

REHABILITATING CRIMINALS

There is considerable evidence to indicate that criminals are compelled by certain physical stimuli, either internal or external, to perform criminal acts. It is being argued already that criminals should be regarded as sick persons with a disease for which they have to be treated. Already there has been considerable success with treatment methods and evidence is accumulating to indicate that criminal behavior is a brain malfunction which is curable. In what ways might motivation be developed to eliminate criminal punishment by imprisonment for extended periods of time and by the execution of selected criminals and replace it by a system of treating the brain malfunction? List as many ideas for accomplishing this as possible.

NOTE: Some participants want to defeat these efforts despite the evidence that the advanced technology can produce the results that are claimed. These participants may define the problem as follows: "In what ways might we defeat the proposal to eliminate criminal punishment by imprisonment for extended periods of time and by the execution of selected criminals and replace it by a system of treating the brain malfunction?" If you choose this alternative, indicate below that you are doing so, and go ahead and brainstorm alternative solutions.