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Introduction to Criminal Justice

Edition

Chapter 1: An Introduction to Crime and the Criminal Justice System

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

The criminal justice system is composed of three components. Does it function as a system or more as a nonsystem?

On page 16, the author indicates that only about 51% of violent crimes and 39% of property crimes are reported to the police. Why don’t people report crimes to the police?

Discuss the influence of politics and media on the criminal justice system.

This chapter discusses two models of criminal justice: due process versus crime control. Which model are you more closely aligned to? Which do you see our society currently favoring?