

# Indigenous Criminology: New Horizons in Criminology

Indigenous criminology is a new and emerging field of study that examines the relationship between Indigenous peoples and the criminal justice system. Indigenous criminologists seek to understand the unique experiences of Indigenous peoples in the criminal justice system, and to develop culturally appropriate and effective crime prevention and intervention strategies.

## History of Indigenous Criminology

The roots of Indigenous criminology can be traced back to the early 20th century, when Indigenous scholars began to challenge the dominant criminological theories that were based on the experiences of non-Indigenous peoples. These scholars argued that the criminal justice system was not meeting the needs of Indigenous communities, and that a new approach was needed.



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In the 1970s and 1980s, Indigenous criminology began to emerge as a distinct field of study. Indigenous scholars began to develop their own theories and methodologies, and to conduct research on the unique experiences of Indigenous peoples in the criminal justice system.

## **Key Concepts in Indigenous Criminology**

Indigenous criminology is based on a number of key concepts, including:

- **Sovereignty:** Indigenous peoples have the right to self-determination and to govern their own affairs, including the administration of justice.
- **Culture:** Indigenous cultures have a significant impact on the way that Indigenous peoples experience the criminal justice system. Indigenous criminologists seek to understand the role of culture in crime and victimization, and to develop culturally appropriate crime prevention and intervention strategies.
- **History:** The history of colonization and oppression has had a profound impact on the lives of Indigenous peoples, including their experiences with the criminal justice system. Indigenous criminologists seek to understand the historical context of crime and victimization in Indigenous communities, and to develop strategies to address the legacy of colonization.
- **Restorative justice:** Restorative justice is a holistic approach to justice that focuses on healing the harm caused by crime and restoring relationships. Indigenous criminologists believe that restorative justice is a more appropriate and effective approach to crime than the traditional adversarial system.

## **Current Research in Indigenous Criminology**

Indigenous criminologists are currently conducting a wide range of research on the experiences of Indigenous peoples in the criminal justice system. This research includes studies on:

- The over-representation of Indigenous peoples in the criminal justice system
- The unique experiences of Indigenous women in the criminal justice system
- The impact of colonization and oppression on crime and victimization in Indigenous communities
- The development and implementation of culturally appropriate crime prevention and intervention strategies

Indigenous criminology is a new and emerging field of study that is making a significant contribution to our understanding of crime and victimization in Indigenous communities. Indigenous criminologists are developing new theories and methodologies, and conducting groundbreaking research on the unique experiences of Indigenous peoples in the criminal justice system. This research is helping to inform the development of more effective crime prevention and intervention strategies, and to promote a more just and equitable criminal justice system for all.



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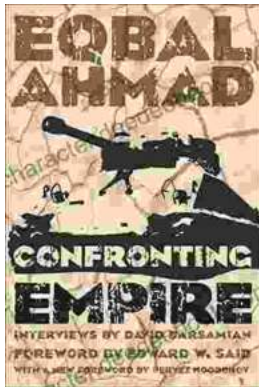
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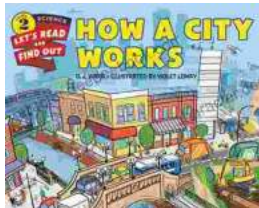
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