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Rational Choice Theory

I think Rational Choice theory best explains crime. The theory mostly deals with the justification of criminal behaviors. It also explains how criminals chose to commit crimes due to logical judgment and lack of knowledge of the crime from the surrounding. Also, the theory explains how individuals best understand crime. For instance, children cannot understand the consequences of committing a crime and lack information from some individuals regarding crime. There are instances where criminals neglect the consequences of the crime despite being aware of them. In this case, life circumstances can force them to commit crimes. Here, there is a weighing of choices that people think will serve them better.

Several individuals fit in this theory. An individual who would fit in this theory is an investor who chose to hike the prices of stock above the normal market rate to get higher returns. The interest here is getting higher returns while ignoring laws regarding operations. The investor thinks that setting prices above the standard would enable them to make quick profits at the expense of the law. Setting higher prices than the normal one is a crime committed knowingly. Therefore, the choice to commit a crime lies in logical judgment.

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