

Psychopathy

Predatory

"Sometimes I see easy prey. Fuck her. She don't know me. I'm not looking for no love. I want some money. If she'll bring in some drugs, cool. If she'll have sex, better."

Grandiose

"I like living by my wits. The people who work here are slow. They're backwards. They're naïve. I just don't think they're smarter than me. We take advantage of them as much as we possibly can. They open themselves up to it."

Joy of Crime

"I hope I go in a blaze of glory. When I was doing the crazy things I was doing it was kind of fun. You run out of a bank with a bag of money. You've got all this money. You can do whatever you want. It feels kind of powerful. Plus you know you're going to prison. You know you're going. So you just have all the fun you can."

The Mask of Sanity

Hervey Cleckley

1941

Alcibiades

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"People who saw him wearing his hair cut close, bathing in cold water, eating coarse meal, and dining on black broth, doubted, or rather could not believe, that he ever had a cook in his house or had ever seen a perfumer."

(Plutarch, 1992, p. 275)

Alcibiades

"One colour, indeed, they say the chameleon cannot assume: it cannot itself appear white; but Alcibiades, whether with good men or with bad, could adapt himself to his company, and equally wear the appearance of virtue or vice."

(Plutarch, 1992, p. 275)

Alcibiades

"At Sparta, he was devoted to athletic exercises, was frugal and reserved; in Ionia, luxurious, gay and indolent; in Thrace, always drinking; in Thessaly, ever on horseback; and when he lived with Tisaphernes, the Persian satrap, he exceeded the Persians themselves in magnificence and pomp."

(Plutarch, 1992, p. 275)

Cleckley's Criteria

- 1 Superficial Charm
- 2 Absence of Delusions
- 3 No " Nervousness"
- 4 Unreliability
- 5 Untruthfulness
- 6 Lack of Remorse
- 7 Antisocial Behavior
- 8 Poor Judgment
- 9 Pathologic Egocentricity
- 10 Poverty in Affect
- 11 Loss of Insight
- 12 Unresponsiveness in Interpersonal Relations
- 13 Fantastic Behavior With Alcohol
- 14 Suicide Rare
- 15 Sex Life Trivial
- 16 Doesn't Act on Life Plan

Hare Psychopathy Checklist- Revised

PCL-R

Original PCL

Hare, 1980

22 Items

Deleted Items

Previous Diagnosis as Psychopath

Drug or Alcohol Abuse Not Direct Cause of Antisocial Behavior

PCL-R

Published in 1991

Available from Multi-Health Systems

20 Items

2 Factors

0 to 2 Scoring

"I like to live on the edge. I like being wanted by the police. I like being chased by the police. When you live that kind of life you really can't stop to think. You never think. You just do, do, do. If you stop you won't do it. I never stop to analyze it."

Rock Climbers, Drug Users & Heroes

Rock Climbers

Low on Emotional Arousability

Low on Antisocial Traits

High on Adventureousness

(Levenson, 1990)

Rock Climbers, Drug Users & Heroes

Antisocial Drug Users

High on Antisocial Traits

High on Emotional Arousability

Low on Adventurousness

(Levenson, 1990)

Rock Climbers, Drug Users & Heroes

Heroes

Near Norms on Most Scales

Below Norms on Adventureousness

(Levenson, 1990)

Psychopathy & Age of Onset

	Violent	Nonviolent
Low Psychopathy	14.5	11.9
High Psychopathy	12.1	9.3

(Forth, A. E., 1998)

No Long Term Goals

"I've wasted too much time. I don't even think about them any more. It's just too late. I just have to really accept whatever comes my way. I don't even waste time setting goals because you had to start in high school."

Impulsivity

"I always know damn well I shouldn't do these things, that they're the same as what brought me to grief before. I haven't forgotten anything. It's just that when the time comes I don't think of anything else but what I want now."

(Grant, 1977)

Irresponsibility

"Sometimes I'd get up and go places when I knew I didn't have the money or the means. I'd just get up and go to another state. I like to live by my wits. I'm over-confident. I just don't believe there's a situation I can't get out of. I just take chances that normal intelligent people don't take."

