

# Causes of Juvenile Delinquency : A Study

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Juvenile Delinquency is one of the serious problems of deviation which the children of almost all the modern societies of the world are facing. It is non-conformist behavior on the part of the child and it does manifest as a problem of personal disorganization but also a symptom of social break down. The phenomenon has been considered as a matter of great concern for every class of society down the ages in one or the other forms. According to Morrison (1991, pp.88-89) juvenile delinquency to be major social theme of the current period and he moralizes about the phenomena as “a peculiarly nasty product of the new freedom” involving teenage monsters of both sexes who take drugs, rob, riot and kill “just for kicks”. India is the home of more than one billion people, of whom one-third are children under 18 years of age. At approximately 440 million, not only does India have the world’s largest number of children, but also the largest number of vulnerable child population, of them nearly 44 million are in difficult circumstances. India has witnessed an increase both in crimes committed by children and those committed against them (Renu Sharma, 2010, pp.329-350). Historically, the problem is as old as the society itself. In order to understand the continuing nature of the problem quotations by Edward Stullken (1956, p.6) may be reproduced here. He mentioned in his article that an Egyptian priest almost 6000 years ago wrote on walls of the tomb “there are signs that the world is coming to end because children no longer obey their parents”.