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Deviant behavior is needed for the proper functioning of the society because these tendencies reflect normal, intrinsic behavior of a person. The urge and motivation to achieve something, when it is not provided or attained by right means, the sense of survival and achievement moves a person to adopt a deviant path. Seeing a person being punished due to an act of deviance tends to reinforce the things which are either acceptable or unacceptable by society. For example, if nobody commits something which can be categorized as a crime, how will the rules be declared and implemented.

Talking about the sociological aspects, Strain theory explains the reason for people committing a crime. According to this theory, when people are unable to achieve the cultural goals which they are exposed to, they tend to achieve them by adopting criminal ways (Kendall, 2019). The famous Social bond theory gives the idea that when a person’s ties with society are weakened, they are more vulnerable to criminal activities. For example, 5% of students of a college class who do not get a job feel disconnected from society and then they decide to take the possessions of others by robbing.

The criminal justice system is comprised of the network of law enforcement institutions and is responsible for administrating justice. This is very common in our societies and as in this system, the offender is penalized to compensate for the harm which he inflicted on someone else. For example, if a person is convicted of committing murder, he will be arrested and given punishment according to the law. While restorative justice is an opposite system that ensures the rehabilitation of the offender through reconciliation and counseling. The example of this system is the face to face meeting of offender and victim in the presence of an expert mediator.

Social control is the influential ability of any element in a social life which is capable of maintaining life in certain patterns. Social control is the driving force that makes people do a thing which they would not do otherwise. Also, an individual may abstain from doing something which is not accepted by society.

Social fabric is the demographics of a particular area that defines its wealth, ethnicity, regional values, education, and employment role. Social fabrics of a particular area are very important in determining the social aspects of society. For example, the social fabric affecting a newly opened restaurant at any place is different as compared to others because of the variety in the aspects mentioned above.

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