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Forgotten Books, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Excerpt from Sentencing Goals, Causal Attributions, Ideology, and Personality It is generally accepted that decisionmakers in the criminal justice system (e.g., judges, parole boards, probation officers) have a great deal of discretion in order to tailor correctional resources to individual offenders. However, this discretion has apparently created the conditions for widespread disparity in that similar cases are treated differently by different decisionmakers. The recent policy movement toward determinate sentencing is a response to a decade of reports of judicial sentencing disparity (e.g., Frankel, 1973; Partridge Eldridge, 1974). For example, in his study of Canadian judges, Hogarth (1971) concluded that, one can explain more about sentencing by knowing a few things about a judge than by knowing a great deal about the facts of the case (p. 350). Similar results were well-known even thirty years earlier (Gaudet, 1938; McGuire Holtzoff, 1940). The major purpose of this paper is to develop a framework for understanding individual differences among criminal justice decisionmakers and the implications of these differences for sentencing decisions. Research has generated dozens of individual differences associated with...


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