

Research on Juvenile Delinquency in a Transitional Society

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Abstract. Along with the rapid development of China's socio-economic and technological development, the mass use of Internet media has prompted the collision and conflict between old and new ideas, and the original social system and moral bottom line are facing challenges from various radical forces, and the society as a whole is in the process of transformation and change. Although the social transformation has accelerated the development of productivity, it has also generated corresponding social problems, such as the underage criminalization has become a major concern in academic circles. In recent years, the crime rate of minors has shown an increasing trend, and the diversification of crime types, the low age of crime, and the cruelty of crime methods are warning us to pay attention to the analysis and study of the motives of juvenile crime in the new social context. The traditional factors affecting juvenile delinquency and the emerging factors in the transition society should be considered as a whole, and an effective prevention and treatment system should be built up with the cooperation of family, school and society in a targeted manner, so as to weave a safety net for preventing juvenile criminal delinquency.

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1. Introduction

The healthy growth of minors concerns the future of a nation. However, as minors are still in the growth period of psychological and physical development, their cognitive ability and self-control are low, coupled with the impact of the era of transition from traditional to modern society in China, the clash between old and new civilizations further makes the overall social control system show a trend of weakening, and the crime rate of minors is rising year by year. According to the White Paper on Juvenile Prosecution Work (2021) released by the Supreme Prosecutor, the number of crimes committed by minors has rebounded since 2017 to 2021, and specifically the five main types of common crimes are theft, mob fighting, rape, robbery, and provocation and nuisance crimes. Although the rate of minors in serious violent crimes and drug offenses has decreased, the low age of juvenile crime is a warning to pay more attention to the juvenile population.

As a special category of criminal subjects, the physiological and psychological characteristics of minor offenders determine their sensitivity to social changes, and the study of their criminal motives and criminal psychology has a high social value. Based on the common types of juvenile crimes in Chinese society in recent years, this paper will study the subjective and objective factors affecting juvenile crimes in the period of social transformation, and build up a comprehensive system for preventing and controlling juvenile crimes in a targeted way to help resolve the social pain point of juvenile crimes at a low age.

2. Organization of the Text

2.1 Analysis of the motives of juvenile delinquency in a transitional society

As a negative social phenomenon, the causes of juvenile delinquency are diverse and complex, and it is important to analyze the factors that influence juvenile delinquency in the period of social transition in order to formulate reasonable and effective prevention and control measures. While traditional analysis of the causes of juvenile delinquency is often conducted on both subjective and objective levels, in this paper I will focus on the impact of emerging external factors on the

psychological impact of juvenile delinquency in the transitional society and then discuss the main causes of juvenile delinquency in the new era.

2.1.1 The development of information network accelerates the spread of bad culture to stimulate juvenile delinquency

Since Chinese society entered a new era, modern science and technology have developed rapidly, and the degree of social informatization has increased rapidly. The development of information technology has facilitated people's life and also intensified the social trend of entertainment first. The rapid spread of undesirable information by the Internet media has laid a major hidden danger in Chinese society and has become a major driver of delinquency among minors who are not yet mentally sound. According to the 2022 National Research Report on Internet Usage of Minors, nearly 92% of minors in China have their own Internet devices, and there are more than 183 million underage Internet users, and even some preschoolers have already started to access applications such as Jitterbug and WeChat, showing an increasing trend of underage Internet usage. In addition, the information reproduced on the Internet media is of different quality, which is very unfavorable to the healthy growth of minors who lack the ability to recognize, and the development of information networks and juvenile delinquency is the greatest correlation between them. In the social environment of "one network for all", all kinds of network products and electronic games with violent, pornographic and obscene contents are corrupting and poisoning the psychology of minors, and influencing their behavior in a subtle way. The author takes the crime of rape as an example to illustrate the poison of bad information to minors. I have found that most of them have browsed pornographic websites and watched obscene videos on the Internet media, and imitated sexual behavior to commit crimes under the dual role of physiological craving and psychological stimulation. And because they are still young, often the object of their rape is also mostly under 14 years old girls, resulting in their behavior more bad nature. This shows that the dark network environment has become a "fertile ground" for minors to commit crimes, affecting the formation of correct values of minors, distorting their psychology, and becoming a direct cause of stimulating their crimes.

