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**Activity: Media**

**Social construction**

**Learning objective**

At the end of this activity you should be able to:

- explain what is meant by the social construction of crime.

Using the link below, answer the questions that follow.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a2llcZPW6oU>

1. Why does defining crime present us with difficulties?
2. According to Steve Case, how does 'what is crime' vary?
3. How has the definition of crime changed in the UK? Use an example to illustrate this.
4. Up until 1998, what was youth crime constituted by?
5. What happened to the age of criminal responsibility in 1998?
6. What did that do to the category of youth crime?
7. Why do these changes present a difficulty for defining crime?
8. What does Steve Case mean by a 'universal' definition of crime? Why is it not possible to have a universal definition?