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Today, juvenile delinquency is characterized as one of the severe issues for the criminal justice system of different countries. It is noteworthy to mention that alignment of the juvenile criminal justice system with the changing needs of time is a necessary condition to propose better solutions for the prevention and rehabilitation of young offenders (Wilson & Petersilia, 2010). The criminal justice system of the U.S. is recognized as the one broad systematic approach when it comes to adopting the approach of detention of juvenile offenders. Here the focus is to critically compare American juvenile justice policy to Germany’s criminal justice system to successfully determine categorization and procedures in case of juvenile offenders.

A comprehensive assessment of the juvenile system of the U.S. indicates that it is greatly based on the idea of rehabilitation of young offenders (Thornberry, Huizinga, & Loeber, 2004). The idea of detention in the case of young offenders is also greatly implemented under the spectrum of criminal justice system functioning in the country (Griffin, Addie, Adams, & Firestine, 2011). In contrast to the U.S. criminal justice system, juvenile delinquency is differently established in Germany, and this difference eventually appeared in the form of outcomes. The criminal justice system of Germany has strict rules never to prosecute minors as adults. There is a significant difference that exists when it comes to criminal policy about juvenile offenders (Wasserman, Miller, & Cothern, 2000). A detailed assessment of criminal justice policies of both the countries of the U.S. and Germany explicitly revealed that the nation of the U.S. has many strict practical implications when it comes to considering the domain of detention of juvenile offenders.

To conclude the discussion on the difference of criminal justice systems, it is vital to mention that various forms of justice policy for juvenile delinquency exist due to the prevalence of social and cultural differences. The existence of a diverse culture of American society also appeared as different approaches to the juvenile criminal system.

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