

Social Theories of Deviance

Feminist

- ❖ Feminist criminologists
 - Frida Adler
 - Meda Chesney-Lind
- ❖ Theories of deviance only developed with men in mind
 - Rape laws in the U.S
 - Years of protest to change definition of rape (changes occurred in the 1990s)
- ❖ In regards to crime and deviance, women are treated in stereotypical fashion.
 - i.e. women more likely to be scorned for having multiple sexual partners
- ❖ Feminist perspective tends to follow economic relationships
 - (Traditionally) Men have had greater earning power than women
 - This results in women less likely to report abuse against primary source of income.
 - Males have had more control in the workplace, which has provided more opportunities for deviant behavior (embezzlement and fraud).
 - pricing
 - accounting
 - product control
- ❖ Areas for growth in future feminist scholarship
 - How to define deviance (including feminist scholarship)
 - White-collar crime
 - Drinking behavior
 - Drug abuse
 - Differential sentencing rates between genders