

Week 9 Discussion Forum: College Behind Bars

This forum has two parts, and it will help you to explore the experiences of incarcerated people.

The themes in the documentary College Behind Bars are very relevant to our general discussion of the theories of behavior. One of the main reasons for studying criminology is to prevent crime from occurring or prevent it from continuing. It is important to remember:

- Over half of those incarcerated in prison will re-offend which is an unacceptable statistic.
- One thing that has been proven to reduce recidivism is education.

This documentary series premiered in November of 2019. I found all four films to be thought-provoking and engaging. I have only assigned part 1 but I encourage you to watch all four parts to follow the stories of the main people introduced in part 1.

Tasks

Part 1: Watch part 1 of the PBS documentary entitled College Behind Bars: No One Ever Taught Me Any of That. Post your answer to my questions below (250 words minimum).

1. What are factors that are linked to recidivism? (This is located in your text and you may also use outside sources, make sure to cite your sources.)
2. How do you think that providing education can reduce recidivism?

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3. What are the other benefits that have come from the program for inmates outside of reducing recidivism? (please be as clear as possible what evidence or examples you are using from the video)
4. What is your opinion of these types of programs?

Part 2: Post a response to another student (150 words minimum).

Criteria for Success

There is a word minimum of 250 words for your post. Be sure to answer each question in detail. There is a minimum of 150 words for your reply to another student.