

## **Recidivism among juvenile offenders in the light of the social learning theory**

### **SUMMARY**

The social irregularity process is one of the factors which create a tendency to commit crimes which strongly affects young people. That is why it is associated with juveniles' crimes and their recidivism (coming back to committing crimes). The social irregularity is based on the social learning theory elaborated by A. Bandura. The author thinks that the foundations of this theory are the answer to a question about the reason of committing crimes by juveniles. The paper aims at indicating the reasons and aftermaths of social irregularity. The author's reasoning has been supported by the statistical data and the research carried out in the penitentiary in Rawicz.

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