

Abstract

The aim of this thesis, focusing on the Criminological Aspects of Hate Crime, is to provide a comprehensive analysis of this kind of criminality in the Czech Republic from the criminological point of view.

The work is divided into six chapters. The first of which introduces the topic and presents the definition of this kind of criminality and its close connection with extremist criminality. This activity is characterised by hate motivation against a group or an individual because of their real or presumed race, colour, religion, national origin or ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation or disability. The chapter also deals with the development of the hate crime concept, typology of criminal activity based on the committed type of crime or motivation and particular criminal acts occurring in the Czech Republic. The second chapter is focused on extremism and illegal activities of the members of this scene which attack the democratic system and are capable of jeopardizing it. In addition, it examines kinds of extremism, related ideologies and the Czech situation.

The criminological part of the thesis, starting in the third chapter, begins with the phenomenology of hate crime, presenting the state of this criminality in the Czech Republic, comparing it to the previous years and elaborating on the types of its commitment. It is further concerned with offenders and victims of this criminality, their definition, characteristics, typology and composition. The following chapter describes etiology, reasons and causes of this type of criminal behaviour. It illustrates the most significant criminogenic factors, their impact and the degree of tolerance of the Czech society to minorities. The penultimate chapter deals with the control over this criminality, strategies of fighting its occurrence and institutions concerning repression and prevention.

The final part of the work focuses on sports fan violence from the complex criminological point of view, its definition, brief history and development as well as its most common manifestation, football hooliganism, with its most frequently committed acts and their legal qualification. It specifies the offenders and comments on repression, prevention and current problems of this kind of criminal activity.

Hate crime represents a serious problem with constantly changing characteristics. Considering its topicality, it deserves the attention of experts and public.