers. Similarly, in the Oregon Youth Study, rejection by peers at age ten was prognostic of greater involvement with delinquent peers two years later (Dishion, Patterson, Stoolmiller and Skinner 1991). Although the Oregon researchers interpreted their results as suggesting that aggressive children seek delinquent friends, their data are equally consistent with my interpretation that experienced delinquents begin to serve as a magnet for novice delinquents during early adolescence.

Researchers from the Carolina Longitudinal Study have carefully documented that boys with an aggressive history do participate in peer networks in adolescence, but that the networks are not very stable (Cairns et al. 1988). Consistent with a social mimicry hypothesis, delinquent groups have frequent membership turnover. In addition, the interchanges between network members are characterized by much reciprocal antisocial behavior (Cairns et al. 1988). Reiss and Farrington (1991) have shown that the most experienced high-rate young offenders tend to recruit different co-offenders for each offense. Life-course-persistent serve as core members of revolving networks, by virtue of being role models or trainers for new recruits (Reiss, 1986). They exploit peers as drug customers, as fences, as lookouts, or as sexual partners. Such interactions among life-course-persistent and adolescence-limited delinquents may represent a symbiosis of mutual exploitation. Alternatively, life-course-persistent offenders need not even be aware of all of the adolescence-limited youngsters who imitate their style. Unlike adolescence-limited offenders, who appear to need peer support for crime, life-course-persistent offenders should theoretically be willing to offend alone (Knight and West 1975). The point is that the phenomena of "delinquent peer networks" and "co-offending" during the adolescent period do not necessarily connote supportive friendships based on intimacy, trust, and loyalty, as is sometimes assumed. Social mimicry of delinquency can take place if experienced offenders actively educate new recruits. However, it can also take place if motivated learners merely observe antisocial models from afar.

One empirical test of the social mimicry hypothesis would require that differential pathways via peers to offending be found for life-course-persistent (childhood-onset) versus adolescence-limited (teen-onset) delinquents. Such a finding has been reported in two samples (Caspi et al. 1993; Simons, Wu, Conger, and Lorenz 1994). In these studies, early-onset cases showed a direct relation between early behavior problems and later delinquency that did not require mediation via peers. In contrast, adolescent-onset cases' pathway to delinquency was a direct effect of peer delinquency.

Reinforcement of Delinquency by its Negative Consequences

For teens who become adolescence-limited delinquents, antisocial behavior is an effective means of knotting-off childhood apron strings and of proving that they can act independently to conquer new challenges (Erickson 1960). I suggest that every curfew violated, car stolen, drug taken, and baby conceived is a statement that one has left childhood behind, and thus is a reinforcer for delinquent involvement. Delinquent acts hold symbolic value as evidence that teens have the ability to resist adult demands and the capacity to act without adult permission (Marwell 1966). Ethnographic interviews with delinquents reveal that proving maturity and autonomy are strong personal motives for offending (e.g. Goldstein, 1990). Compelling epidemiological studies have confirmed that adolescent initiation of tobacco, alcohol, and drug abuse are reinforced because they symbolize independence and maturity to youth (Kandel 1980; Mausner and Platt 1971).
systemic, holistic, and life-course perspective suggests that one's risk to be  

exposed to and experience violence is a result of the cumulative effects of various factors, including but not limited to economic status, race, gender, and geographic location. This approach recognizes that individuals are embedded within social structures and experiences that shape their lives and opportunities. It underscores the importance of understanding the interplay between individual and systemic factors in violence prevention and intervention efforts.

In this framework, the life-course perspective emphasizes that violence is not an isolated event but rather a product of broader social and economic conditions. It highlights the need for interventions that address the root causes of violence rather than focusing solely on individual-level solutions. By considering the developmental trajectories of individuals and communities, this approach seeks to create a more comprehensive and effective response to violence.
Adolescence is a time of significant change and transition. The experiences of early adolescence, such as school, work, and family, shape the individual's future. Adolescents are at risk of substance abuse and mental health issues, and it is crucial to provide them with support and guidance. The development of positive relationships is essential for adolescents, and this can be achieved through effective communication and understanding. It is important to recognize the unique challenges faced by adolescents and provide them with the tools they need to navigate this phase of life.
Adolescence-Related Problem Behavior and Youth Development

A healthy adolescence may be a period of rapid growth and development, where the brain undergoes significant changes. Adolescents are unique in their developmental stage, characterized by increasing independence and developing self-awareness. This period is crucial for building social skills, emotional regulation, and decision-making abilities. However, adolescence can also be a time of increased risk for various behaviors, including substance use, academic difficulties, and mental health issues. Understanding the complexities of adolescence is essential to support healthy development and prevent negative outcomes.
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**Predictions About the Longitudinal Stability of Antisocial Behavior**

I have proposed that most adults who behave in an antisocial fashion are the same individuals who began antisocial behavior in early childhood. During the peak participation period of adolescence, those persistent individuals will be masked by the noise of their more numerous mimics. Following from this observation, estimates of the individual stability of antisocial behavior are expected to violate the ”longitudinal law,” that relations between variables become weaker as the time interval between them grows longer (Clarke and Clarke 1984). One study has found evidence that the longitudinal law is violated in this way when antisocial behavior is studied in the same individuals over time. Stattin and Magnusson (1984) reported that adult crime was predicted more strongly by behavior at age ten than by behavior between ages fifteen and seventeen. This prediction awaits additional corroboration.

