

Recidivism Predictors (PLS 202, Dluhy)

Rand Corporation Study

Major Predictors of people who commit multiple crimes, most studies indicate that from 40% to 50% of all crimes are committed by repeat offenders:

1. Prior conviction on same charge
 2. Incarcerated more than one half of the preceding 2 years
 3. Convicted of crime before age 16
 4. Served time in juvenile facility
 5. Drug use in preceding 2 years
 6. Used drugs as juvenile
 7. Employed less than one half of the preceding 2 years
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- Is this racial profiling?
 - Should we keep these offenders in prison longer than other offenders? One, two, three strikes you are out?
 - Is it possible the rehabilitate these offenders?
 - How do you prevent repeat offenders at a young age from adopting crime as a way of life? Boot camps? Drug prevention programs? Remedial education programs? Vocational education?