



## Worksheet 9: Applying theory through examples answers

### 1 Marxist ideas about crime

The crimes of the rich often go undetected.

*Tax evasion or business fraud.*

Material deprivation/poverty causes crime.

*People in absolute poverty steal food or things they can sell to survive.*

Capitalist values encourage greed which leads to crime.

*Capitalists like American Bernie Madoff – stole billions even though he was rich to begin with which illustrates that even the rich can never have enough wealth and status.*

The crimes of the rich and powerful are often unpunished or punished less harshly than working-class crimes.

*Corporate crimes that involve loss of life often do not bring prison sentences, e.g. Bhopal disaster in India or the Deepwater Horizon oil explosion.*

### 2 Feminist ideas about crime

The justice system punishes women harshly for 'double deviance'.

*Women who commit crimes against children are demonised in a way that men are not, because they have offended against the expectations of 'femininity' as well as their crime, e.g. Myra Hindley in the UK.*

Female socialisation and social control mean women commit less crime.

*Women are more conformist and less prone to violence due to cultural expectations. They have less opportunity to commit crimes in many cultures due to their domestic role.*

The culture of masculinity leads to crime.

*Men commit more violent crime than women, e.g. assault, murder, armed robbery.*

Crimes against women often go unreported and unrecorded.

*Rape is massively unreported. Many women do not report domestic violence for fear of retribution or shame.*