

Nowadays the crime rate is increasing, especially among teenagers. What are the reasons behind it? How can we reverse this trend? What punishment methods should be used, in your opinion?

It is true that the number of criminal activities is on the rise, and this is more alarming among teenagers. However thorny the problem may seem, a thorough investigation ~~on~~into its roots can lead to viable solutions to alleviate it.

The upward trend of crime, which has become a complex issue in many parts of the world, has made many sociologists along with other experts to unravel the mystery and recognize the reasons behind. One which has always made many ~~to~~ break the law is poverty. Dealing with financial problems, people find themselves in a dilemma to die or commit crimes, although in many cases it is not the matter of life, and the person simply envies others' possessions and lifestyle. This covetousness can be endorsed in a teenager who experiences other crises as a result of adolescence. Growing up in a deprived home, coping with lack of living necessities, and undergoing some failures due to having an unsupportive family, a teenager recently old enough to witness the social inequality and make comparisons is doomed to seek a quick fix to all unanswered questions in his mind. The growing gap between the poor and the rich can fuel this. There is no wonder that the crime rate is shockingly high in megacities where these two opposites poles of society coexist.

Nonetheless, feasible approaches can be proposed to cushion the blow of the on-going problem. First, albeit seemingly impossible, poverty as a key factor contributing to the increase in crime rates should be addressed. In many countries, attempts to bridge the economic gulf between social classes of the community have brought about satisfactory results. Establishing small-scale businesses, reducing the unnecessary bureaucracy, and paving the way for entrepreneurs integrated with free training courses offered from government institutes, officials evidently have stopped ~~to ignore~~ignoring the problem and started to fully appreciate it. Moreover, education can also play a role as a facilitator into stopping the trend or at least ~~make~~making it less sharp. As many studies suggest the hefty majority of criminals all around the world suffer from lack of education, if not from ~~illegibility~~illiteracy.

To conclude, despite the current steady growth of the number of juvenile crimes and the possibility of ~~joining~~enlisting a teenager to become involved in criminal acts, taking more novel and practical approaches, this crime issue seems no longer insurmountable.