

(CRJS215s) Reference Annotation 3 (RA3) – Critical Approaches to Criminology
Due: Before Sunday March 17th (20pts)

Reference Annotation 2 (RA3) – Critical approaches to Criminology example:

(c.f., examples provided in Vito and Maahs_Chp8) – See assignment details on Canvas handouts.

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Choose one of the topic prompts below & provide necessary information from the research article:

- (A) Choose example of research and properly cite/format in APA; Include article's official abstract.
- (B) Summarize example of applied research (post yr. 2000) related to crime theory or policy.

1. Current research applying “Conflict Theory”:

(A)

Citation: Meuleman, B., Davidov, E., & Billiet, J. (n.d.-b). *Changing attitudes toward immigration in Europe, 2002–2007: A dynamic group conflict theory approach.* ScienceDirect. <https://www.sciencedirect.com.proxy.lib.odu.edu/science/article/pii/S0049089X08001051?via%3Dihub>

Abstract: This study gives an observation into the trend of anti-immigration attitudes between the years of 2002 and 2007. The two forces contested with each other in this study are the people exhibiting the anti-immigration attitude and the ones in support of anti-immigration. The authors use European countries to examine this trend using the MGSEM method where cross-country and cross-time were used to study the variables. It is believed that there are different environmental factors that contribute to anti-immigration attitudes, in which it affects these individuals. The study and the other studies in relation to this topic have resulted in similar results. However, not enough studies have been conducted and that there have studies that contradicted each other which have resulted in an inconclusive result.

(B)

Connection to Criminological Theory: Part of conflict theory is that it focuses on the negative, conflicted, and evolutionary nature of society. It also deals with the conflict that exists between two forces in society. This article uses exactly these ideas to observe the evolution of anti-immigration attitudes between the trend years of 2002 and 2007, specifically in European countries. The two forces in question are the persons exhibiting the anti-immigration attitudes and the immigration supporters themselves. Conflict theory can be affected by environment factors, which affect the anti-immigration individuals. This was also exhibited as the anti-immigration attitudes were affected by a couple factors.

Research Themes/Methodology/Findings: In order to observe the trends of anti-immigration attitudes using conflict theory, the study used an approach called the Multiple-Group Multiple Indicator Structural Equation Modeling (MGSEM). Specifically, it tested the cross-country and cross-time equivalence of the study variables. 17 European countries were used to study the trend of anti-immigration attitudes between 2002 and 2007 with data being collected from the European Social Survey (ESS). It was found that a couple factors contributed to an increase in anti-immigration attitudes: immigration flows and changes in unemployment rate.

Discussion/Policy & Research Implications: The results of this study were similar to others, such as Coenders and Scheepers. The authors of this article believe that it is possible that other factors could have contributed as well, such as foreign population and average income per capita. However, the

studies on these issues has been limited, which makes dynamic conflict theory have less empirical support compared to static. There have been contradictions between different studies, which have resulted in inconsistent agreements on what factors contribute. Not enough support has been given to determine exactly what are the correct factors that contribute to anti-immigration attitudes.

[OR]

2. Any other example of current research applying “**Critical**” approaches to criminology as key themes in research methodology or policy application (as discussed in assigned readings):

(A)

Citation:

Abstract:

(B)

Connection to Criminological Theory:

Research Themes/Methodology/Findings:

Discussion/Policy & Research Implications: