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Introduction to Criminal Justice

Chapter 13: The Juvenile Justice System

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. Some states have increased the age considered to be a minor from 16 or 17 to 18. What are your thoughts on this?
2. Treatment or punishment—which should be the current focus of the juvenile justice system?
3. What do you think about juveniles being treated as adults? At what age should a youth be automatically transferred?
4. Studies show that boys and girls are treated differently in the juvenile justice system. Girls are treated more severely than boys when it comes to status offenses. Discuss the possible reasons for this.