

Abstract

The Issue of an Offender's Personality in Criminology

The aim of this thesis is to describe the offender's personality, to explain the possible causes of his criminal behaviour and to choose appropriate tools for punishment and prevention based on this knowledge. It consists a complex issue that criminologists have been studying intensely for several centuries. In the introduction to this thesis I am explaining the concept of criminology, criminality and offender from a criminological and criminal law perspective.

The historical development of the view of the offender is introduced in this thesis. The ideas of free will were replaced by theories of born criminal, only for the science to partially return to the original ideas in the 20th century. The theories were further transformed by technological development and industrial revolution, which brought with it a new social order.

The topic of the third part is personality from the perspective of psychology. Personality formation is a complex process, which everyone goes through since birth. It is influenced not only by the environment in which the individual grows up, but also by genetics. I also deal with the motives that lead the offender to criminal behaviour, what is his motivation and how a profile of an unknown offender can be constructed based on the clues left behind.

Since the issue of personality of the offender is very broad, I closely deal with the offenders of moral criminal offences, specifically rape, sexual abuse and procurement in this thesis. These criminal offences have a significant influence on the life of the victim, who often needs to seek psychological help. And even though these cases are often covered by media and discussed across society, their number is not decreasing. For this reason I address the actual prevalence of these criminal offences, as well as the reasons for high latency. Furthermore, it must be taken into account that every offender is different and there is no criteria which can be applied to all offenders. Nevertheless, I am trying to find unifying elements of partner offenders, female offenders and juvenile offenders. I also analyse the punishments which the courts impose on these offenders and I also outline possible ways of prevention which have been more or less successful abroad.