



# You Say...They Think (Juvenile Justice)

| You Say...   | They Think...  | What's Triggered in Their Minds?  | What Helps?  |
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| <p>We need to respond to juvenile crime with age-appropriate interventions.</p>  | <p>I agree! If we keep treating teenagers like children, they'll never grow up and take responsibility for their actions.</p>  | <p>Rational Actor<br/>           Juveniles Are Fully Developed<br/>           Solution = Affect Decision Calculus</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use the Value <i>Pragmatism</i> to appeal to the public's belief in using commonsense approaches to fix problems.</li> <li>• Use the Metaphors <i>Brain Architecture</i> or <i>Air Traffic Control</i> to explain adolescent brain development and show why youth need interventions tailored to their developmental needs.</li> <li>• Use the Metaphor <i>Justice Gears</i> to explain why treating youth as adults isn't effective and to introduce policies and programs that can better address the particular needs of juveniles.</li> </ul> |
| <p>The disparities in the detention rate of youth of color compared to their white peers is an alarming trend that must be addressed.</p>  | <p>What can we really do? It's unfortunate, but change comes from within, and without different values, some groups are just always going to be worse off than others.</p> | <p>The System Works Just Fine<br/>           Historical Progress<br/>           "Minority Culture"</p>                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use the Value <i>Pragmatism</i> to introduce facts about race disparities, in order to inoculate against unproductive default patterns of thinking about specific groups of people.</li> <li>• Use the Metaphor <i>Resilience Scale</i> to illustrate the strongly negative impact of detention on adolescent development.</li> <li>• Use the Metaphor <i>Justice Maze</i> to explain the importance of finding age-appropriate alternatives to detention for youth to achieve better outcomes.</li> </ul>  |
| <p>Our juvenile justice system is broken and it's causing irreparable harm to too many youth. Fairer policies must be a priority.</p>  | <p>The government just can't do anything right. If it really cared about public safety, it would crack down on teenaged criminals.</p>                                     | <p>Government = Ineffective<br/>           Fatalism<br/>           Fairness = Uniform</p>                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use the Value <i>Pragmatism</i> to counter fatalism about government's effectiveness.</li> <li>• Use the Metaphor <i>Justice Gears</i> or <i>Justice Maze</i> to build support for interventions and programs that take contextual factors into account.</li> </ul>   |
| <p>Young people often act impulsively, and that's even truer when they have mental health problems. It's important to take into account the mental health needs of youth before sending them into the juvenile justice system.</p> | <p>A lack of self-control is no excuse for bad behavior. Whatever happened to discipline and parental authority?</p>   | <p>Mental Health Is Emotions<br/>           Teens Are Morally Defective Adults<br/>           Family Bubble</p>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use the Value <i>Pragmatism</i> to argue for reasonable responses to behaviors influenced by mental health issues.</li> <li>• Use the Metaphor <i>Levelness</i> to show how environmental factors can affect child and adolescent mental health and how professional interventions are better strategies to improve juvenile outcomes than detention.</li> </ul>  |