

Using the definition in the concepts table and further reading do the following task.

To what extent do you think there is a moral panic about:

- Asylum seekers?
- Jimmy Saville and other child abusers?
- Benefit claimants?

Write a brief paragraph on each explaining why there might be a moral panic about them.

**NB** In the exam it is important to be able to cite examples and link those examples to the concept/theory being discussed.

Concept	Definition	Example	Sociologist/Theory
Deviance	An act or behaviour that goes against the dominant norms and values. It may or may not be illegal.	Murder – illegal and deviant.  Going to a wedding unwashed and in old torn clothes –deviant but not illegal.	Interactionism
Deviancy amplification	The way the media exaggerates a deviant act which leads to further acts of the same kind. Thereby reinforcing the deviance.	Mods and rockers  Hoodies  Gangs  Hippies	Wilkins (1967)  Later used by Cohen (1972) in his study of mods and rockers.
Folk devil	The people who the media believe are doing deviant acts and whom they, the media, then amplify what they are doing.	Mods and rockers	Cohen (1972) 

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		Hippies	Young (1971) Young used Becker's Labelling Theory as the basis of his study of hippies.
		Hoodies	Fawbert (2008) Listen to Thinking Aloud Wednesday 27th February 2008. Laurie Taylor's interview with Jack Fawbert.
Moral panics	Moral panics occur when the public become concerned about the activities of a group and at the same time the media is exaggerating and sensationalising the activities of the said group.	Mods and rockers  Raves/ravers	Cohen (1972)  Hall (1978)  Goode and Ben-Yehuda (1994)  Thornton Brown (2012)  McRobbie (1994)