

Control Theories of Crime and Delinquency Volume 12 By Chester L. Britt Key to the control theory perspective is the notion that crime is an inherently individual act and its explanation requires that we focus on the characteristics of individuals who commit crimes. Contributors discuss the notion of learning or socialization in the context of control theory and the effects that families peers and the criminal justice system have on self-control social ties and criminal behavior. Part 2 applies control theory to areas typically assumed to be out of the domain of self-control theory and social control theory such as gender differences in crime domestic violence and group crime. Considering control theory's emphasis on explaining individual criminal acts these chapters suggest an interesting area of development by highlighting the possibility that differences in crime across or within groups may begin with individual characteristics and then making inferences about groups and group processes. Contributors to this volume include: Robert Agnew Todd Armstrong Leana Allen Bouffard Augustine Brannigan Chester Britt Barbara Costello Maja Dekovic Matt DeLisi Michael Gottfredson Henriette Haas Kelly H,

For the past twenty to thirty years control theories of crime have been at the center of theoretical development in criminology: Consequently control theory focuses on such issues as self-control and social control, The contributions to this volume explicate and extend the application of control theory, Part 1 focuses on key assumptions and components of control theories. Part 3 approaches the explanation of crime cross-nationally and at the macro-level. Although the authors take different approaches they all illustrate that a theory of crime does not require culture-specific elements in order to be a valid cross-cultural explanation, Hardwick Travis Hirschi Marianne Junger Martin Killias Helen Mederer Kevin Thompson and Alexander Vazsonyi. It is divided into three general areas. Control Theories of Crime and Delinquency Volume 12

