

Summary

Hate crimes

My final thesis is dealing with the phenomenon of hate crimes. The purpose of the study is not only to provide a general theoretical knowledge of biased - motivated incidents, but also to present real criminal cases and show on them how dangerous pure hate can be.

The thesis is composed of three main chapters, each of them concerns aspects of hate crimes. Chapter One is more or less introductory. The chapter is subdivided into three parts.

The first of them describes and interprets the basic term „hate crime“ from the view of various authors. Moreover, it also considers the necessary elements (like prejudice against sex, race, skin colour, nationality, ethnicity and religion), which should be involved in the hate crime definition. The second part deals with the possible causes of hate crimes – such as migration, globalization, economic problems and mainly stereotypes and preoccupation. The last part of the Chapter One examines relevant Czech legislation – compares and contrasts the previous and the current Czech Criminal Code.

Chapter Two consists of seven parts. Part One focuses on the perpetrators of hate crimes generally, whereas Chapter Two and Chapter Three describe different types of offenders in accordance to their motivation and then classifies them into specific groups (spontaneous, reaction, missions and organized hate crime). The same chapter also contains the Donald Altschiller's typology of hate crimes perpetrators and also gives a lot of examples of real offenders. The remaining Parts look at the various victims of hate crimes and the possible consequences of these crimes (victimization).

Chapter Three is subdivided into two parts and provides information about hate crimes and their criminals in the Czech Republic. Part One illustrates the composition of offenders according to their age and educational attainment - the results can be seen in graphs. Then are mentioned the more frequent groups of victims in the Czech Republic (Roma, Jews, Muslim etc.) and the most serious cases, which happened during the past twenty years in our country. Part Two concentrates on the fight with this type of criminality and different approaches to the prevention from governmental and in non-governmental sphere.