**Predictions About Differential Correlates of Life-Course-Persistent and Adolescence-Limited Antisocial Behavior**

According to the theory, the life-course-persistent type has its origins in neuropsychological problems that assume measurable influence when difficult children interact with criminalogenic home environments. Beginning in childhood, discipline problems and academic failures accumulate increasing momentum, cutting off opportunities to practice prosocial behavior. As time passes, recovery is precluded by maladaptive individual dispositions and narrowing life options, and delinquents are channeled into antisocial adult lifestyles. Thus, the strongest prospective predictors of persistent antisocial behavior are anticipated to be measures of individual and family characteristics. These measures include health, gender, temperament, cognitive abilities, school achievement, personality traits, mental disorders (e.g., hyperactivity), family attachment bonds, child-rearing practices, parent and sibling deviance, and socioeconomic status, but not age.

According to the description of adolescence-limited delinquency, youths with little risk from personal or environmental disadvantage encounter motivation for crime for the first time when they enter adolescence. For them, an emerging appreciation of desirable adult privileges is met with an awareness that those privileges are yet forbidden. After observing their antisocial peers’ effective solution to the modern dilemma of the maturity gap, youths mimic that delinquent solution. Perversely, the consequences of delinquency reinforce and sustain their efforts, but only until aging brings a subjective shift in the valence of the consequences of crime. Then, such youths readily desist from crime, substituting the prosocial skills they practiced before they entered adolescence. This narrative suggests a direct contrast to the predictions made for persistent antisocial behavior. Individual differences should play little or no role in the prediction of short-term adolescent offending careers. Instead, the strongest prospective predictors of short-term offending should be knowledge of peer delinquency, attitudes toward adulthood and autonomy, cultural and historical context, and age. If life-course-persistent and adolescence-limited delinquents, defined on the basis of their natural histories, do not show the predicted differential patterns of correlates, then that part of the theory is wrong.

**Comparing This Taxonomy with General Theories: Implications for Explanatory Power**

Students of antisocial behavior have been blessed with a number of thoughtful theories. As a group, the theories have tended to be “general” theories of crime; each extends its causal explanation to all offenders. I find general theories unsatisfying because they do not account very well for the epidemiological facts about antisocial behavior.

General theories that summon sociological processes to explain crime and delinquency have provided valuable insights about the proximal mechanisms that promote juvenile delinquency (e.g., Becker 1968; Cloward and Ohlin 1960; Hagan 1987; Hirschi 1969; Lemert 1967; Sutherland and Cressey 1978). However, sociologists have trained their lenses on the adolescent age period, when the peak prevalence of criminal involvement occurs, and when antisocial behavior is most easily studied with survey methods (Hagan, Gillis, and Simpson 1985; Sampson and Laub 1990). Historically, reliance on legal definitions of antisocial behavior and record sources of data kept delinquency researchers focused on the adolescent onset of illegal behavior. Consequently, many
Possible mechanisms to explain the observed effects might include

1. The hypothesis that the observed effects are due to changes in the expression of certain genes or proteins that are involved in the development of neuroplasticity.
2. The effects might be mediated through changes in the activity of neurotransmitters or other signaling molecules.
3. The observed effects could be the result of changes in the structure or function of specific brain regions or networks.
4. The effects might be due to changes in the balance between excitatory and inhibitory inputs to neural circuits.

Further research is needed to investigate these possibilities and to determine the underlying mechanisms of the observed effects.
The current consensus is that environmental factors play a significant role in the development of adolescent antisocial behavior. The concept of matching law suggests that behavior is a function of the ratio of reinforcer availability to the number of responses. This implies that individuals who have had more exposure to antisocial behavior are more likely to engage in antisocial behavior themselves. The theory posits that people learn to match their behavior to the probability of reinforcement, leading to increased antisocial behavior in high-reinforcement environments.

Therefore, the development of adolescent antisocial behavior may be influenced by environmental factors, such as exposure to antisocial models, peer pressure, and reinforcement for antisocial behavior. This highlights the importance of early intervention and environmental modifications to prevent the development of adolescent antisocial behavior.