

Criminological Aspects of Hate Crime

Abstract

The purpose of this thesis on the topic of the Criminological Aspects of Hate Crime is to present a concise summary of essential and available information on the issue of these crimes and to highlight specifics of these criminal activities from other types of crime. The thesis is divided into ten chapters according to the selected thematic areas.

The first chapter is focused on concept of hate crime and its characteristic. This chapter offers various conceptions of hate crime, its definitions, brief history, development and description of spreading of this concept. A common feature of the definitions of hate crime mentioned in this thesis is that hate crime is a crime committed by the offender due to some strongly negative emotion, which this offender has towards variously defined groups of the population. The second chapter describes the forms of hate crimes in terms of the nature of the offender's conduct and in terms of the offender's motivational background. The third chapter provides an overview of the legal regulation of hate crime in the Czech Republic and in the selected countries (USA, Canada and FRG). The end of this chapter contains a comparison of the legislation of the Czech Republic with the legislation of the selected countries. The fourth chapter focuses on the critique of the legal regulation of hate crime and points to the number of moral and practical problems with its implementation and its possible harmfulness.

For the sake of understanding the motivations and goals of some offenders of hate crime, the chapter five analyzes the concept of extremism, its basic division, a brief description of the main extremist ideologies and the current extremist scene. The sixth chapter deals with criminogenic factors. This chapter contains a general definition of criminogenic factors and their basic division considering specifics of hate crime. Chapter seven deals with the concept of the offender of a crime. This chapter contains a definition of the offender of the crime, an overview of the basic types of offenders of hate crime, and it also analyzes the specifics that appear in these offenders. This chapter is also supplemented by available statistical data. The eighth chapter is focused on the victim of crime and some other related concepts and contains the basic characteristics of victims of hate crime supplemented by available statistical data.

The penultimate ninth chapter deals with the crime prevention and analyzes the concept of crime prevention, its purpose, and types with a focus on hate crime. The last tenth chapter is devoted to the concept of crime repression considering the specifics related to hate crime and

is supplemented by available statistical data. The thesis also includes annexes, which contains graphs and a table showing statistical data stated in the thesis.

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