

Violent Crime and Its Prevention

Abstract

This thesis deals with violent crime and its prevention. This topic is broad, therefore only few aspects are included into this work. I focused mostly on phenomenology of violent crime, worldwide comparison and prevention of crime. The violent crime is a traditional criminologic topic, but despite that, it is still very actual. My goal was to chart violent crime and its prevention.

This work is divided into six chapters. In the first chapter, basic concepts are defined. The focus of a second chapter is on phenomenology, state, dynamics and extent of the violent crime in Czech Republic and in countries, that I have chosen. In the following chapter, the state of violent crime is compared in-between some chosen countries through index crime of homicide. Crime in United States and Great Britain is compared in more detail later in this chapter. In the same chapter, relapse and latent crime is also described. In the third chapter, perpetrator of violent crime, various kinds of typology, ratios between men and women in sense of numbers of offences and age composition of offenders are discussed. Victims, victimization, types of victims, forms of experiencing harm and impact of violent crime on the victim is the main topic of the fourth chapter. The fifth chapter deals with prevention of crime. Firstly, various kinds of prevention are described and afterwards a prevention system, which is used in Czech Republic is presented. Also, some succesfull projects of crime prevention, that comes from Czech Republic are shown. This is followed on by crime prevention of youth in United states and by projects, that were awarded by the European Crime Prevention Network. The sixth chapter is about a specific phenomenon, which is called hate crimes. The meaning of this phenomenon and some of the typicall signs of offenders and victims of this kind of crime is explained. Finally, actual state of hate crime in United states and Great Britain is discussed.