Good Parents, Bad Kids: Authoritative Parenting, Delinquent Peer Associations, and Juvenile Delinquency
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RESEARCH QUESTION
Why do juveniles from authoritative households become delinquent?

HYPOTHESIS
The risk factor of associating with delinquent peers diminishes the protective factor of living with authoritative parents.

METHODOLOGY
- Literature review
- Statistical Analysis of National Youth Survey Waves I & II

LIMITATIONS
- Does not prove causation
- Does not illustrate directional relationships
- Restricted to parameters of dataset
- Does not consider other variables

DISCUSSION
The significant factors here associated with juvenile delinquency are peer delinquency and sex, the former being the most significant. This emphasizes the importance of encouraging and stimulating positive peer associations from an early age. All other variables controlled, parenting style did not prove a significant factor. This provides support for the suggestion that, for juveniles, peer influence holds more weight than parental.

REFERENCES