

Assignment questions (pick one)

3.1 In Module 3, you learned about interpretive and critical theories of deviance. In recent months, media stories have highlighted anecdotal reports of significant increases in cheating and plagiarism among university students, arising from the large-scale shift to online learning. First, differentiate between which aspects of this phenomenon interpretive theories versus critical theories would focus on. Second, select the one theory from Module 3 that you think best enhances our understanding of this phenomenon (and explain why).

3.2 In Module 3, you learned about interpretive and critical theories of deviance. Recent federal reports identify right-wing extremist groups (e.g., alt-right; white nationalist) as a significant threat to Canadian security. For instance, in recent weeks we have seen several anti-racism protests (in Canada, the United States, and Europe) interrupted by counter-protests by these types of groups. First, differentiate between which aspects of this phenomenon interpretive theories versus critical theories would focus on. Second, select the one theory from Module 3 that you think best enhances our understanding of this phenomenon (and explain why). Note that your response may focus on either right-wing extremism in general, or the recent counterprotests in particular.