

Abstract

The main topic of this theses is the relationship between crime and open drug scene in Prague.

The use of illegal drugs alone and crime related to drug use, fundamentally threatens, not only individuals, but the entire society. Therefore it is necessary to address this problem as best as possible and consequently seek the most effective ways of problem solving.

The theoretical part of the study is trying to explain the character of the drug scene during the previous political regime as well as the present. It deals with the general relationship between the crime and the drug use. It shows an overview of the model connections between those phenomena.

The qualitative part of the research has the goal to describe the lifestyle of proble drug users, a way of raising money for drugs and livelihood. It focuses on detection of criminal offenses for which respondents were prosecuted, convicted and sentenced. It is also asking for so-called tertiary crime. Statement here counts whether respondents were also sometimes the victims of crime.

The aim of this theses is to verify the following hypotheses and try to define what kind of crime associates with the open drug scene.

The research results were obtained by semistructured interview between clients outreach program. The study involved 33 clients from the outreach program. An interview with an executive of the field program was also carried out.

The research revealed that the most common illicit drug users were convicted for property crimes. The study confirmed that the drug user who commits crimes, also often becomes a victim himself.

Key words:

drugs - criminality - interrelationship - problem drug users - open drug scene - Prague - drug market