

TABLE 10.2

Matza's Concept of Soft Determinism as the Middle-Ground Stance Between Two Extreme Assumptions of Criminal Behavior

ASSUMPTION OF COMPLETE FREE WILL	SOFT DETERMINISM	ASSUMPTION OF TOTAL ("HARD") DETERMINISM
Belief held by classical theorists	A sort of middle-ground position	Belief held by positive theorists
Assumes all behavior is the result of decisions freely chosen by a person		Assumes all behavior is the result of factors (e.g., economy, upbringing, peers) determining behavior