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Activity: Research

The functions of crime

Learning objective

At the end of this activity you should be able to:

- **explain how crime may be functional for society.**

Working in small groups, using newspapers or internet news sites, collect three media crime and/or deviance stories that could show each of the positive functions of crime and deviance (see pages 107-8 of your textbook).

1. For each story, explain how it shows one or more positive functions of crime and/or deviance.
2. Share with the rest of the class one of the stories you have found and your analysis of its functions.