Cloward and Ohlin:
There is a greater pressure on members of the lower working class to deviate because they have less access to succeed through legitimate means.

Illegitimate opportunities; 3 main;
- Criminal Subculture; Organised criminal underworld. Apprentice criminals. Hierarchical, good criminals advance through the criminal career structure.
- Conflict subculture; young males turn to fighting in gangs over territorial boundaries for their identity and status
- Retreatism subculture; Double failures, not able to be proper criminals. Instead they resort to drug abuse financed by petty crime such as shop lifting

Matza
Emphasise the idea of subcultures as sets of values distinct from those held by majority of society. They maintain that delinquents are propelled into a life of crime by subcultural forces stronger than themselves, a view known as determinism.

Crime is not a way of life, young males drift in and out of crime when they reach adulthood.

Techniques of neutralisation; justify their untypical criminal behaviour as exceptions to the rule though the process;
- Denial of responsibility, it was an accident
- Denial of victim, they deserved it.
- Denial of injury, no one got hurt
- Appeal to a higher loyalty, I couldn’t leave my mates.

Criticisms;
- Cloward and Ohlin, raise doubts about the view that those who are using techniques of neutralisation never actually challenge the dominant values of society.
Neo – Marxism: New Criminology

Argue that traditional Marxism is too deterministic – it see’s criminals as passive victims of capitalism who are forced into crime by forces beyond their control. Instead neo-marxists take a more voluntaristic view in which crime is meaningful and criminals make a rational choice to commit crime.

Gilroy
Black crime is a ‘myth’. Blacks are over represented in criminal statistics as a result of moral panics such as mugging and police stereotypes through labelling. Therefore criminal statistics are socially constructed.

Hall
Crime is shown by a crisis in capitalism. Black mugging moral panic of the 1970’s was used by the ruling class to deflect attention away from the economic crisis capitalism was experiencing.

*Synoptic link; Gramsci’s ideological hegemony.*

When people are dubbed it is easy for the ruling class to govern by consent, however when this is challenged it can lead to the ‘crisis of hegemony’ In which inner-city riots occurred in Toxteth.

**Solution’s to crime**
Replace the capitalist system, with a classes socialist society. They want a society where people from different backgrounds are tolerated; ethnic minorities.

**Criticism**
- Feminists see the theory as gender blind, women are ignored in mainstream sociology
- Ignores victims of crime and how crime affects people’s daily lives
- Too realistic and soft on tackling crime