

# Katz's Summary Perspective: Seductions and Repulsions of Crime

1. What is the Relevance of the Pierre Riviere murder of his mother and siblings? (310)

- : the killing itself, the rationale, the written confession
- : the new social science rationales, the failure to catch relevance of the foreground and the distinctive Katzian project

2. Moral Emotions and Crime: Doing Good (Being Well) by Doing Evil

- : see summaries (312)
- : acknowledge the objectives->moral rewards, not material; and dealing with the issue of humiliation
- : does humiliation necessarily come from social class and marginalization? This raises the issue of White Collar Crime

3. Sentimental Materialism (Social Structure and Anomie)

- : POVERTY → CRIME      Why?      Lack of opportunity?
- : is this explanation consistent with the facts?
- : think about gangs. Is it about money? Or a question of Status, Dominance, Affirmation?
- : but Katz doesn't deny the role of poverty
- : it's a question of the situation of people in different social classes
- : it's a question of different opportunities for power, affirmation, recognition

: but the materialist emphasis is off-base → can't tackle White Collar Crime  
: after a while, poverty can't even explain Black crime (p. 317)

#### 4. Back to the “Repulsions” of Evil

: conceptual problems in understanding poverty (318)  
: conceptual problems in understanding White Collar Crime → Q of elites and the definition of what is a crime  
: methodological issue: the question of sources/information/knowledge  
: asymmetrical focus on the background emotions of shame & humiliation versus hubris and arrogance  
: does the theory unite a common emotional dynamics?  
: the case of Bernie Goertz and the New York subway shootings