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I don't think anyone shoplifting food because they can't afford it should be prosecuted.. Can we put some common sense into underage break and enter?This is a serious crime.Breaking in when the residents are home is even more serious.Breaking in while carrying lock picking equipment and weapons is more serious again. It's not opportunistic its pre meditated.. Not all of the thieves are poor.They want car keys so they can trash peopls' cars.Teenagers have always felt like they don't fit in.That's why there are initiation rites designed to bring them from childhood to adult hood so they can belong to a 'club' of adults. Sadly we don't have those rites and have destroyed many rites from other cultures.I'm afr.aid my sympathies are with victims of crime. I'm also sympathetic towards young people who have it tough but choose to listen to their moral compass and resist causing chaos through anti social criminal activity.