

- If criminals had time and effort to really think out the decision process, and fully go through the entire rationality process, would they either continue to rush into crime, be smarter about their methods of committing the crime, or will they stop committing crimes altogether?
- I think that if criminals were capable of fully going through the rational process, that they would/should stop committing crimes altogether. The unknown factors that are present in any given situation should be deterrence enough, but there are also the unknown factors of punishment/consequences/risks. If a person was deciding whether or not to rob a house, they should be deterred by the fact that they genuinely do not know what is going to happen. They don't know if there is going to be a hidden camera inside, a silent alarm, dog, a cop on duty down the street, or whether or not the judge will have a ruling that could be harsher than they expected. However, I do not think that criminals are actually capable of stopping criminal activities. They have a reason that they are ignoring the risk factors, and deciding to proceed with their criminal acts, whether it is defined by strain theory, and struggling to meet their needs and desires by legal means, or if it is that they have rationalized their criminal activities through the neutralization theory, and they are either appealing to higher loyalties, or condemning the condemners. Criminals are criminals for a reason, I am not sure that rationalization would stop them, or deter them in any way.