The only way to solve the increasing crime rate of young offenders is to teach parents better parenting skills. To what extent do you agree?

The crime rate amongst the young adults <u>is</u> growing over the last couple of decades, and while many believe that the resolution of this critically important social plight has nothing to do with juvenile delinquents. They in fact, subscribe to the view that <u>parents'</u> play a more crucial role than <u>that of</u> their children <u>to reduce</u> the juvenile crime rate.

The development of the brain is influenced by many factors, including a child's relationships, experiences and environment, and undoubtedly in most cases a child's very first role model is his parents, hence the parents' significant impact on children. Absorbing every piece of information, a child's brain works like a sponge, and parents can teach the adults of tomorrow the values of their society during these golden ages. Only if parents are trained and completely aware of their pivotal role, can we expect to have a law abiding generation in future.

Having said that, the absolute paramount importance of mass media on children's behavior cannot be overlooked. Tired of the hectic pace of life, parents rarely find time to spend with their apple of their eyes, and instead children are mostly enchanted with social networking sites, popular messaging applications and attracting products from the entertainment companies. I maintain that in this day and age not only does the media has have a significant impact on children's behavior, but it also influencesed people from all walks of life, parents included.

To cut a long story short, I maintain that children's behavior is a confluence of factors ranging from parenting, mass media, and genetics. Arguably, it is high time officials stopped blaming criminals, and point the finger to the inadequate awareness which resulted results from an insufficient educational system.