2.1.2 Weakened social control increases the probability of juvenile delinquency

The economic base determines the superstructure, and the superstructure has an anti-sway on the economic base. Under the background of the transition society, new cultures and ideas constantly challenge the traditional social moral bottom line, thus leading to a continuous weakening of social control, which will also inevitably cause a lack of proper guidance and effective restraint on the healthy growth of minors. Especially the current society is influenced by the new crown pneumonia epidemic, many schools are adopting online teaching, so that the class mode out of campus greatly weakens the control of schools over minors, and minors will also have more access to electronic devices under the pretext of online classes, plus many parents of minors are busy working and neglecting to watch minors, thus increasing the exposure of minors to bad culture and radical speech on the Internet. This increases the chances of minors being exposed to bad culture and radical speech on the Internet. In the post-epidemic era, adults who seem to be trapped at home are actually more active in their minds and more susceptible to the influence of toxic cultures such as violence and pornography. Thus, as the influence of schools and families on the control of minors is weakening, all parties in society should pay attention to reduce the impact of the resulting increase in juvenile delinquency.

2.1.3 The lack of family education leads minors to go astray

The family is the cell of a society and the first environment for the growth of minors. A good and consistent family education is the basic condition for the healthy growth of young people and plays an extremely important role in the growth of minors. However, with the profound change of social structure, people's view of marriage is also changing. According to the survey, almost every minor who has taken the path of delinquency often has an imbalanced family structure or a pair of over-indulgent parents behind. The change in the family structure of the minor group of origin affects the

physical and mental healthy growth of the youth group, and even becomes a "breeding ground" for juvenile delinquency. 2022 In August, the author had contacted a deaf minor who committed theft in judicial practice, and learned through interrogation that the minor was not a first-time offender, and he had repeatedly worked with The first time I saw him, I knew that he was not a first-time offender, but he had been with a group of peers who used electric lightning to steal other people's electric cars. In the process of investigation learned that he was congenitally deaf parents due to poor family economic conditions, emotional discord problems in his divorce at the age of two, he has been living with his grandmother since childhood, although he received special education but poor performance in school and was expelled, the prosecutor had previously filed a conditional non-prosecution but after the recidivism asked his father whether effective custody, but the father refused. There is also the homeless brother in the 2019 Today's Word who was abandoned by his parents since he was young and had to resort to stealing to make a living. The psychological trauma caused to the adolescent by the change in family structure cannot be healed in a short period of time, and it is very easy to form a criminal personality, which can be induced by the stimulation of external conditions. These countless cases also prove that incomplete family structure and poor family education seriously affect the healthy growth of minors, leading them to the abyss of crime.

2.2 Crime prevention measures for minors in a transitional society

As a painful and difficult problem that needs to be solved in society, it is necessary to discuss it in depth and propose effective preventive measures. In the period of transitional society, some emerging external factors have produced a series of negative disturbances to the physical and mental development of minors, and put forward new requirements for juvenile delinquency prevention measures. The following author will analyze the essential attributes of juvenile delinquency in the context of social transformation and explore preventive measures for juvenile delinquency that meet the new requirements of the times.