Psychopathy and Supervised Release

N = 231

Offenders on Early Release

Parole

Mandatory Release

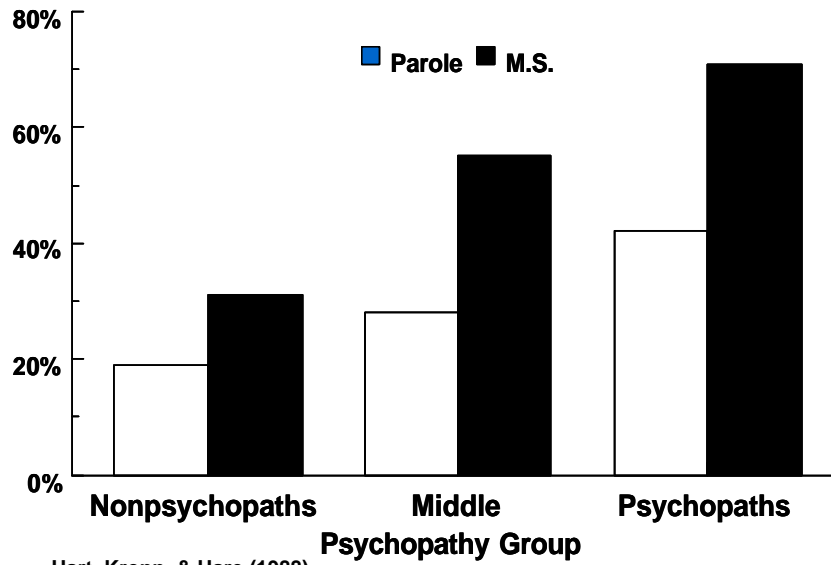
Divided into High, Medium, Low PCL-R

Follow-up = 4 Years or Recidivism or Release

(Hart, Kropp and Hare, 1988)

Psychopathy and Recidivism:

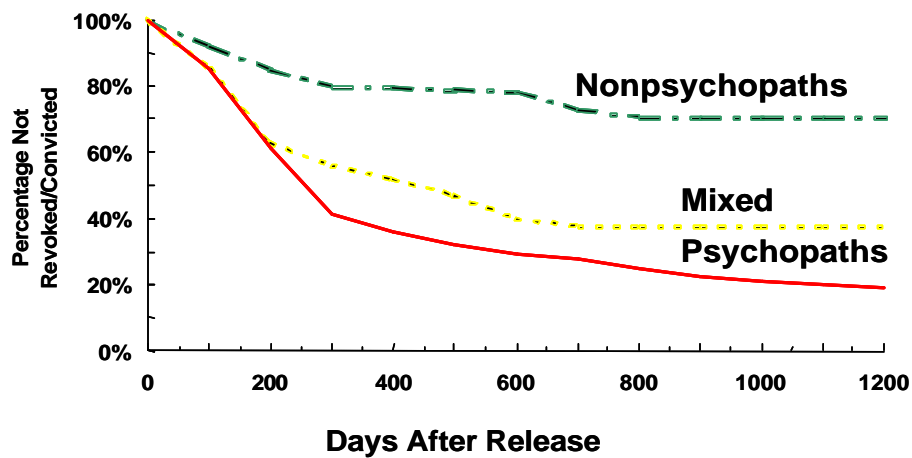
% Revoked/Convicted



Hart, Kropp, & Hare (1988)

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Psychopathy and Recidivism Failure on Conditional Release



Hart, Kropp, & Hare (1988)

Psychopathy & Supervised Release

"I was robbing banks from the time I got out. I went from state to state. I was not financially too well off. You know, everybody out there, drug dealers and all had those fancy cars."

Psychopathy & Supervised Release

"Soon as I picked up a gun, I knew I'd be in prison again. It was just a matter of when. Had a lot of fun, lots of girls and lots of hotels in different states."

APD Base Rate in Forensic Populations

50% to 75%

(Hare, 1996)

