

**lecture 9:**

**finish differential  
association, begin social  
control**

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**d.a. policy**

- "Community Treatment" - harness power of the group
- Provo "Quasi-Experiment"
  - Number of Arrests in 1<sup>st</sup> year:
    - Provo .55 versus .7 for probation group
    - Provo 1.1 versus 1.7 for institution group
- Silverlake replication
  - Percent rearrested
    - Silverlake 40% versus 44% for institution

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**lessons**

- Groups and peers as correlates or causes of delinquency
  - Still debated
  - Gangs
  - Peers and desistance (Warr)
- Community treatment as effective as institutionalization (which isn't great) for non-violent delinquents

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## social control or "bond" theory (Travis Hirschi 1969)

- **Background**
  - Intellectual: Hobbes, Durkheim (not Sutherland)
    - "We are moral beings to the extent that we are social beings"
  - Social: 1950s-1960s emphasis on school and family
- **Assumptions**
  - Tendency to commit crime is "natural"
  - Cultural universals and normative consensus
    - a "central value system"
  - Absence of controls cause deviance
    - "given that man is an animal..."
    - little variation in motivation

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## conceptual tool: social bond

- **Four elements of bond to society**
  - Attachment [to others]
  - Commitment [to conventional activities]
  - Involvement [in conventional activities]
  - Belief [in the moral order]

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## critique & extensions

- **Critique**
  - Role of delinquent friends
  - Causal order and endogeneity
  - Portrayal of delinquent as "detached drifter"
  - Cracks in consensus assumption
- **Extensions (all 1990s)**
  - Sampson & Laub: Adult social bonds
  - Tittle: Control/Balance
  - Integrated theories (and critique)

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**Gottfredson & Hirschi (1990):  
"general theory" of low self-control**

INEFFECTIVE EARLY CHILDHOOD SOCIALIZATION ----->      LOW SELF-CONTROL + OPPORTUNITY ----->      [ACCIDENTS] DELINQUENCY [IRRESPONSIBILITY]

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AGE

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[ACCIDENTS] DELINQUENCY [IRRESPONSIBILITY]

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**policy**

- childhood socialization and family
- Lundman: boot camps? (maybe)
  - self-control through quasi-military treatment

Recidivism%	Treatment	Control
• Roulston (OH)	72%	50%
• Foxfire (CO)	39%	36%
• Environmental (AL)	31%	28%
• LEAD (CA)	61%	58%
• IMPACT (NC)	51%	33%

- What would a fair test look like? MST?

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**matza's drift theory**

- "tweener" theory
- conceptual tools:
  - Drift
  - Neutralization
  - Sounding

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## lessons

- Strong support from survey data
- Two visions
  - Socialized to nothing (SC) or socialized to delinquency (DA)
- Next: (exercise) Read CHESNEY-LIND 10:  
INTERVIEWS WITH GIRLS Pp 237-262
  - *NOTE*: Use the Chesney-Lind reading as *data* to evaluate & compare theories
  - Chesney-Lind Chapter 10
  - Cobain Chapters 17 & 18

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