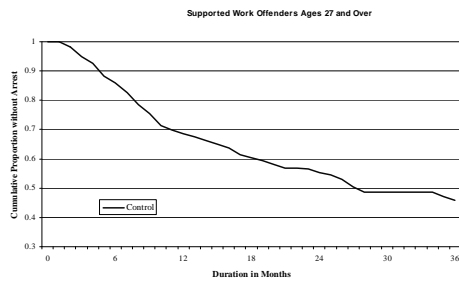


Lecture 17: Critical and Marxian Theories

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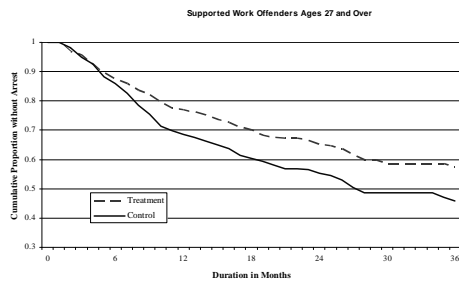
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[Uggen 2000: do jobs reduce crime?]
time to new arrest: controls



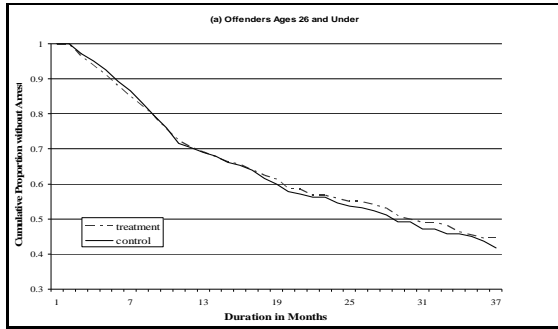
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time to new arrest: treatment



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among younger group...



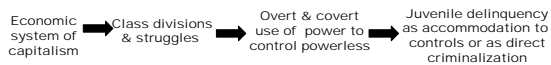
critical Marxian theories

- Background: Marx, Crime, and Science
- Assumptions
 - Value conflict
 - Capitalism is tied to delinquency production
 - Reconceiving crime as "social harm"
- Conceptual Tools
 - "Dialectical materialism"
 - Social classes and class conflict
 - A new typology (Richard Quinney 1977)
 - Crimes of domination & repression by agents of capitalists
 - Crimes of accommodation by working class to survive
 - Crimes of resistance by working class

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- Critique of (Mainstream) Criminology



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conflict theories/concepts

- Class conflict (Quinney 1975)
 - Instrumental Marxism
 - law, agents, maintain and legitimate elite dominance
 - ("I win clause," drug laws, p. 86 quote)
- Culture conflict (Sellin 1938)
 - diversity → clash of conduct norms
 - (Sicilian father; examples today?)
- Left Realism (1980s+)
 - structural Marxism
 - some rules/acts unrelated to class conflict
 - reform agenda
- Social Threat (Liska 1992)
 - social control responds to threat, not deviance
 - (race and fear, punishment)
- Africana Criminal Justice (today)



ANGELA DAVIS
founding member
critical resistance

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critique

- Critique
 - Explaining individual deviance (not rulemaking)
 - General consensus on severity rankings
 - Instrumental model may be oversimplified
 - Norms and rules are necessary conditions for deviance, but not the sole cause
 - Positivist science vs Marxian ideology
- Value and relevance
 - Undeniable class bias in defining and punishing deviance (2 million poor people)
 - Scratch the surface and you find conflict in taken-for-granted laws (disenfranchisement)

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Extensions: David Greenberg (1977):
*Delinquency and the Age Structure of
Advanced Capitalist Society*

- Status of adolescents
 - Child labor, minimum wage, compulsory education laws
- Adolescent status anxiety and consumption needs
- Age-crime relation
- Others in conflict tradition
 - Chambliss, Spitzer, Wacquant, Reiman, Colvin and Pauly

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Monster Chronology: Kody Scott's Career (b. 1964)

- STREETS June 1975: Initiation at 11 - kills Blood
- JUVENILE HALL (detention): served 19 of 60 days for hot dog stand. Los Padrinos Juv. Hall; surplus store murder dismissed
- CAMP MUNZ - like Red Wing? 1979. 9 mo. Sentence for assault and auto theft. Tried as adult on murder and 6 attempted murders. Moved from Los Padrinos to East Lake Juv. Hall (Central - church)
- JUVENILE TANK: LA County Jail (waived to adult) (Able & Charlie rows; Cyko Mike; staff beating; Monk, Kody force Weeble-Wobble & Tangle-eye to drink urine)
- 1979: Robbery charge: 4 years at 16 (Youth Authority Southern Reception Center)

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- YOUTH TRAINING SCHOOL: max. security youth prison, within swimming, hoops. The Rock (hole) (Pressing 470; Muhammad Abdullah: stay armed, stay black. Paroles 1984 serving 1 of 4 years).
- Desistance? Whiteboy Eric, drug money, Tamu & adult roles "Working was considered weak"; PCP daily conscience; too old, slippin, at 19
- 1985: 48 hours: Crip Module 4800 in LA Co. Jail (food riot; BT tamed in pen, p. 294 slavery; Killer hooked up Consolidated Crip Org. (military, political science, Kiswahili, Crip history; machine in motion); Suma in high power max security
- Reconnected: 7 years state pen 1985 CHINO STATE PRISON reception center; Deep seg "hole within hole." SOLEDAD direct to hole. SAN QUENTIN "repression at its best" "best place for aspiring young revolutionary" (Separatism)
- Parole 11/88, serving 4 or 7. Job as file clerk, asst. loan advisor. 1991: assault and grand theft auto. Paroled 9/95; fugitive 5-96. Assault of officer charge 11/98.

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next

- Gender and delinquency

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