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Introduction to Criminal Justice

Chapter 2, The Nature and Extent of Crime

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

According to the author, crime has declined since the 1990s. What may be some explanations for this decline?

What are some of the misperceptions/myths portrayed by the media regarding crime?

Rational choice theory suggests that all crime is committed after a rational decision process. Could you think of some crimes that may not be a result of a rational decision process?

Give some examples of crimes that are clearly rational.

How has the picture of crime changed over the years? What changes might be coming?