

# Assignment

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### Explain the following theories:

- a. Broken Windows; according to the broken windows theory in criminology, cities with apparent crime indicators, antisocial conduct, and civic unrest have a higher risk of people committing significantly more severe crimes.
- b. Victim Discounting; According to the victim precipitation theory, the victim's characteristics caused the crime. A perpetrator might pick a victim based on that person's ethnicity, race, sexual orientation, gender, or gender identity.

### Is there also a process for discounting offenders in our society and criminal justice system?

People can be given a second opportunity through the criminal justice system. During this process, a person's age, mental state, and level of responsibility for the crime are all considered to decide what kind of punishment they should get. Some states have laws allowing people who break the law to get shorter sentences or punishments like community service, drug treatment programs, probation, or a reduced term.

### Is evidence-based research useful in changing prejudice, stereotyping, and discrimination by police?

Evidence-based research can help in eradicating bias, stereotyping, and unfair police treatment. By making us aware of complex issues, research can point out areas of prejudice and offer solutions. Research can also enlighten community members, police forces, and legislators on the potential consequences of their actions. Also, based on data, research can provide the most effective ways to stop, monitor, and address police misbehavior.

### Explain the main differences between stereotyping, prejudice, and discrimination.

Stereotyping is a cognitive bias in which people give traits to a group based on how they seem to fit into that group. Prejudice is having a wrong opinion of a person or group based on what you already think about them. Discrimination is when you treat someone differently because of something about them, like their race, gender, or religion. Even though stereotyping and prejudice are related, discrimination is a concrete result of these attitudes and beliefs.

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