Understanding Criminological Research

A Guide to Data Analysis

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Criminological research lies at the heart of criminological theory, influences social policy development, as well as informs criminal justice practice. The ability to collect, analyse and present empirical data is a core skill every student of criminology must learn. Written as an engaging step-by-step guide and illustrated by detailed case studies, this book guides the reader in how to analyse criminological data. Key features of the book include:

- Guidance on how to identify a research topic and question, design a research study, account for the role of the researcher within the research process, as well as write up and present research findings.

- A thorough account of the development of qualitative and quantitative research methodologies within the emergence of criminology as an academic discipline; including experimental research design, survey research, qualitative approaches and mixed methods.

- Detailed coverage of different forms of qualitative and quantitative data analysis used by criminologists and other social scientists; including grounded theory, narrative analysis, discourse analysis, as well as descriptive and inferential statistics.

- Relevant and up-to-date case studies, drawn from internationally published criminological research sources, to illustrate how to conduct different types of data analysis.

- Clear and accessible chapter content supported by helpful introductions, concise summaries, self-study questions and suggestions for further reading.

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