

### ***Three Perspectives on the Deviation: Becker, Bourdieu and Elster***

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***Abstract:***

*On a daily basis, both in the media and social and familiar gatherings, we can hear negative adjectives like “abnormal, deviant and strange” that try to describe the conduct of singular subjects considered different or a threat to society. Facing this situation, it is important to ask what that is identified as a radically different conduct or a deviation from those assumed as “normal” by society.*

*Throughout this work three authors who analyzed the deviation from different perspectives, will be compared. First, Howard Becker (symbolic interactionism) and Pierre Bourdieu (symbolic violence). Second, their arguments will be compared with those of Jon Elster, who tries to explain the deviation using the analysis from the individual and the postulates of rational choice.*

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