

Discussion Question

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Criminal justice research, in particular, has been lacking in validation studies. What are some reasons for this, and why is it important to develop a more robust system of validation in this field of research?

Criminal justice research is an essential tool that can help in the investigations and the prevention of future offenses. On the other hand, validation studies are used to determine a particular measure's accuracy to prevent bias. Regardless of its vitality, criminal justice has been lacking in validation studies due to various reasons. The first reason as to why criminal justice lacks validations is the little professional esteem in replication (Hagan, 2012). Unlike other types of research, criminal justice research is primarily qualitative, and due to the less professional reputation, it is hard to publish. Validation of qualitative research is prone to errors due to different interpretations. Besides, the verification can cause the exposure of some professions and ruin their reputation. Law enforcement officers or government officials are examples of occupations that can be exposed.

The second reason as to why criminal justice has been lacking validation is design faults. It is essential to consider the types of designs when establishing a cause and effect relationship among variables. Failure of proper consideration errors occur. In many original criminal justice studies, there are design faults. Consequently, results from such studies cannot be validated. Further, criminal justice research validation studies are lacking due to inter-jurisdictional disputes. Notably, some criminal justice cases may involve two or more jurisdictions. For example, if an individual owns property in different countries. In such cases, a research study in one country may not be replicated in another regardless of whether it is the most effective. Other factors that can be attributed to the lack of criminal justice research in validation studies are

unfavorable climate and tradition. Ultimately, there are various reasons why criminal justice research lacks replications, but there is a need to craft a robust system for their validation to promote reforms that lead to highly accurate information (Ellis, Hartley, & Walsh, 2019).

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