

REDUCING JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

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ABSTRACT

In this paper, the writer will address the topic of reducing juvenile delinquency while discussing some of its contributing factors. The paper will attempt to persuade the reader from the writer's perspective with scholarly evidence and statistics. While there is widespread conformity that reducing juvenile delinquency should receive more local, state, and national attention, there are no straightforward solutions; nor is there a consensus on what methods should be embraced. The areas for consideration are; the home environment (abuse vs. discipline), education (teachers and truancy), external pressures (alcohol/drug abuse), and the rehabilitation process (juvenile/adult prison). The author includes arguments, but acknowledges a counter argument with supporting data. Undeniably, there are formidable challenges that lie ahead; and establishing solid programs and stricter disciplinary measures early can aid in reducing juvenile delinquency.

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