

Abstract

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Issues in organized crime

Aims of the thesis:

1. To define and classify organized crime
2. To describe historical development of organized crime
3. To analyze organized crime in the states where its presence has become evident i.e. Italy, USA, Russia and Japan
4. To characterize the main activities of organized crime
5. To define the means of fighting organized crime

Methods:

When analyzing organized crime, it is impossible to use research methods that would comprise direct contact with a criminal environment. Indirect evidence was used to compile the thesis.

Methods of research:

1. The use of information from publications
2. Analysis of documents
3. Research into selected legal means of fighting organized crime
4. Content analysis of the press
5. Statistics

Results:

Various views on organized crime, its features and its typology have been defined. Its causes and the conditions under which organized crime arises, as well as its beginnings, were described. Findings about organized crime in selected countries were analyzed; attention was drawn to history, the present day and occurrences and activities of the main organized groups. The main activities of organized crime were described in four groups, focusing on their description, organization and the legal issues. Eventually, possible means of fighting were suggested, and an account was given of organizations dealing with this issue.

Key words:

Organized crime, organized criminality, mafia, human trafficking, handling money, illegal supplies, blackmail, extortion, means of fighting organized crime