

Violent Crime and its Prevention

Abstract

Violent crime is still a very topical issue that deserves attention and research. It is a very complex and extensive issue. For this reason, it is not possible to fully process the entire issue in the limited scope of this thesis. In my thesis, I process fundamental information about violent crime and its prevention. In addition to this information, I then focus in more detail on the issue of hate crimes.

This work consists of two parts, general and special. The first part is focused on general criminological knowledge about violent crime and is divided into four chapters. In the first chapter, basic information about violent crime and concepts related to violent crime, i.e. violence, aggression and crime, is processed. In the second chapter, I take a closer look at the phenomenology of violent crime in the Czech Republic, especially the rate, dynamics, clarity and structure of violent crime, with the help of statistics from the Police of the Czech Republic, which are arranged in several tables and graphs. In the third chapter, I deal with the etiology of violent crime. First, I discuss criminological theories and their problems. After that, I focus on individual criminogenic factors of the causes of violent crime, in particular, a wide space is devoted to the media. The fourth chapter of the first part is focused on basic knowledge about the prevention of violent crime and various approaches, including specific projects within the Czech Republic.

A special part of this thesis is devoted to hate crimes. Within it, basic knowledge related to this issue is processed. It is divided into seven chapters. The first chapter explains the term hate crimes, their relationship with extremism and the concept of prejudiced hatred. In the second chapter is stated how hate crimes are regulated in the legal system of the Czech Republic. In the third chapter I elaborate in more detail the phenomenology of hate crimes in the Czech Republic, again especially their rate, dynamics, clarity and structure. The fourth chapter contains an analysis of the causes of hate crimes. The fifth chapter is focused on perpetrators of hate crimes, first on their general profile and then on typology. In the sixth chapter, I deal with victims of hate crimes. In the last, seventh chapter, I present selected hate crimes problems that should be focused on in the future.

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