

Strain Theory

Sociology

Merton's five adaptations to a gap between goals and available means.

Adaptations to a mismatch between cultural goals and structural means.

Adaptation	Goals	Means
Conformity	Accepted	Accepted
Innovation	Accepted	Rejected
Ritualism	Abandoned	Followed anyway
Retreatism	Rejected	Rejected
Rebellion	Replaced	Replaced

Educational reference. Explains utilitarian crime better than expressive or violent offending, and assumes one shared goal.