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Policy Project Check-In

When I started working on this assignment, it was both educational and challenging. It was informative because I got to learn about crime, why it took place, and how to create policies that will help curb it. Challenging because sometimes I found a lot of information on the internet, making it hard to narrow down the information I want. While evaluating the Crime and Public Policy book (Wilson & Petersilia, 2011), I encountered a challenge. Some of the book's chapters were not available in the book. The book was available online but with limited information since the complete text has to be purchased. Although it had some of the information I needed regarding juvenile crime, I used other scholarly journals to get additional information regarding the topic.

The challenge I faced in the policy project was the lack of enough content that comes to generating policies that involve juvenile crimes. Most of the policies available were for adult crimes only. Another challenge was getting distracted if I could not find the information I was looking for, which resulted in writer's block. Another problem I experienced was with the question. It was a bit challenging to get the concept at first and what I was supposed to do before starting the project. The third challenge was regarding the process of creating a policy. The steps that were provided on the internet were too many because of the changes that had been made to them. Some websites stated that there are five steps, and others presented more than making it a bit challenging to settle on the right process. In regards to my searching techniques, the change I would make is to use the topic of my assignment to search for the content I need to help with my task. The next technique I would use is using a Boolean operator to get the exact information I need.

Potential question

What factors do you consider when researching for your assignment?

Reference

Wilson, J. Q., & Petersilia, J. (2011). *Crime and public policy*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

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