Subcultural Conduct Norms & Culture Conflict Subcultural Focal Concerns
- Subcultural Conduct Norms and Culture Conflict (Sellin, 1938)
- Criminal law vs. Conduct norms of subculture
- Conduct norms: rules governing the expected behavior of the social group
- Culture conflict: a situation in which a group’s subcultural rules conflict with those of conventional society
- Offered as explanation for high rates of crime among immigrant groups

Subcultural Focal Concerns (Miller, 1958)
- How do subcultural values increase the likelihood of criminal conduct?
- Lower class male youth and their value system
- Focal concerns
  1. Trouble
  2. Toughness
  3. Smartness
  4. Excitement
  5. Fate
  6. Autonomy

Containment Theory
- Many factors can pull or push people into crime (internal and external forces towards crime)
  * Inner containments
  - Effective socialization and internationalization of rules of acceptable behavior
  * Outer containments
  - Primary groups which influence toward conformist behavior

Social Bond Theory
Theory of the Bond (Hirschi, 1969)
- Weakening of ties that bind people to conventional society -> criminality
- 4 social bonds:
  1. Attachment
  2. Commitment
  3. Involvement
  4. Belief
- Policy initiatives?