

Abstract

The aim of this thesis on the topic of the Criminological Aspects of Hate Crime is to offer comprehensive point of view on this issues to the reader.

The thesis is divided into five separate chapters. The first chapter is focused on definition of hate crime, specific characteristics of this criminality which distinguish it from other types of crime and also on typology of hate crime.

The second chapter is concentrated to the Czech substantive legal regulation of hate crime and its possible regulatory options for the future in a first place. In its other part is focused on legal regulation of hate crime in the United States of America, Great Britain and Germany. In the last part of the chapter, the regulations of all these states are compared in terms of method which they used for anchoring hate crime in the legal system and how large their protection of minority is.

The third chapter includes the issue of extremism which is defined at first and than divided into individual forms of extremism, based on their ideological bases and pursued aims, Furthermore, the attention is concentrated on the current state of the extremist scene in the Czech Republic, its activities and subjects. The final part of the chapter is devoted to concepts, closely related to extremism, like racism, anti-Semitism, terrorism, nationalism and xenophobia which are defined in there.

The criminological point of view on the topic of hate crime is contained in the fourth chapter which is the core of the thesis. In this chapter, phenomenology, etiology and control of hate crime are being examined. Within phenomenology, possible forms of committing hate crimes, current state, structure and dynamics of criminality and also perpetrator and victim of hate crime are being introduced. The etiological part is focused on causes of this type of criminality and its development. The end of the chapter is dedicated to the prevention and repression of hate crimes.

The last chapter of this thesis concerns the issue of hate speech on the Internet. This phenomenon is theoretically defined at first and than the two most commonly used sources of hate speech and legal protection against these manifestations are being introduced. Current state and dynamics of hate speech on the Internet which are based on analysis made by private entities were placed at the end of the chapter as the last topic to be included in the thesis.

This thesis also contains annexes, comprising of graphs and tables, which illustrate statistical data used for creation of the thesis.

Hate crimes are a serious kind of criminality which despite the low number of detected attacks deserves our attention especially with regard to the current situation, in which European states are now, due to the migration crisis. Its accompanying effect is the increase of xenophobic, racist and nationalist sentiments in the society and because of that we can say with certainty that hate crime will be more frequent in the future than it has been in the recent years.