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1. Emerging adulthood is a recognizable developmental period in the Netherlands, across different socioeconomic backgrounds and ethnicities. (this dissertation)

2. Adult roles continue to be an important factor in instigating delinquent behavior change during emerging adulthood. (this dissertation)

3. Instability in the lives of young adults has adverse effects on their delinquent behavior. (this dissertation)

4. Achieving financial independence from parents should be given prominence as a trigger of behavior change. (this dissertation)

5. It is “a myth that the transition to adulthood was more seamless and smoother in the past.” (Mintz, 2015) The extended transition to adulthood the millennial generation experience is not unique.

6. Panel data offer unique possibilities for determining causal effects.

7. Criminologists should focus on how positive factors reduce crime.

8. Criminologists have much to learn from the theories and methods of other disciplines, and vice versa.

9. It’s a long road that has no turning. (proverb)