

Social Studies 9

Chapter 2 PAT Review Questions

1. Any community in Canada can form a Youth Justice Committee which is based on the idea that youth:
 - A) should be encouraged to enter into careers in the legal profession.
 - B) crime affects everyone in a community and that the community must be involved in solutions to prevent crime and deal with offenders.
 - C) who commit crimes should be treated exactly the same as adult offenders.
 - D) tend to commit crimes because they are immature and don't know any better and therefore should not receive any punishment or consequences.
2. Read the cartoon below to answer the question.



The cartoon above illustrates that youth crime results from parents being

- A) too strict in disciplining their children
- B) not consistently present in their child's life
- C) clueless about what youth have to face nowadays
- D) the main source of growing pressure put on youth

3. Use the information in the box below to answer the question.

This organization works independently of the government and focuses on solving the issues in society which contribute to crime, as well as working to help heal and rehabilitate those who have broken the laws. Look to one of these organizations if you need information about Canada's laws and justice system.

Which type of organization is described above?

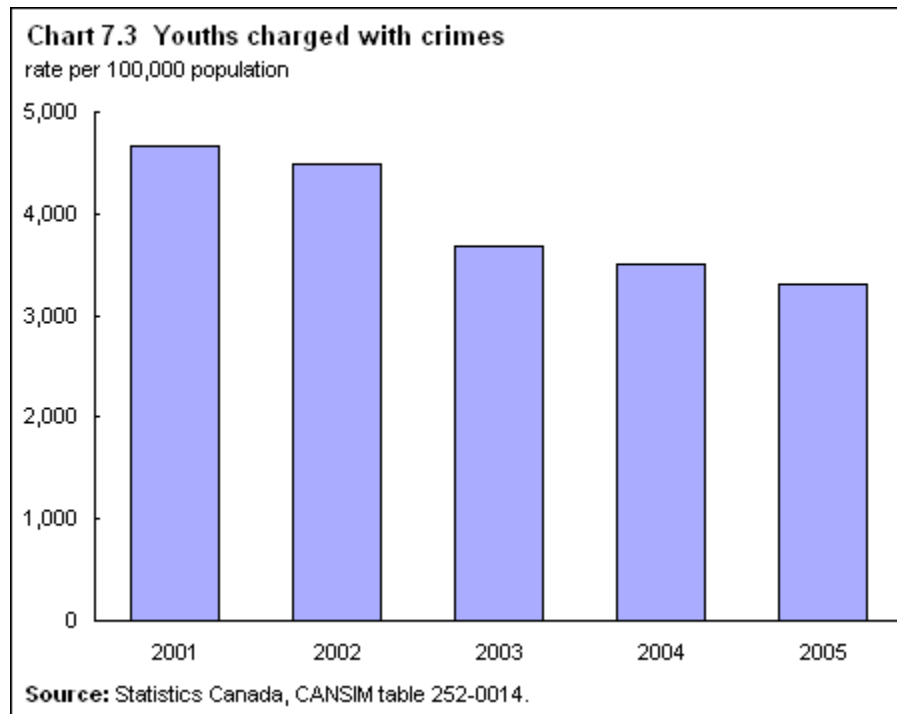
- A) Consumer focus group.
- B) Post-secondary institution.
- C) Government ministry.
- D) Justice advocacy group.

4. The creation of the Canadian Youth Criminal Justice Act in 2003 is based on the idea that young offenders should be:

- A) dealt with more harshly than adult offenders because it is important to create meaningful and hard sentences for youth offenders to discourage them from re-offending in the future.
- B) treated the same as adult offenders because all people should be treated equally and the consequences for committing a crime should not be different for different people.
- C) prosecuted and sentenced by a jury of their peers which would be other youth from the community.
- D) treated differently from adult offenders because have different ways of interpreting situations than adults do and don't always understand the consequences of their actions.

5. Use the following information to answer the question.

Source 1



Source 2

Youth Crime Rate Declines

The youth crime rate fell 6% from 2004 to 2005, and youth violent crime declined 2%. During the same period, the rate of youths—those aged 12 to 17 years—who were charged decreased 6%, and those cleared otherwise fell 7%. Changes in legislation—such as the Youth Criminal Justice Act (YCJA), which came into force in 2003—can significantly affect the number of youths who are diverted from further exposure in the justice system. The YCJA contains provisions that are designed to allow youth who have committed less serious offences to be diverted from courts and custodial facilities; serious offenders serve longer sentences.

Source : Statistics Canada

Based on these sources, the best explanation for why youth crime charges have decreased over time is that youths

- A) get away more easily with their crimes
- B) can receive consequences other than formal conviction
- C) are less violent than in the past
- D) are challenging recent criminal laws

6. Use the information in the box below to answer the question.

The Canadian Federation of Students is a group formed to provide students with a united voice in the federal and provincial levels of government and represent the collective interests of students in post-secondary institutions across Canada. The Canadian Federation of Students has played a large role in halting the tuition fee increases proposed by the provincial and federal governments and to restore the federal governments transfer payments for post-secondary education.

Given this information, the Canadian Federation of Students most likely a(n):

- A) lobby group.
- B) political party.
- C) media outlet.
- D) anti-government association

7. Justice advocacy groups like the John Howard Society and the Elizabeth Fry Society focus primarily on:

- A) lobbying government to make criminal sentences longer and keeping criminal offenders in jail for longer.
- B) working to reduce crime by solving issues which contribute to crime and working to rehabilitate criminal offenders.
- C) providing counseling and services to victims of crime.
- D) working to impose stiffer penalties and sentences for criminal offenders.