

CRIM A394 Sex Offenses and Offenders Course Paper Prompt

Imagine you are a new employee of the Louisiana Department of Corrections. The Governor of Louisiana and the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections has given you an assignment. There has been growing unrest from members of the media and the general public regarding sex offenders in the state of Louisiana. In order to ensure that the state of Louisiana and the Louisiana Department of Corrections is adequately addressing sex offenders, you have been tasked with three things. First, you need to outline which criminological theory that you believe is the most plausible to explain why individuals sexually offend. Second, you need to identify what treatment options (please give two to three detailed examples) have been *shown in research* to be the most effective for reducing sex offending in known sex offenders. In doing this, be sure that you make an argument for why your chosen criminological theory fits with your selected treatment options. Third and final, you are to discuss why there should or should not be a public registry for sex offenders in the state of Louisiana. If there are exceptions to this depending on the offender-type, then please discuss what these exceptions should be and why.

Remember, the goal and purpose of this paper is to demonstrate to both the Governor and the Commissioner that you *know* what the problem is and have *supported* ideas for proposed programming in how to address this problem. In essence, anywhere you make a claim within the paper, there needs to be a citation to back it up. Also, please be sure to write in the third person (e.g., one individual, many researchers, etc.) instead of first-person (e.g., I believe, me, myself, etc.). Additionally, please be sure to provide ample support for all of your points since the purpose is to demonstrate to the Governor and Commissioner that you have a firm understanding of the issue and a proposed solution.

The paper is **due on December 5th by 11:59pm**. Your paper will need to be uploaded to the appropriate assignment tab on Blackboard. Paper copies will not be accepted. Additionally, the paper needs to be a **minimum of 10 pages** and a **maximum of 12 pages**. However, feel free to go over (not under) the guidelines. Please also include a reference page for all citations in APA format (title and reference pages do not count towards the page minimum/maximum). This paper is worth a total of **100 points** of your grade for the semester. You will be graded on the following components: grammar, structure, presence of ample citations to support your claims, having all required components within the paper, and a reasonable attempt at APA.

If you need any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me prior to the due date for the paper. For assistance with APA formatting, I suggest visiting the following website <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/>. Students are also encouraged to seek out the help of the Students are encouraged to seek out the help of the Student Success Center. Located on the second floor of Monroe Library, the SSC is the one stop shop for assistance with academic success, writing, tutoring, disability studies and more. Go to <http://loyno.edu/success>.

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