
Keywords: Gangs, Juvenile delinquency, Offending, Victimology, Female crime

Task: Please locate this journal article AND read the following sections to help you to answer the questions:

1. Introduction (p142-3)
   a) Describe how traditional research studies described girls’ involvement in gangs? (50 words)

2. Risk factors for joining a gang among female youth (p143-44)
   a) Briefly summarise how these theorists explain girls’ involvement in gangs? (25 words each)
      • Socio-ecological perspective -
      • Social learning theory -
      • Social control theory -
      • Feminist perspective -

2.1. Gender differences in risk factors for gang membership (p144-5)
   a) Explain why the risk factors associated with gang membership are similar for both boys and girls? (50 words)
2.1. Gender differences (cont.)

b) What are the key differences why girls join gangs? (50 words)

3.2. Female gang members' agency (p146)

a) In what ways do girls in gangs demonstrate their agency (i.e. freedom of expression, ability to choose action) (50 words)

b) Describe the different ways in which mixed-gender gangs and male-dominated gangs effect girl gang member's agency? (50 words)

5.1. Gender differences in gang desistance (p149)

a) In what ways are the reasons for leaving a gang similar for both boys and girls? (50 words)

b) Suggest some of the ‘pull’ and ‘push’ factors which influence girls’ reasons for leaving a gang (50 words)