

Biological positivism

Cold blooded killer

- They lack remorse feeling or emotion may be diagnosed with being as psychopath
- There is something different about them that distinct them from other humane individuals
- Why people commit crime is because criminals internal make up is different and biological inferior
- **Craniometry:** a persons skulls conforms to a persons brain the size of it reflected the size of the brain. If an individual had a bigger skull were superior and a smaller skull they were inferior
- **Phrenology:** certain parts of our brain controls certain behaviour and personality. The more we use a specific place in the brain the larger it becomes and pushes out in the skull and creates bumps

Different faculty of the brain

- Physical appearance explanations
- Faculty = crime
- Destructiveness= murder
- Secretiveness = treason or fraud
- Combativeness = assault or murder
- acquitenness= theft or robbery

3 regions of the brain

1. Intellectual faculties
 2. Moral sentiments
 3. Lower function: associated with criminal behaviour
- **Physiognomy:** analyzes of persons character and personality by looking any a persons face. People who had features that represents a animal they could not have been trusted

Cesare lombroso (1835-1909): the father of positive school

- Physician in army and prison (examined bodies of soldiers, war criminals and convicts)
- He would compare soldiers who were seemed to be non criminals to convicts who were criminals
- Compared physical characteristic of individuals (looked at the individuals forehead, size of the skull etc)
- Influenced by Charles Darwin
- **Social darwinism:** People in society are at different evolution stages there are some who are developed more and some who are not which makes them inferior
- Implention of the way of thinking like this is: racism, inequality, slavery, colonialism
- **The criminal man (1876):** believed he saw a skull of a man but he believed it looked like it belonged more to an ape than human
- **Atavists:** the born criminal- people are born bad. A biological evolutionary throwbacks
- Defective genes made them inferior they weren't quite human because they weren't that evolved
- **Live by their instincts:** inability to learn and follow rules
- To prevent or reduce crime the born criminal must be identified
- **Stigmata:** physical manifestations of atavism. Refers to characteristic and features of the individual (Physical marks). Tells us who the criminal is

Example: large jaw, low forehead, high cheekbone, large ears or small, flat nose, long arms, addition toes of fingers

- 5 or more stigmata would say that the individual was a born criminal
- **Tattoos:** had a greater pain tolerances

Expanded criminal typology:

- **Criminal by passion:** was not born bad or evolution throwback but someone who committed a crime because their behaviour was triggered by someone else (love, rage)

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- **Insane criminal:** lack the mental capacity to understand their action
- **Occasional criminal**
- **Pseudo criminal:** should not be considered to be a criminal because they were acting in self defence or under duress
- **Criminaloid:** deemed to have a weak disposition can do good or bad
- **Habitual criminal:** the focus is on the environment engages in illegal act based on circumstances or environment can be a because of a poor upbringing
- **William Sheldon:** theory of somatology (1949): focused his attention on a persons body build he believed that he could predict ones personality and likely hood to engage income
- **Viscerotonic - (endomorph):** someone who is an endomorph is a extrovert, social, like the company of others and food
- **Somatotonic - (mesomorph):** more aggressive, like action, seek power competitive, egotistic, risk taking behaviour,
- **Cerebrotonic - (ectomorph):** introvert, shy, sensitive, self control, someone who enjoys art and intellectual creation