Grandiosity

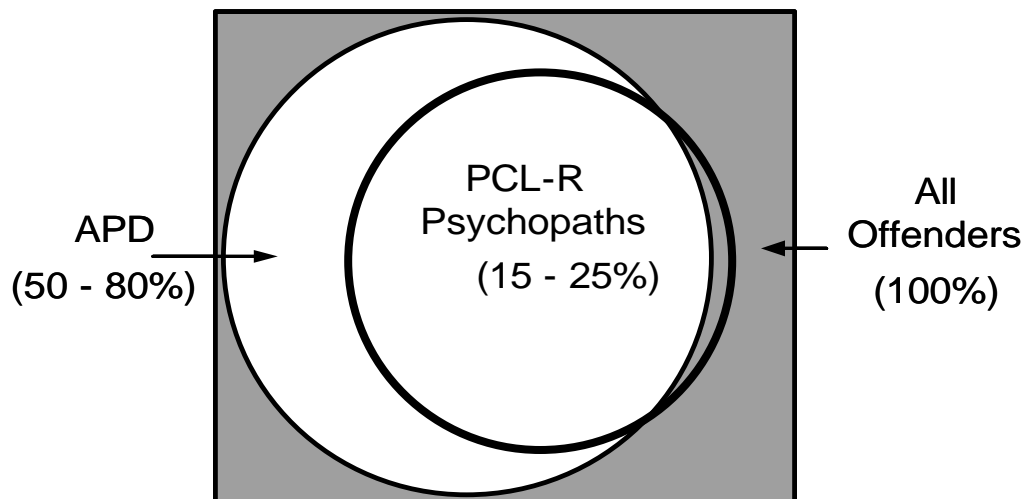
"I've been fighting police all my life. I think like a criminal. They're slow."

Psychopathy Base Rate in Forensic Populations

15% to 25%

(Hare, 1996)

Psychopathy and APD



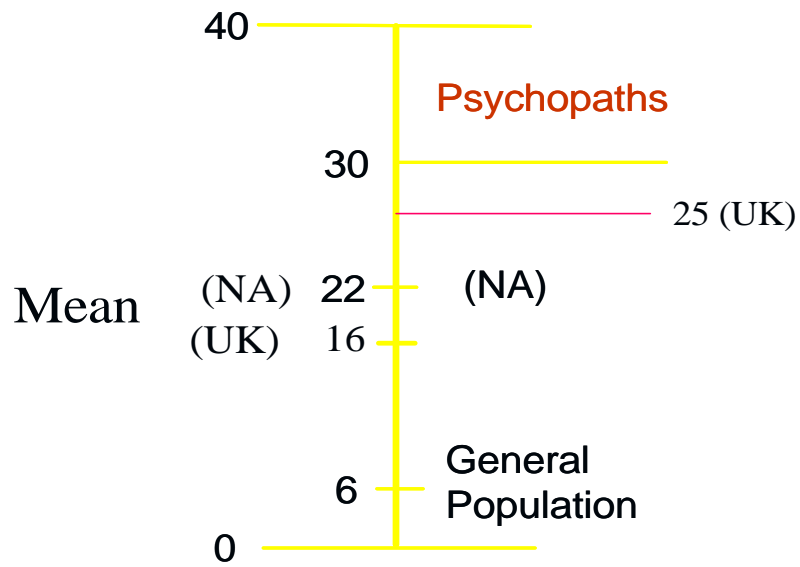
Callous

"I took somebody's life and I shouldn't have. I feel bad. The person died. Sometimes you think about it and a couple of times I've had a dream about it. . . Time heals everything. You get over it."

Callous

"I didn't have to take the role in life that I took. I could have gone in a whole different direction. Still, if I hadn't gone through all that stuff, I wouldn't be the person I am."

Approximate Mean PCL-R Scores



Motives

	Psychopaths	Non Psychopaths
	%	%
Material Gain	45	15
Strong Emotion	2	32
Sexual	21	24
Revenge	10	0

(Williamson, Hare & Wong, 1987)

Relationship to Victim

	Psychopaths	Non Psychopaths
	%	%
Stranger Murder	83	11
Stranger Crimes	64	34

(Williamson, Hare & Wong, 1987)

Sex of Victim

	Psychopaths	Non Psychopaths
	%	%
Male	61	34
Female	39	66

(Williamson, Hare & Wong, 1987)

Psychopaths

Instrumental Rather than Reactive Violence

Victims Male

Victims Strangers

Motive Material Gain

Less Homicide

Equal Sex Crimes

(Williamson, Hare & Wong, 1987)

Psychopathy & Quality of Parenting

Ordinary Personalities

Poor Parenting

More Conduct Problems

High Factor 1 Personalities

Parenting Not Related

(Wooton et al., 1997)

Reduction in Criminality with Age

1/2 Reduce Criminal Activity
About 35 to 40

Non-Violent Offenses Only

(Hare, McPherson & Forth, 1988; Harris, Rice & Cormier, 1991)