2.2.1 Increase the control of information network to cut off the stimulation of bad culture to minors

The Institute of Journalism and Communication of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, the School of Journalism and Communication of the University of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, and the Social Science Literature Press jointly released the Blue Book for Youth: Report on Internet Usage of Chinese Minors (2022) in Beijing. The report shows that minors' Internet access rate reached 99.9% in the past six months, significantly higher than the national Internet penetration rate (73%), and the Internet has become an inseparable part of minors' growth and development process. In the background of the information network era, due to the lack of control and supervision measures, the information network often has problems of uneven information, unknown information sources and bad information in the process of operation, which can be a bad stimulus for minors and even induce them to take the path of delinquency. Therefore, the author believes that it is urgent to increase the control of information network in many aspects, play the role of different subjects, multi-faceted, to form a synergy, and work to cut off the stimulation of bad culture to minors.

(a)Legal level: strengthen the mechanism of control.

Based on the characteristics of high coverage of minors' Internet use, it is of profound significance to strengthen the relevant mechanism control and improve the corresponding supporting measures. The supervision and control of information network should strictly implement the requirements of having laws to comply with, having laws to comply with, enforcing laws strictly and punishing those who violate the law, and formulate and improve the network legislation and enforcement system; standardize the management of network culture, increase the rectification of bad culture such as violence and pornography in network information to create a clear network space; strengthen the management and supervision of information network industry to cut off the stimulation of bad culture to minors.

(b)Family level: strengthen guardianship control.

The family is the first classroom for minors, and guardians should effectively assume their guardianship responsibilities and strengthen the effective control of their children's information network application process; they should set an example and teach their children by example, and actively guide their children to form the concept of civilized, green and healthy Internet access; they should communicate effectively with their children, reasonably set the time for their children to access the Internet, timely stop their children from browsing undesirable information, and cut off the stimulation of undesirable culture to minors.

(c)School level: strengthen education control.

As the main site of education, schools should effectively take up their educational responsibilities and play their own guidance function. At the awareness level, schools should strengthen positive guidance, improve students' ability to identify and resist undesirable information in the information network, and help students establish the concept of civilized, green and healthy Internet access. At the management level, schools should develop management measures for students' use of electronic devices on campus to prevent minors from overindulging in information networks and to help minors develop good habits.

2.2.2 Strengthen social control to reduce the probability of juvenile delinquency

Data jointly released by Ai Media Consulting and the Ministry of Education show that the impact of the epidemic, 2020 online resumption of classes during the new crown epidemic will cover a size of nearly 300 million people, including students and staff. Due to the impact of the current New Crown epidemic and the large base of student staff, the teaching organization structure has changed from co-located centralized to heterogeneous scattered learning, and online teaching mode has gradually become the mainstream way chosen by many schools. While online teaching complements the shortcomings of offline teaching during the epidemic, it is also accompanied by weakened control of minors by all parties, minors being held hostage by bad culture and minors being easily induced to take up The author is of the view that the online classes should be combined with the epidemic. Therefore, I believe that we should take into account the high popularity of online classes during the epidemic, strengthen the guidance and control of all parties over minors, overcome the shortcomings of online classes, and reduce the probability of minors committing crimes.

