

DEVIANT BEHAVIOR

- ✚ Deviant – straying or deviating especially from an accepted norm.
- ✚ Behavior – the way in which someone conducts oneself or behaves.

Two Reasons of Studying Deviant Behavior

1. *Theoretical*

Social norms and conformity are the basic means by which the orderly social interaction necessary to maintain society is achieved. By studying nonconformity, we learn about the processes that produce social order.

2. *Practical*

To better understand the causes of deviant behavior and be able to develop better programs that help people change their deviant behavior