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## Short Assignment #3

### Social Learning Theory;

After listening to the podcast “Ear Hustle: Episode 2: Misguided Loyalty” the theory I will be applying to Tommy Shakur Ross’s involvement in gangs and crime is the Social Learning Theory. Tommy Shakur Ross grew up in South Central Los Angeles in the 1980’s. As a boy, he was seduced by what he saw as the “glamour” of gang life. Thirty years later, Tommy Shakur is still paying the price for giving his best to a gang that ultimately brought the kind of fame he wishes he’d never earned. In the podcast they are diving in about loyalty within the prison. He talks about how people in jail become very loyal to their friends, partners, and even groups in prison. They try to understand why someone feels loyal to something, like feeling safe, staying alive, and feeling like they are part of a group. Tommy Shakur was involved in gangs from a young age. He talks about the loyalty he felt towards his gang, which was a huge part of his identity, but also how this loyalty and gang led him to make some tough decisions. Tommy thinks about how his decisions have affected his life and how he is trying to do better, even though he is still in a certain place. This story shows what can happen when someone is loyal to the wrong person or thing. It teaches us that this can cause problems not just for that person, but for lots of other people too. He is learning more about himself and becoming a better person, even though he is in a difficult situation in jail... Tommy Shakur Ross's journey is a classic

example of the social learning theory because the theory is that people learn from their environment and those around them through observation, imitation, and modeling. Tommy learned how to act and what was normal from the gang members he admired because they were around him a lot.