



Worksheet 6: Identifying analysis and evaluation in paragraphs

For each of the following paragraphs, identify the **analysis** by underlining the focus of the analysis.

1 Many victims do not report crimes to police which leads to the hidden figure of crime. One example is domestic violence. The hidden figure means that the official crime statistics are low in validity as they do not accurately show the reality of crimes occurring in society. Therefore, many sociologists now use other ways of collecting information about crime such as self-report studies.

2 Stop and search figures show that police target young males from some ethnic minorities. This causes fear and anger among these young males which can lead to them joining a deviant sub-culture. Some subcultures express deviance by anti-social behaviour while others join criminal gangs. The consequence of such choices is that there is an increase in social disorder and people lose their sense of belonging in society.

For each of the following paragraphs, identify the **evaluation** by underlining the focus of the evaluation.

3 Victim surveys are the best way of measuring crime because they include the hidden figure of unreported crime. Self-report studies ask people about crimes they have committed. Their key strength is that they may gain information about crimes that people have committed but have not been reported to the police. The problem with this data is that people may lie to make themselves look socially desirable. For this reason, self-report studies are not included in the official crime statistics.

4 Functionalists rely on the official crime statistics to understand crime in society. Such statistics give us the volume and types of crime as well as some information about offenders. One criticism of official crime statistics is that they are quantitative data. Interpretivists would argue that numbers alone cannot give a fully valid picture of crime as they cannot answer the question of why crime occurs. This is needed for governments to direct their resources effectively in the ongoing fight against crime.