

TABLE 7.4

Four Categories of Rapists

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	CHARACTERISTICS
Compensatory rapists	Compensatory rapists, also referred to as power-reassurance rapists, reveal the least amount of sexual and general aggression when compared with the other typologies. These individuals also demonstrate little evidence of childhood and adolescent impulsivity, such as running away, involvement in the juvenile justice system, or problems in grammar school. Compared with the other typologies, these offenders most often come from stable families with intact parental marriages; fewer of these individuals experienced neglect and physical abuse.	In reference to adult social characteristics, compensatory rapists average a 10th-grade education level. They often are single and live with either one or both parents; this type of rapist is most likely to be dominated by an aggressive and sometimes seductive mother. They are most likely employed in menial occupations and considered steady and reliable employees. In reference to sexual deviance, the compensatory rapist may be involved in transvestism or such behavior as voyeurism, fetishism, or excessive masturbation. ⁷¹
Displaced-anger rapists	<p>The displaced-anger, or anger-retaliation, rapists had the most chaotic and unstable childhoods. Compared with the other typologies, more of these rapists were either adopted or placed in foster homes. They often come from single-parent homes; as with the exploitive and sadistic groups, a number of these individuals were neglected and abused.⁷² In reference to adult social characteristics, the displaced-anger group's primary reason to rape is to hurt their victim. Rapes by such individuals are characterized by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) the presence of a high degree of nonsexualized aggression or rage, expressed through verbal and physical assaults that clearly exceed what is necessary to force the compliance of the victim; (2) clear evidence, in verbalizations or behavior, of the intent to demean, degrade, or humiliate the victim; (3) no evidence that aggression is eroticized or that sexual pleasure is derived from injurious acts; (4) injurious acts are not focused on parts of the body that have sexual significance.⁷³ 	This group averages a 9th-grade education. This type of offender perceives himself as athletic and masculine. Thus, he may engage in sports and work in an action-oriented occupation as well as engage in extramarital affairs. While this offender is often married, he is not violent toward his partner.
Exploitive rapists	Exploitive, or power-assertive, rapists are twice as likely to have some contact with youth services compared with the other groups. Many of these offenders were raised in single-parent families; almost one third lived in foster homes. As with the displaced-anger rapists, a large number of these offenders were physically abused.	In reference to adult characteristics, these rapists have many domestic issues; they also may have experienced a number of unhappy marriages. They are typically well dressed and may frequent clubs to pick up women. This type of offender may be employed in a traditionally male occupation, such as construction. He attempts to exude an image of masculinity in his physical appearance and demeanor. ⁷⁴ For this offender, the "sexual behavior is hypothesized to be an impulsive, predatory act. . . . The victim seems to have little or no psychological meaning to the offender, and represents, hypothetically, a masturbatory object." ⁷⁵
Sadistic rapists	Of the various typologies, the sadistic rapist is the most dangerous. With this type of offender, as sexual arousal increases, the aggressive nature of the offense emerges; this usually results in the most bizarre and intense forms of sexually aggressive violence. ⁷⁶ More than half of those designated as sadistic rapists were raised in single-parent homes. Many of these offenders were physically abused; a number of them also experienced some type of sexual deviance during childhood.	In reference to adult characteristics, the sadistic rapist is usually married, and some consider him to be a "good family man." He often lives in a middle-class residential area with low criminal activity; he typically has a better-than-average education and is employed in a white-collar occupation.