

Positivist Criminology

Criminal Justice

The turn from choice to causes, and the trouble each strand ran into.

Offending explained by causes rather than by decision.

Strand	Central claim	Main problem
Biological	Traits predispose to offending	Lombroso's method was invalid
Psychological	Personality and learning matter	Weak prediction on its own
Sociological	Structure shapes opportunity	Hard to test at person level
Biosocial	Genes act through environment	Easily misread as destiny

Educational reference. Claims about inherited criminality have a documented history of misuse; handle with care.