

Candidate 2 evidence

Modern Studies National 5 Research Sheet			
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<p>Source A -Survey</p> <p>Carried out in november 2024. 10 people responded</p> <p>Q1, do you think prisoners are effective? Q2, does prison deter you from committing crimes? Q3, do you think prisons rehabilitate prisoners? Q4, what do you think the biggest issue of prison is?</p> <p>Source B -textbook</p> <p>Title: Modern studies social issues in the uk second edition Authors: Frank Cooney, Gary Hughes, and David Sheerm Published: 2021</p>			

Research topic/issue:

Describe the purpose/aims of your research.

Hypothesis: Prisons Do Work

Aim 1: to find out if prison deters people from committing crime

Aim 2: to find out if prison rehabilitates prisoners

Aim 3: to find out the public opinion

Research methods:

For two methods of research you have used to collect information during your assignment, you should comment on:

- why you chose each method for your research
- strengths and any weaknesses of each research method
- how you could do things differently

You should refer to the evidence for each research method which you have noted on your research sheet.

The first method I chose is a survey. One strength of this method is I created all of the questions. This means all of the questions are relevant to my aims. Another strength is that I used closed questions. This means the answers are clear and direct, making them easy to analyse. However, one weakness of this method is only 10 people participated. This means the information is less accurate as there is a small sample. Another weakness is 8/10 participants were female. This makes the information less accurate as there is an unbalanced ~~to~~ viewpoint. To improve this method I would change question 3 of my survey and explain in what rehabilitation is in more detail.

The second method I used was a textbook. One strength of this method is it was written by professionals, meaning it was fact checked to ensure the information is ^{correct} ~~accurate~~. Another strength is it used simple and basic language. This made it very easy to understand.

However, One weakness of this method is it was written in 2019, so although it is not outdated, the information is still less relevant. Another weakness is it did not contain all of the information needed, meaning I had to use another source to get more information. To improve this, I would instead use a article on the BBC about prisons as it would have more relevant information.

Research findings:

Describe and explain the main findings of your research. You should refer to the research evidence on your research sheet.

from my findings I found out that source A said 7/10 people think prisons are effective.

I also found out that from source A 6/10 people think that prison deters them from committing a crime.

I also found out from source A that 4/10 people think prisons do not rehabilitate prisoners.

I also found out from source B that due to an increase in prisoners and a decrease in staff, many prisoners receive little or no support for addiction.

I also found out from source B that rehabilitation in prisons is very difficult due to the accessibility of legal and illegal drugs within prisons.

I also found out from source B that assault ~~levels~~ ^{levels} in prisons are at a record level.

I also found out from source B

that 70% of short term
offenders are likely to reoffend.

Research conclusions:

What conclusions have you reached about your research topic or issue??

Overall, my conclusion is prisons do work. Because 70% of people say prisons are effective proving the public think that prisons are working.

My conclusion about ~~see~~ aim one is that prisons do not deter people from committing crimes as a majority of short term offenders re offend, proving prison did not deter them.

My conclusion on aim 2 is that prisons can rehabilitate but face so many challenges making rehabilitation practically impossible.

My conclusion on aim 3 is that the public are divided as prison deters ~~first~~ people from committing crime for the first time but does not stop people from reoffending.