Combining Psychopathy and Sexual Deviance

A Bad Idea

Combining Psychopathy and Sexual Deviance

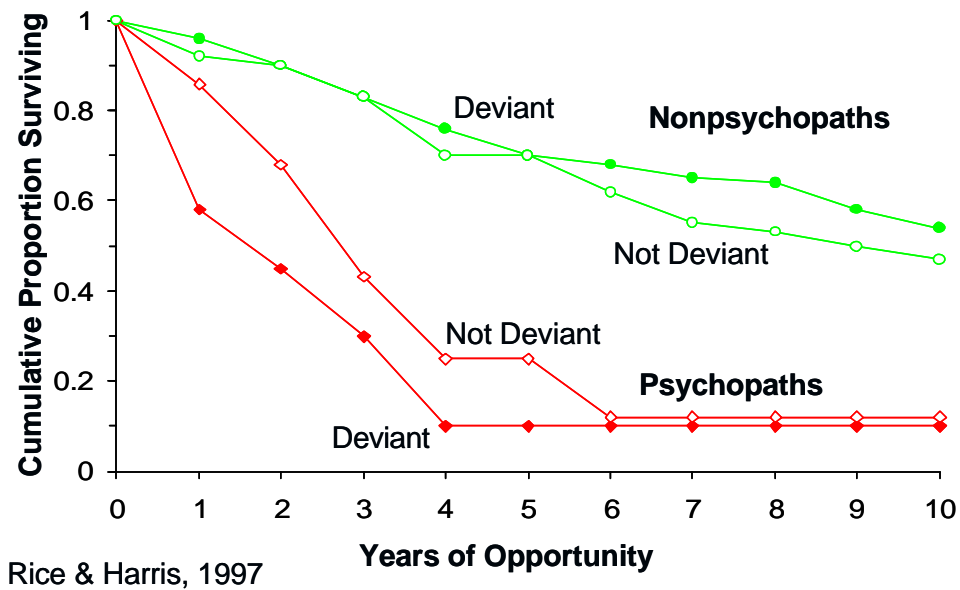
N = 340 Child molesters and Rapists

Psychopath = PCL-R scores >25

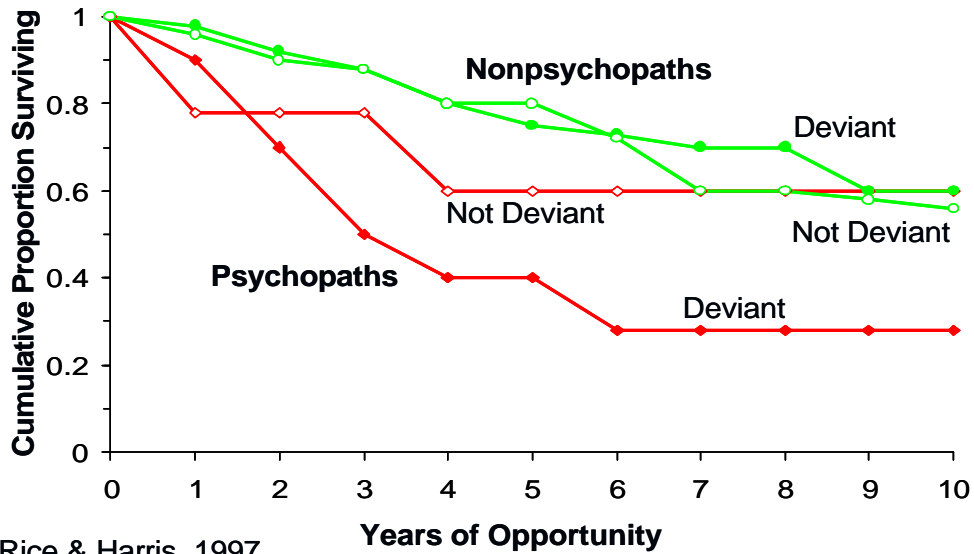
Nonpsychopaths = all others

(Rice & Harris, 1997)

Violent Recidivism in Sex Offenders



Sexual Recidivism in Sex Offenders



Psychopathy and Recidivism

Psychopathy and Recidivism in One Year

Psychopaths

General Recidivism 3 x more likely

Violent Recidivism 4 x more likely

(Hemphill et al., 1998)

