CRIM 3090

Reflection Exercise 3

Choose two of the below questions. The response to each question should be about 1.5 pages each for a total of at least three pages. Feel free to write more than three pages. Do not write the question.

1) Tell me about the Great American Crime Drop. What reason surprised you the most in the relation to the crime drop? What reason surprised you the least? As a criminal justice professional in training, has your opinion at all changed about abortion vis-à-vis its apparent impact on the crime drop? If you could address the current Supreme Court Justices about abortion, as a criminal justice professional in training, what would you tell them? Explain.

2) Tell me about desistance. What are some of the things you thought were related to why people desist from crime prior to coming to this class? How has what you learned about desistance changed (if any) the way you look at people coming out of prison or trying to stop offending? What types of services do you think we need to better help people desist? What is your opinion on drug use and desistance – can people still use drugs recreationally and be thought to have truly desisted from crime? Explain.

3) What were your thoughts about ‘get tough’ policies on crime prior to taking this course? How has taking this course changed, if at all, your perspective on such policies? Would you still be able to support them or not? Explain.

4) LA is arguably the gang capital of the nation. Many people here are likely to know gang members, perhaps even live in the same community as them. How have gang injunctions impacted your life growing up? Did you know of anyone or any gang that was under an injunction? What about other gang programs that have failed? What is your opinion about them? Have they impacted you at all? What would you do differently about gangs in your community? Explain.

5) Tell me about graduated sanctions. Which one(s) do you prefer and why? Explain.

6) Tell me about non-incarceration. Would you support something like that here in LA? Why/why not? Explain.