

Sociology 211: Criminology

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Dr. David Buss

Professor of Evolutionary Psychology
University of Texas at Austin

The Murderer Next Door: Why the Mind is Designed to Kill

Monday, November 9th, 3:10 PM
Gallagher Business Building Room 123

A leading figure in the field of evolutionary psychology, Buss advances the argument that the theory of evolution by natural selection has revolutionary implications for understanding human behavior.

*Thinking about going to graduate school?
Come to a presentation on:*

Graduate Studies in Sociology

Thursday, Nov. 19th, 3:45 PM
University Center, Room 330



2008 M.A. Graduates

Topics to be covered:

- ❖ Why go to grad school?
- ❖ The admissions process
- ❖ Financial aid available
- ❖ Graduate curriculum

*The Sociology Department offers the
M.A. Degree with options in:*

- ❖ **General Sociology**
- ❖ **Criminology**
- ❖ **Rural & Environmental Change**
- ❖ **Inequality & Social Justice**

Refreshments will be served!

EXAM #3

Thursday, November 19th

**Covers Unit III lecture
material plus**

**Chapters 5, 6, and 7 in the
textbook**

- III. Sociological Theories of Crime (Part 1)
 - A. An overview and introduction
 - B. Learning theories
 - 1. Differential association theory
 - a. Sutherland's nine propositions
 - b. criticisms of differential association theory
 - 2. The effect of TV and other mass media on crime
 - 3. Burgess and Akers' social learning theory
 - 4. Criminal subculture theories
 - a. the cycle of violence
 - b. subcultures of violence
 - 5. Policy implications of learning theories
 - C. Anomie/Strain Theory
 - 1. Merton's anomie theory
 - 2. Other anomie theories
 - a. middle class measuring rod
 - b. differential opportunity theory
 - c. general strain theory
 - 3. Policy implications
 - D. Conclusions Regarding Sociological Theories (Part I)


III.B.2. Mass Media and Crime

Empirical evidence regarding the effect of TV viewing:

- National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)
- American Psychological Association (APA)
- Anecdotal evidence of imitative effects
- Other evidence of short-term effects
- Evidence regarding long-term effects


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watching
violent
television



committing
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Longitudinal panel study: A study in which the same group of persons (the panel) is studied at multiple points in time.

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Those who watch a lot of violent television tend to be more fearful of violence.

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The television industry's reply

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- **music videos**
- violent video games
- violent pornography

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Research on the possible impact of music videos on crime (especially sexual assault):

Sut Jhally and his associates did a “**content analysis**” of about twenty five years of music videos.

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A content analysis is a systematic examination of some form of communication to look for patterns and common themes.

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The possible impact of music videos on crime (especially sexual assault)

Dreamworlds 3:

Desire, Sex & Power in Music Video

Available @ Mansfield Library Reserve

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Jhally and his associates found:

- Direct depiction of sexual assault was relatively rare in early music videos.
- But it has become much more common for music videos to depict women being abused and assaulted.

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Jhally and his associates found:

- Black men are routinely portrayed as violent thugs, a racist stereotype.

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Jhally and his associates found:

- The women in music videos have always lived in what Jhally calls a “male adolescent dreamworld.”
- How women are portrayed draws heavily from images and themes commonly used in pornography.

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Jhally and his associates found:

In this dreamworld,

- Women fit a stereotyped image of beauty.
- Women are dependent on and subservient to men.
- Women are objectified.
- Women are always sexually available.
- When women say “no,” they really mean “yes”.

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Empirical evidence regarding the effects of exposure to music videos:

- Experimental studies of short-term effects
- Correlational studies of long-term effects

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- music videos
- **violent video games**
- violent pornography

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The possible impact of violent video games on violent behavior

Game Over: Gender, Race, & Violence in Video Games

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