

Abstract

The title and main topic of this work is Exploitation of Sociological Research Methods and Techniques in Criminological Research Focusing on Unreported Criminality. Criminality threatens society and is one of the most difficult social phenomenons.

Every year 50 % of reported crimes are solved. However criminologists think that the real criminality is much higher. Crime that is not registered is called unreported crime and lack of its knowledge causes many problems. Finding ways to analyze and understand the unreported crime is becoming a necessity. Data about unreported crime is currently mostly obtained from self-reports and victimological studies. Analysis of documents, opinion polls and experiments are also rarely used.

In this work, I suggest usage of different sociological methods and techniques to improve research of unreported crime. Some of these are observation, ethnographic research and case studies with topographic method. I also suggest a model of consecutive crime. This model expects that committing a specific crime leads to committing other crimes as well. This model would improve knowledge of unreported crime.