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A Social Neuroscience Perspective on Adolescent Risk Taking



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An internationally recognized expert on psychological development during adolescence, Dr. Steinberg's research has focused on a range of topics in the study of contemporary adolescence, including adolescent brain development, risk-taking and decision-making, parent-adolescent relationships, school-year employment, high school reform, and juvenile justice.

Adolescence is a period of heightened engagement in risky and reckless behavior, including

- substance use,
- unprotected sex,
- reckless driving and
- criminal activity.

In this talk, Professor Steinberg presents the results of a program of research on the underpinnings of risk-taking adolescence that is informed by recent advances in developmental neuroscience.