

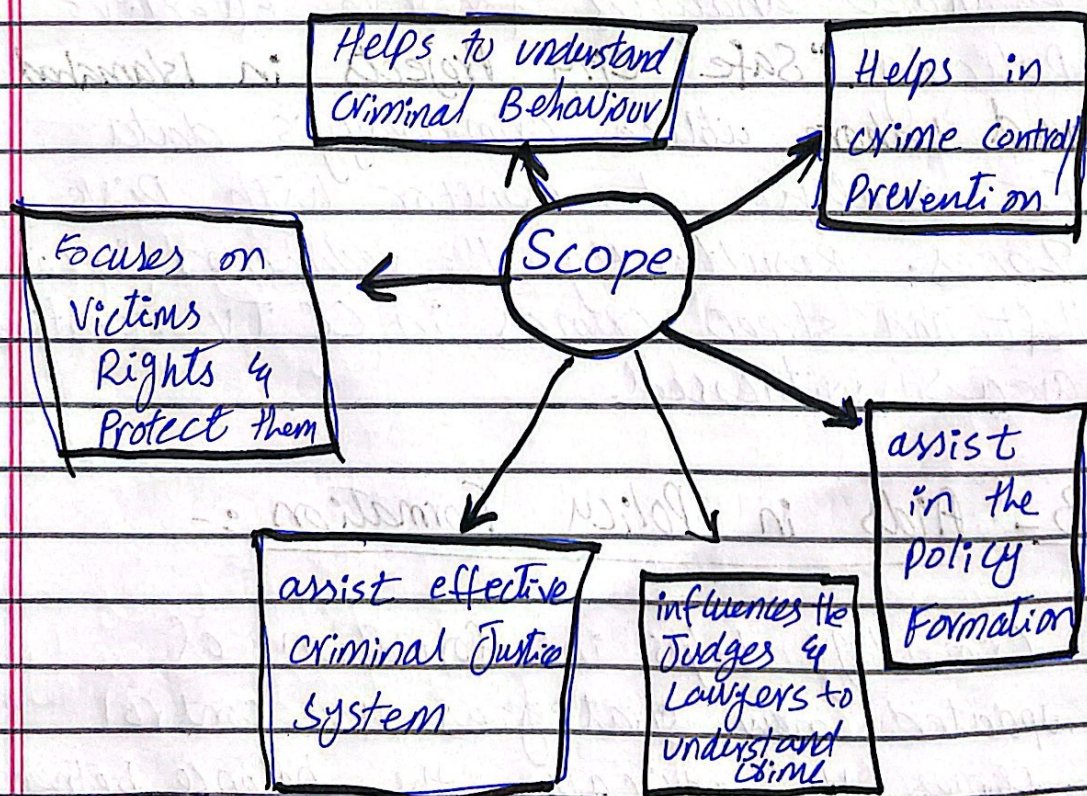
Define Criminology. Discuss the scope of criminology in Pakistan?

Criminology

According to Oxford University, "Criminology is the interrelated, multidisciplinary subject that deals with the causes of crime, its preventions and approaches to control crime as well as to study the behavioural patterns of criminals that led them to breach the societal norms at local, national and international level"

~ National Institute of Criminology, Hungary.

Scope of Criminology:-



1) Helps in Crime control:- Criminology helps in development of policies to control crime. It helps the crime control departments to take certain measures to reduce crimes. For Example Punjab University's department of criminology along National Police Bureau found correlations between unemployment and street crimes in Lahore and Karachi. Resultantly, development of Youth employment schemes under "Kamyab Jawan Program" has been started to reduce Juvenile crimes.

2. Assist in effective criminal Justice System.

Criminology guide police departments in criminal profiling, crime mapping and behavioral analysis for more effective Policing. "Safe City Projects in Islamabad and Lahore utilize criminology's data for analysis to monitor high Risk Zones. Resultantly the reduction in car theft and street crimes in CCTV monitored areas witnessed.

3. Aids in Policy Formation :-

Criminology helps in formation of updated new strategies to control crimes. It advocates the balance between

Crime control and Protection of Human Rights. Pakistan's Juvenile System Act 2018 was influenced by criminological theories promoting reformation of young offenders rather imprisonment. This provides evidence based solutions to the crime.

4- Helps in understanding Criminal Behavior

Criminology helps in the understanding of criminal behavior as what causes the influence of a crime. There are psychological, social and personality disorders that lead the people to commit crime. ~~Psychology~~ Psychoanalytical theory by Freud suggests that unresolved desires / conflicts can lead a person towards deviant behaviour.

5- Focus on victims Rights to Protect

Criminology not only helps in the study of crime but also plays a fundamental role in the protection of victim's right. There is a proper branch "Victimology" that focuses on victim behavior, need and Justice mechanism. It identifies who becomes a victim and why. How victims experience the Justice System.

what legal and social reforms are needed for their protection. For example Pakistan Bureau of Statistics victimization ~~process~~ Survey has helped to understand patterns of gender violence and shape policies like Anti-Rape (Investigation and trial) Act 2021.

6 - Influences legislators and officials about crime and criminals

Criminology influences the legislators and lawyers ~~to~~ along others to use the crime statistics, behavioral studies and victimization surveys to design targeted laws. For example, Rising cybercrime led the Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act (PECA) 2016 in Pakistan.

7 - Contributes in Theories Formulation

Criminology relies on scientific research methods survey, case studies, victimization reports and crime statistics to identify patterns of criminal behavior. Chicago School (1920s) studied urban crime through social survey, leading to Social Disorganization Theory which links the crime to urban poverty and community break down.

8- Rehabilitation and Correction

Criminology studies rehabilitative techniques for offenders to reduce recidivism. It removes criminal Justice from purely Punitive to restorative and preventive. Juvenile Rehabilitation centers and Probation programs are based on criminological research.

9- Social Awareness and Education

Criminology promotes public understanding of crime and justice, helping communities to reduce risk factors. For example the NGO, Aurat Foundation in Pakistan uses criminological research to train police and educate the public on domestic violence.

10- Terrorism and Organized Crime Studies

Criminology also analyzes the causes, networks and prevention of terrorism and organized crimes. For example Studies on Terrorist Networks in FATA and Karachi influenced counter terrorism policies and Rehabilitation centers/Programs. This helps the state to understand, disrupt criminal networks.

Conclusion

Criminology as multidisciplinary subject has broader aspects to study. It has helped the legal and judicial system of the country to perform duties more effectively by helping to provide statistical surveys, observations to study crime, causes and rehabilitation of it.

The subject helped to update old criminal policies with updated efficient strategies in order to improve the legal system of country and to control the crimes to happen.