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Discussion Questions

Assignment 1

The offender is John a male individual and had committed a sexual offense. John has already served in jail for the offense but is on sex offense registry together with Michael. Thus, John should report to the police every two weeks despite not having anywhere to live and give details where he will pitch his tent. The theory selected is behavioral theory. Behavioral theory is significantly based on John's case because it aims to elucidate an individual's behavior by assessing the experiences and consequences available in the person's environment as well as the learned relations obtained from past practices.

John's actions indicate that he is a changed man and has accepted his mistakes in the past. Therefore, through trying to adapt to normal life, John works in an animal shelter to cater to his needs although it does not pay much. This is because the registry did not allow John to move in with her sister when he got out of prison. After all, it is too close to grade school. By following the behavioral theory, John has already learned from the past experiences of sexual offense and he needs to live a normal life like other people, currently, John lives in a tent and moves around with it in places where he will not bother people. John's sexually deviant behavior is driven by two different factors. The first factor is the deviant sexual interest that is the practice of intense sexual arousal to a given person, object or situation. Another factor is cognitive distortions that include overstated and illogical ways of thinking involved in the onset of persistent psychopathological conditions, for example, anxiety and depression. Behavioral theory can help in the treatment of the offender through developing programs that will ensure the community can care for the offenders regardless of the crime. This will guarantee prevention methods are taken in place to support at-risk juveniles.

Assignment 2

The emergence of the internet resulted in significant changes in access to information and content. However, it has also led to both positive and negative effects. The literature will focus on the negative effects the internet has caused, for instance, the easy access to online pornography leading to illegal behavior among children. One of the illegal behaviors brought by the addiction of pornography is that it encourages aggression towards women. Therefore, considering that pornography is sexist and antagonistic towards women. Furthermore, it also depicts individuals and sexual relationships that do not precisely mirror real person views and activities, resulting in impractical prospects of close partners that may affect an individual's capacity to develop and manage healthy relationships (Gewirtz-Meydan et al., 2018). For example, the hostility and fierceness to women obtained in pornography will influence young men to be involved in illegal behaviors such as behave aggressively and degrade women.

Foubert (2016) stated that although media has an incredible ability to educate, it may again lead to significant alteration of individuals' world perceptions as well as changes in behavior especially if the content presented is sexually explicit or gender-stereotyped. Children learn through what they experience and see within their environment hence when they view violent content then it can affect the capacity to maintain their human relationship. For instance, pornography standardizes sexual harm and by indicating a lack of emotional association between consensual associates, insecure sexual contact and other unacceptable sexual behaviors such as rape.

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