

## **Terrorism – criminological aspects**

### **Abstract**

The author deals with the term of terrorism and its criminological aspects. First, the definition of terrorism is defined, and then the readers are given a look into the history of this phenomenon. In accordance with the negative definition of this problem, the difference between the phenomenon of terrorism and extremism, organized crime or guerilla is described. The thesis also describes legal regulations in the Czech Republic and the United States of America as well as the potential risks for future development in the Czech area.

In the key part of the work, the author deals with individual criminological aspects. The perpetrator of terrorism, both an individual and a terrorist organization, is approached on examples and through scientific studies. Then, the most frequent motives and causes of radicalization of these offenders are mentioned. The analysis of these factors is described from a psychological and sociological point of view. Part of the thesis is also devoted to the victims of this crime, both material and financial support, and the syndromes the survivors can face after the attack. At the end of the main part the different forms of terrorist attacks are described, focusing on bomb attack and hostage holding or kidnapping. And the conclusion of this chapter deals with the issue of repression and its problematics.

The author also deals closely with the prevention of terrorism, as this criminological aspect is very important for the overall analysis of this problem. The social, situational and social prevention is described. Within this chapter, the author also highlights the role of the media, both positively and negatively.

Finally, the author describes three terrorist attacks from the last five years and provides readers with a summary of some common features of the terrorism. The attacks are the bomb attack on the Boston Marathon, the attack on Charlie Hebdo, and a truck assault on the Christmas markets in Berlin. In the light of the lessons learned during the writing of this thesis, the author summarizes the phenomenon of terrorism and outlines the main points that could contribute to the limitation or eventual cessation of terrorist attacks in the future.

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