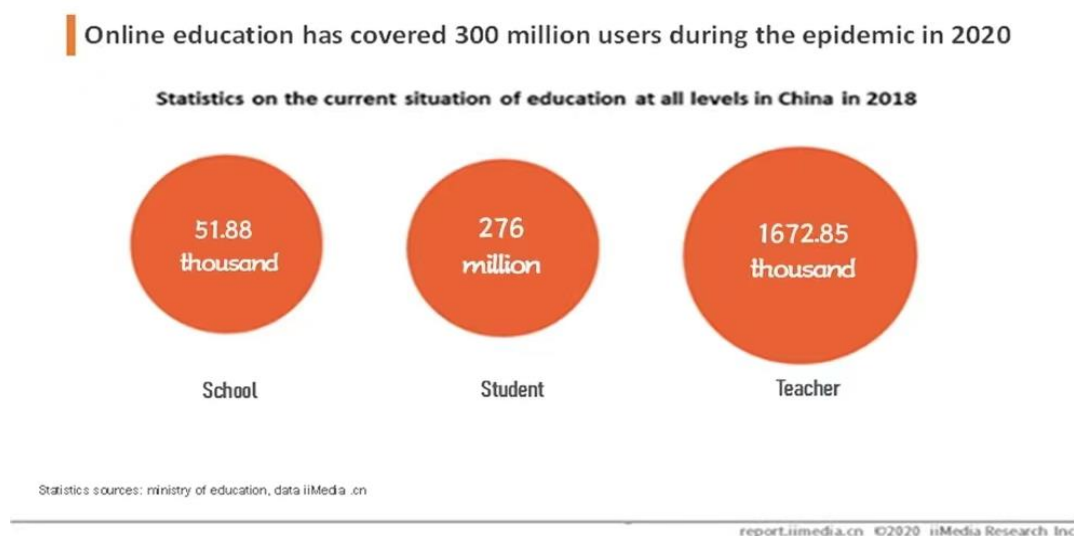


Figure 1. Online education has covered 300 million users during the epidemic in 2020

(a)Family: reasonable supervision of minors' study status

According to the research report, 60.0% of parents have no time to supervise their children, and 27.7% of parents cannot prevent their children from playing games. To address the problem of lack of supervision by guardians in online classes, on the one hand, guardians should reasonably arrange their own time and try to spare the necessary time to supervise minors' learning status in online classes after work, so as to prevent minors from being overly addicted to electronic products for the reason

of taking online classes. On the other hand, guardians should reasonably arrange minors' time, actively communicate with minors effectively, timely stop minors from browsing bad information, reduce the stimulation of violence, pornography and other bad information to minors, and prevent minors from being induced by bad information to take the road to delinquency.

(b) Schools: multi-faceted to improve the quality of online learning for minors

First, schools should implement dynamic supervision and set up a special supervision group for online classes to make comprehensive analysis and real-time reminders on the efficiency, time and status of minors' online learning, so as to devote to the teaching quality of online classes. Secondly, schools should expand the education curriculum, actively organize and implement legal education activities for minors in addition to traditional courses in online classes, and strengthen legal education for minors in a targeted manner to help them shape correct values and enhance their ability to resist undesirable cultural intrusion; finally, schools should implement a home-school coordination mechanism, actively communicate with minors' guardians effectively, and pay real-time. Finally, schools should implement a home-school coordination mechanism, actively communicate effectively with guardians of minors, pay attention to students' study, life and psychological conditions, and form a joint effort to prevent young people from indulging in undesirable culture.

(c) Related operators: Optimize online lecture information resources

The relevant operating agencies are the carriers for online classes to be carried out smoothly, providing multiple channels for online classes and building a bridge for schools, teachers, families and minors to make up for the shortcomings of education in the epidemic situation. However, due to the objective shortcomings of the Internet itself, there are also problems in the process of online teaching, such as educational information hostage to undesirable information, uneven educational resources and educational content with malicious links. To address these problems, on the one hand, the government should give full play to its supervisory and management functions, increase the management of relevant operators, filter the online teaching resources provided by relevant operators, and resolutely combat the use of online teaching to spread undesirable information, distort the values of minors and induce minors to commit crimes. On the other hand, relevant operators should enhance their own sense of social responsibility, actively find the loopholes of online teaching platforms, actively make up for the defects of online teaching platforms, consciously filter the educational resources provided by online teaching and eliminate the undesirable information wrapped in them, so as to create a good online learning space for minors.

