

# Video Synopsis



According to Walton, a gang can be defined as a group of hoodlums who confederate for mutual profit and protection. Gang life always exists and it has been found that the population of gang members grows in a daily basis. The video on 'becoming a gang member' shows the process through which an interested individual undergoes in order to become a gang member. For someone to become a gang member they must first survive a test they undergo. It appears to be a painful experience to the individual who is undergoing training but this makes them psychologically and physically ready to be integrated into a criminal subculture. For instance, this video depicts that an initiate is beaten by the gang members to show whether he is physically fit to become a member. The possible questions that an individual can ask himself regarding a given gang or criminal subcultures include: What are the signs exhibited by an individual who is vulnerable to becoming a gang member? How does the gang negatively affect the society? How does an individual gain after joining the gang? A careful analysis of a given gang can enable one to answer the questions about the gang.

The vulnerability of an individual to the influence of a gang can start from a very early age depending on the strength of social bonds at home. For instance, in some families where parents are alcoholics and fight regularly over petty issues, the social bonds between parents and their children weaken. Therefore, these children tend to acquire antisocial behaviors

which make them prefer the criminal groups. The video depicts violence as the subculture of the gang. Violent members can do much harm in a society, for instance, robbing other people of their properties and beating people as a way of revenge. Most youths join gangs because of the dysfunctional family matters which make them look for love or acceptance elsewhere. The gang members experience negative consequences due to the violent activities that harm them physically, especially when the victim is more energetic.