

Using the Social Bond Theory as a Character Analysis of S.W.A.T. Character Darryl Henderson

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Purpose?

- The purpose of this project is to show the relevance of the social bond theory, even if it is just being displayed on the television.
- I chose Darryl Henderson of the 2018 S.W.A.T. television show because it does address difficult topics that impact the community that is set in but also the country. His story stuck out to me as soon as I was reading and researching about the social bond theory.



What is the Social Bond Theory?



- Developed by Travis Hirschi in 1969.
- Law abiders and law breakers are same in the sense that they both have the potential to be offenders. But what makes the difference is the how as children, we are socialized to not break the law.
- There are four pillars of social bonds including: attachment, commitment, involvement, and belief. If there is a lack of these bonds, whether very little or no presence at all, children will act out and break the law.

SOCIAL BOND THEORY

Hirschi's Social Bond Theory suggests that individuals are less likely to engage in criminal activities when they have strong attachments to family, school, and work.

HIRSCHI QUOTE

"Control theory assumes that the bond of affection for conventional persons is a major deterrent to crime. The stronger this bond, the more likely the person is to take it into account when and if he contemplates a criminal act" (Hirschi, 2001, p. 84).

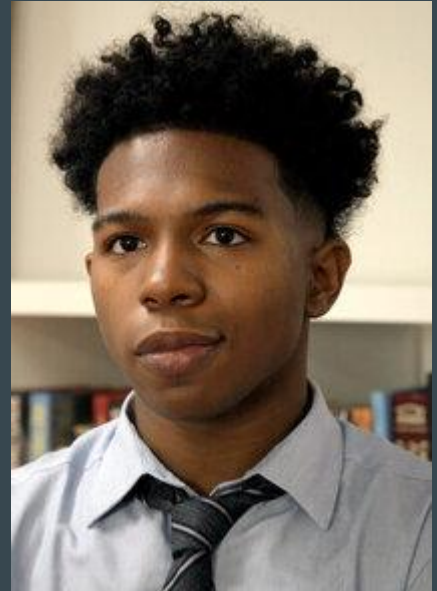
ELEMENTS

The theory states there are four types of social bonds that prevent deviance:

- 1 Attachment
- 2 Commitment
- 3 Involvement
- 4 Belief

Who is Darryl Henderson?

- Born around 2003 or 2004 in South LA
- Father was imprisoned when Darryl was young for murder
- Mother was resigned in the fact that he was going to be in a gang just like his father.
- Pressure from outside forces, lead Darryl to resort to a life of crime.
- Then, Daniel Harrelson coined as Hondo stepped in as a prominent figure in his life.



Attachment, Commitment, Involvement, Belief

- At the beginning of the series, Darryl had little to no positive attachments in his life. Eventually, as a teenager he met a person that would be a sort of mentor to him.
- After serving his time in juvenile detention, Darryl with the help of Hondo, starts turning his life around.
- Darryl renounces the gang lifestyle and starts getting involved within the community.
- While not necessarily religious, he does start to believe in himself and that he can be better. That the neighborhood he grew up in does not define him.



Findings:

- The Social Bond Theory, is still relevant in today's study of criminology.
- With proper bonds through the webs of attachment, commitment, involvement, and belief through friend's, family, and one's community can have an impact on probability of breaking the law.



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