

Critical Criminology

Criminal Justice

The traditions that ask who defines crime, and in whose interest.

Analytic frameworks, contested within the discipline.

Strands

Marxist: law protects property and class order

Feminist: gender shapes offending and response

Critical race: racialised policing and law

Zemology: study social harm, not only crime

Green and state crime: harms rarely prosecuted

Questions raised

Whose harms get counted as crime?

Who is protected by the criminal law?

Why is theft policed harder than wage theft?

What does the system do besides cut crime?

Which serious harms have no offence at all?

Educational reference. These are frameworks for asking questions, not settled empirical findings.