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Criminology as a social science plays a vital role in understanding crime as a social construct. Notably, criminology utilizes scientific methods to study crime, focusing on its causes, control, and prevention. Additionally, criminology looks at the impacts of crimes and how criminal justice and society react to them (Carrabine et al., 2020). Furthermore, it explores various corrective methods to treat the offenders and remedy the effects of crime. Therefore, criminology as science is essential since it unearths the root causes of a crime in society, with a better understanding of the offender and the victim and the offense's circumstances.

Additionally, the criminological theories give plausible explanations of certain crimes and their criminogenic factors. Moreover, the objectivity in criminological research leads to a better understanding of human behaviors, which contributes to effective crime reduction policies. Criminology has six branches: penology, sociology of law, anthropological criminology, victimology, forensic psychology, and forensic science (Bonger, 2015). The six branches are crucial in unraveling the root cause of crime, motivation, the offender, its impacts, and how it can be addressed. Furthermore, criminology is at the center of the criminal justice system and other crime control and prevention stakeholders. For instance, criminology is applied by law enforcement officers in their daily operations, such as investigations, surveillance, crime mapping, and interrogations (Hass, Moloney & Chambliss, 2016). Criminologist testimonies in courts play an essential role in the determination of a case. Therefore, criminology is at the heart of crime prevention, control, and reduction in society.

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