Explore how Parents' states affect children in violent behavior

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Abstract. Preventing children become criminals is one of the best ways to lower the crime rate in society. By collecting data from many studies, this paper concludes how the relationship between children and their parents will affect children to become criminals. By further development, suggest ways the government could adopt to lower the possibility of becoming criminals. However, studies and experiments in this field still not knowing the causation relationship between children becoming criminals and their parent's incarceration. Thus, future experiments could be built on this base and explore if more factors appear in the relationship between children and their parents. Will children be influenced by their teachers more than their parents, or do numerous factors still need to develop? There are still many unknowns in this field; many problems are waiting for researchers to discover. More importantly, the purpose of this paper is to tell parents they cannot control their children. Give some instructions for them to guide their children on the right track.

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1. Introduction

The crime rate in today's society still holds high. To solve this problem, figuring out the origin of this problem is the most crucial step. Children in every country are well protected by their parents [1], but maybe parents play a role in leading their children to become criminals.

Every adult comes from children, also including criminals. If everyone starts with a child with a pure mind, there must be some factors that lead some children into criminals. If data and analysis could measure these factors, the crime rate in every society would essentially decrease. There are already many experiments and research taken in this field. However, most of the studies only focus on parents, not on children, which is the case's basis. This paper tries to pay attention directly to children to find ways that could solve the issues quickly.

Those factors are mainly environmental factors, such as how others view them, the education they receive from their teachers, and their living conditions. However, these factors are tough to analyze, and it is nearly impossible to determine which factors will influence more or less. Thus, the author narrows the topic to how these children's family situations will shift them. After shrinking the range of those factors, the results will be more accurate and reliable. Also, when a question is too broad, the answer may not be helpful, and many other unrelated kinds of stuff are involved in confusing the reader.

Moreover, many conditions could happen even inside the family. What influence will parents bring to their kids, will brothers or sisters shape children's thinking, and how about grandparents and the workers work in their house daily? Also, how the emotions these elders express to children change them could be another exciting perspective of studying family. Hence a paper could not fill in so much information; how parents will affect their children is the primary purpose of this essay.

In general, this article aimed to figure out how the relationship development between children and their parents will interfere with whether children become criminals or not in the future.

2. Literature review

2.1 Violent behavior

Before discussing how children are affected by others to form violent behavior, defining what violent behavior is more important. According to Law Insider, "Violent behaviors are verbal and non-verbal, including but not limited to, verbal and physical aggression, attack, threats, harassment, intimidation and other disruptive behavior in any form, or by any media, which causes or could cause a reasonable person to fear physical harm by any individual(s) or group(s) against any person(s) or property." In other words, violent behavior means any action that creates some loss to some people.

However, when discussing violent behavior in children, problems become ultimately because children protect by the age of criminal responsibility. It seems simple, but legal, moral, and political depths are inside it [2]. Understanding illegality and justice are not enough to fully explain this idea, the knowledge of many real-world cases is required. Since this is too complicated to demonstrate in a short paragraph, the author decided to define violent behavior in this paper as any action that breaks the law.

2.2 Environment Factors

To increase the accuracy of the result, this paper only considers the situation where only children and their two parents make up the family. Even considering parents as the only family members of children, there are many kinds of conditions children may face. Such as, their father is in jail, their mother morbidly educates them, both parents are in jail, and parents are being arrested when children are growing up.

In the first situation, the children's father is in jail when the children develop. In this condition, no matter how mothers work hard on children's education, children will lose some love that should come from their fathers. It is tough to predict to which extent this loss of love will affect children, but the data from other perspectives could illustrate parts of the answer. According to the study by Marieke, Joseph, and Paul, which already eliminates possible effects of gender differences and how long the fathers are still in jail, children aged 0 to 30 will be influenced by their fathers in jail. The highest possibility of children becoming criminals was between 0-12. Although children with fathers in jail before they are born also have a higher possibility of becoming criminals compared to children with ordinary families, it is way lower than the children in 0-12. More specifically, children with fathers who have been to jail when they are 0-12 will have a 1.97% increase in becoming criminals, and those with fathers who have been to jail when they have not been born will increase by 1.4% both compared to children who have average families [3]. These results support the assumption that the separation between fathers and children will be most destructive when children are small. However, if the situation of children were quickly controlled, children themselves cannot feel much difference, and the possibility of them becoming criminals would be lower.

Moreover, in the second condition, the mother teaches children in a strict or tyrannic way. This kind of case especially happened in China. Mothers will not consider how children feel and think, they believe they should always be correct, and children should never question them even if they make mistakes. Furthermore, many parents will make a promise to their children when they face challenges, but they will not admit it after their children finish the challenges in many cases. Whenever children try to talk with their parents with logic about the promise, their parents force them to stop and put more pressure on them. For instance, parents will promise children they can buy the things they want after a test grade higher than 90%. However, when children get 92%, parents will say how hard they raised children to this old and refuse to buy the things children want. Stay in this environment; children slowly change from shouting at mom to not talking anymore. Later on, children will completely isolate themselves from the outside world. Although the previous case is not happening in every family, there is an excellent possibility many children suffer in those processes. Based on the research made by Chinese researchers, an authoritarian kind of family relationship

between mother and children will lead these children to become violent criminals or criminals for life [4].

