

Subcultural Theories

Sociology

The main subcultural accounts, and what each adds to strain theory.

Each answers a gap the previous account left open.

Theory	Core claim	Adds
Cohen	Status frustration at school	Non-utilitarian crime
Cloward and Ohlin	Illegitimate means differ too	Why forms vary
Miller	Focal concerns of a milieu	No strain needed
Matza	Drift and neutralisation	Most desist
Willis	Resistance reproduces position	Culture and class

Educational reference. Subcultural work is criticised for over-reading group coherence and for relying on male samples.