

## **Trying Juveniles as Adults**

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The current study examined the controversial concern of trying juveniles as an adult. The focus of this research centers on the perceived social phenomenon of violent juvenile offenders and discusses the problematic issue of punishment and accountability. Historical and recent cases along with expert opinions were examined with emphasis on the juvenile's age and penalties imposed. The research concluded that controversy and debate continues to follow this area of concern. It appears that the consensus of the experts in this study suggests an alternative solution to this problem may be with "blended sentencing". Although there seems to be no clear or simple answers to the problem, it is obviously of great interest to society and may bear further empirical research.