In the third situation, the parents are caught by policy and go to jail. Children in this family will experience live experiences before and after their parents are arrested. This vast difference may shape them into totally different people. Before their parents are in jail, they may follow the rules created by their parents and be good children. However, when their parents disappear, they could break those rules and do the things they want. Moreover, these children may think their parents are innocent; they may start to shift to revenge on society. According to research, families with unstable economies will be affected the most [5]. In this kind of family, children will face pressure from two perspectives. The broken of their previous families and the need for money. With facing this situation, children are more likely to become criminals. However, the data in this research still could not prove the causal relationship between children booming criminals and their parents in jail. The missing of parents will lead to many problems for children, including substance abuse, mental illness, and lack of education. Moreover, these children are more likely to be attached to crime-related things.

In the fourth situation, both parents all go to jail. In this condition, children will live a more complicated life than children with only a father in jail. Children will face many challenges, including traumatic separation, loneliness, stigma, and their neighborhood moving away from them. They will lose the love of both parents; they may grow up in their grandparent's home or a welfare house. They will receive innumerable numbers of strange slights from their peer. Those conditions will cause children to build a block between themselves and others. They will lack remorse and guilt, callousness, and lack of compassion. All these kinds of traits will make these children quickly become a criminal. Even if these children do not become criminals, they already change compared to what they previously were. According to the data, children with both parents in jail will have a 10% higher possibility of antisocial behavior than their peers [6]. This increase will not change even if some covariate changes. In addition, these children will not have a higher rate of intake of drugs compared to their peers

2.3 Suggestions

The first general way to prevent children become criminals could be to appear in the law. One of the most common reasons children develop into criminals is the lack of primary education in the world. They do not know what thing is right and what thing is wrong. The place where can teach those concepts to children is in school. So, if every child gets primary education in school, they should know which things they could and could not do. Following his logic, the solution will be to force children to attend school when they are young. To achieve this purpose, the government needs to do two things. First, the local government should count all the children in its region and send them to school. Second, the government should provide the fees for these children until they finish primary school. After these two steps, at least children will think that becoming criminals is wrong.

The second way is psychological. Children who bear too much pressure from their school may develop negative thoughts. This kind of thinking may eventually lead children to become criminals. To prevent children from getting too much pressure from their peers, the school should have a psychotherapist that can help children when they feel too much pressure. Especially in China, not many schools have a psychotherapist. Children will feel pressure when they get a low test score; they will hear their parents say why they are worse than their classmates, and they may receive too much homework from their teachers. Then when children find out that they are sad and want to spread that out, no one can help them. They could not talk to their parents because they are the origin of the pressure, and they may not talk to their friends since their friends may laugh back at them. Children may develop criminal thinking when the pressure is restrained for a long time. Set a psychotherapist could effectively prevent that happen.

The last way is only a suggestion because it is tough to achieve. That is government creates an organization that could lead the children without their parents around them. The people in this organization do not need to have a high educational level or degree; they need to be patient and sunny.

Their job is to find those children with only one parent or no parent and play with them. They play the role that parents typically play in children's growth. The goal of these people is to give those children a way of thinking. To guide them into a pathway that helps to build society rather than destroy it. Moreover, many ways could replace this organization, just with the goal of guiding the children without parents.

3. Future Implication

Children involved in criminal behavior should be a question considered serious by society, even if it seems contradictory [7]. We protect them from being punished by law when they are too young, but this kind of protection may cause them to develop further criminal behavior. But society still needs to consider it. The only solution for solving issues is to take action, not only thinking methods in mind.

Although the previous study did show some findings that could help prevent children become criminals, no one experiment explores the factors between children and criminals. Most studies only collect data from jail or other organizations that do not directly link to children. These are all second-hand resources compared to the study of how children perform. The future direction of study toward children could focus more on children themselves and get data directly from children. Moreover, gender differences and races are all significant factors in the experiment. According to some research, female adolescent is less likely to become criminals [8]. Also, some data collected by researchers indicated that black families' children are more likely to be influenced by their fathers in criminal behavior compared to white families [9]. However, these finding needs more evidence to support them. The data collected by those researchers maybe not be enough and accurate. Also, to figure out why this situation occurred. Exploring gender relations in this field could also help research in other fields.

Future experiments could make a more strict condition to isolate the possibility that other factors influence the results. For example, there should be at least two groups, one group with problem children and one group with normal children. Followed up with them for many years to figure out our problem of children and also a factor of children who become criminals [10]. Also, the future experiment should study only the family with one child and both parents. In this kind of study, the researchers could get the most accurate data since there are no other family members that might influence children's thinking. With further studies and experiments in this field, the mystery of this field will be explored more and more. More closely to a society with a low crime rate and people living within joy.

4. Conclusion

In conclusion, parents' state will impact their children in criminal behavior. Parents in jail will cause children to be kind freedom. However, this freedom will not bring good results since children do not form their judgment. Without regulation, their behavior will tend to become violent and aggressive.

If there are no other people or factors that make these children slow down and think, they will start to become criminals. Based on previous studies, the possibility of children becoming criminals is high if their parents are in jail. However, if the situation is controlled, children do not be affected by their parents too much, and the correlation will decrease. This paper analyzes that even if children are affected by their parents to become more violent, isolated children from the influence will prevent children develop crime thinking.

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