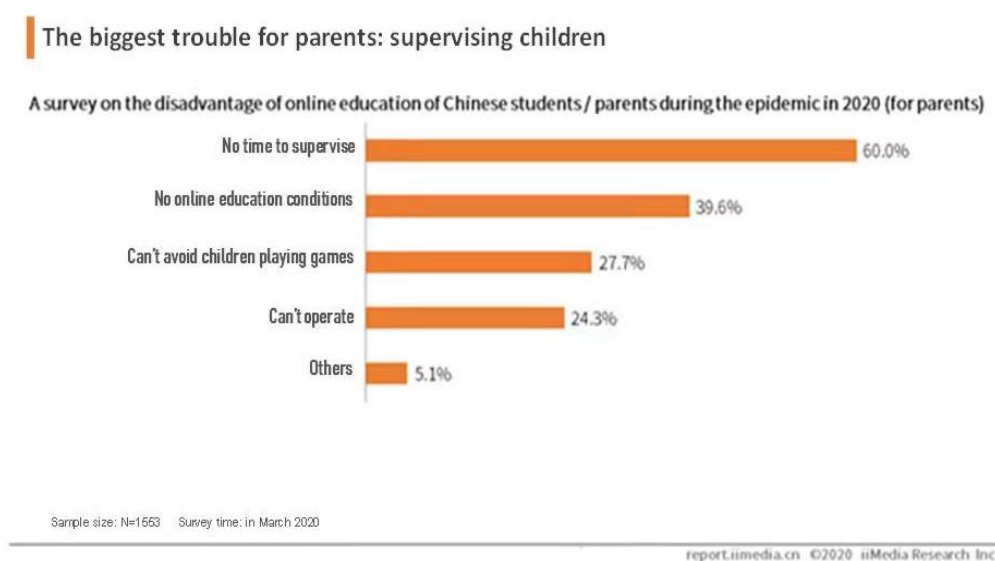


Figure 2. The biggest trouble for parents: supervising children

2.2.3 Improve family education to prevent minors from going astray

A large number of cases show that family economic problems, family structure deficiencies and inappropriate family education methods are the deep-seated reasons why minors are lured by bad

information and take the path of delinquency. The family is the first classroom for minors, and family education is closely related to the physical and mental development of minors, and family factors such as family structure and family education methods have different degrees of influence in the growth of minors.³ Legislation to support and promote family education in all aspects is a good foundation for the prevention of juvenile delinquency, and to provide a good healthy growth of minors by changing the goals and concepts of family education. inherent environment. The author believes that family education can be improved from two aspects, namely overcoming the influence of family structure deficiency and optimizing family education methods, to avoid minors going astray.

(a)Overcoming the effects of family structure deficits

Just like the problem of juvenile delinquency, the defective family structure is also an objective and complex problem in society. Single-parent families, reorganized families and families left behind have a series of negative interference and adverse effects on the physical and mental development of minors, and coupled with the catalyst of multiple complex factors in society, minors are very prone to develop wrong concepts and take the path of deviance, so it is necessary to overcome the effects of family defects. Therefore, it is necessary to overcome the influence of family deficiency. On the one hand, for single-parent families and reconstituted families, parents should take up the responsibility of guardianship, play their own family roles, fulfill their obligations of raising and educating their children, guide them to establish correct developmental concepts, and help them develop physically and mentally. On the other hand, for the family structure of left-behind families, family education and school education should work together and form a synergy, with family education cooperating with school education, parents should regularly understand their children's study, life and psychological health; school education complements family education, increases support for left-behind children in terms of human and material resources, helps left-behind children develop physically and mentally, and prevents minors from from going astray.

(b)Optimize family education style

Inappropriate family education methods also have a negative impact on the physical and mental development of minors, and are a key factor in leading them to go astray and commit crimes. Guardians should adopt appropriate methods to guide minors scientifically, efficiently, and correctly to prevent them from being lured to the wrong path by bad culture. On the one hand, parents should effectively fulfill their duties as guardians, develop a correct understanding of caring for minors, assume the responsibility of raising and educating minors, and help them develop physically and mentally. On the other hand, parents should⁴ pay attention to the scientific nature of their parenting methods, improve their own legal awareness and moral education, avoid corporal punishment, scolding and pampering, and provide correct guidance to their children while regulating their own behavior to help them form a sound personality and correct values.

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