Psychopathy and Recidivism

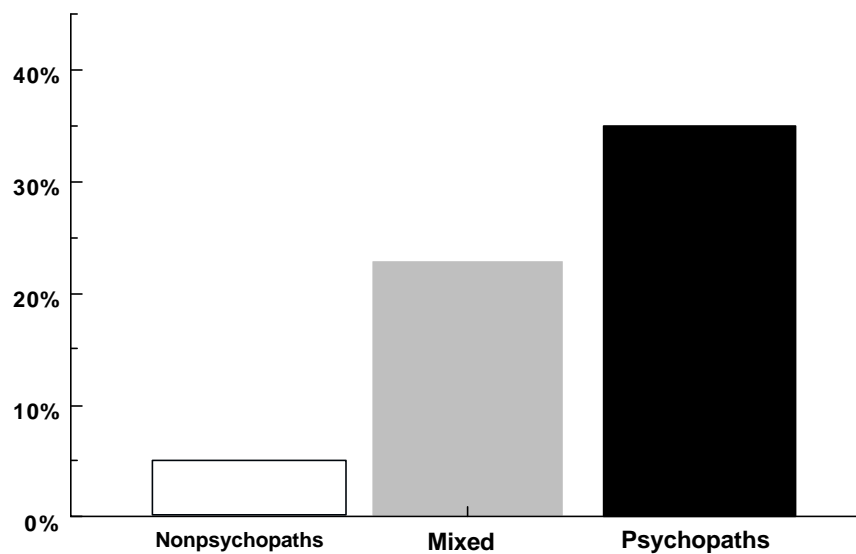
N = 299

Follow-up = 8 Years

PCL-R = High, Medium, Low

(Serin and Amos, 1995)

Psychopathy and Recidivism Violent Failure (Includes Robbery)



Serin & Amos (1995); Maximum 8-year follow-up

Psychopathy: Summary

Psychopathy

Best Predictor of Violence

(Harris, Rice & Cormier, 1991)

Officers Killed in the Line of Duty

44% of killers were psychopaths

(Criteria very similar to those in the PCL-R)

(Killed in the Line of Duty. Uniform Crime Reports Section.
FBI. Sept. 1992)

Psychopaths

Begin Criminal Careers Earlier

More Types of Offenses

Offend More at Every Age

Psychopaths

Recidivate 3 to 4 Times More Often

More Disruptive Behavior While Incarcerated

More Disruptive Behavior in Treatment

Psychopathy Checklist

Youth Version: PC:YV

No correlation with age

(Forth & Burke, 1998)

Psychopathy Checklist

Youth Version: PCL:YV

More focused on relations with peers, family & home adjustment

Conning to gain prestige with peers

Parasitic towards peers, girlfriends & family

Goals consistent with school performance

Irresponsibility towards treatment

(Forth et al., unpublished cited in Forth and Burke, 1998)

Psychopathic Adolescents

More criminal acts

More types of criminal acts

Earlier age of onset for violent & nonviolent offenses

More likely to have threatened with a weapon

More likely to commit robbery & arson

More likely to commit a sexual offense

(Forth & Burke, 1998)

Psychopathic Adolescent Sex Offenders

Threatened more

Used more severe violence

(Gretton et al., 1994)

Adolescent Psychopathy & Recidivism

N = 189

High

Low

Months to Recidivism

16.2

26.7

(Gretton et al., 1994)

Adolescent Psychopathy & Recidivism

N = 189

	High	Low
Nonviolent	66%	27%
Violent	31	12

(Gretton et al., 1994)

Adolescent Psychopathy & Violence

Age Range	High	Low
13 - 15.5	52%	12%
15.5 - 18	64	54
18 - 20.5	48	33

(Forth and Burke, 1998)

High Vs Low Psychopathy Adolescents

10 or More Violent Acts

High Psychopathy	64%
Low Psychopathy	37%

(Forth & Burke, 1998)

Psychopathy and Treatment

Psychopathy & Treatment

Non Psychopaths

Treated 22%

Untreated 39%

(Harris, Rice et al., 1994)

Psychopathy & Treatment

Psychopaths

Treated 77%

Untreated 55%

(Harris, Rice et al., 1994)

PCL-R & PCL:SV

Multi-Health Systems

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Use of PCL-R

Three Levels of Expertise

Simply Order w/out Training (Bad Idea)

Hare or Hare/Approved Training

Certification

Hare Psychopathy Checklist

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