

Terrorism – criminological aspects

Abstract

The submitted diploma thesis deals with criminological aspects of terrorism. The thesis aims to introduce the reader to the concept of terrorism as well as to present its various criminological issues. The thesis seeks to provide plausible answers, especially to the following questions: what terrorism is, who is its perpetrator, what is the process of radicalization, and most importantly, what causes terrorism. Besides, it deals with the specifics of the fight against terrorism and current issues related to terrorism and its current global state. The work provides a comprehensive insight into the criminology of terrorism, both group and individually perpetrated.

In the beginning, the thesis deals with the very concept of terrorism, its definition and typology. It thus provides the necessary basis for the following chapters of the thesis.

The work continues with analysis of terrorism from the Czech criminal law point of view, and therefore provides practical insight into the possible punishment of perpetrator in the Czech Republic. The thesis then demonstrates the application of the law on one of the cases concerning Czech offender convicted of terrorism in the Czech Republic.

At its core, the thesis deals with the criminological aspects of terrorism. It offers many possible answers to the questions mentioned in the introduction while focusing on providing a critical view. This part of the thesis deals mainly with aspects of group terrorism. It does so with the help of a wide range of both Czech and foreign literature and complements the text with numerous practical examples. The work also briefly discusses current issues related to the criminological concept of terrorism and then summarizes the current state of terrorism in the world.

Subsequently, the thesis continues with a special section devoted to the current issue of so-called lone-wolf terrorism, using some knowledge from the previous chapter, and identifies the specifics of this phenomenon and possible challenges while fighting it.

The thesis concludes with a case study, which deals with two cases of terrorist attacks in Europe and thus allows to use some of the knowledge gained from previous chapters. The chapter analyzes and compares the cases, then evaluates whether some of the findings of the thesis apply to them.

Keywords: terrorism, criminology, lone-wolf attacks