

Q What is Criminology, Historical Background & its Scope?

Answer

Derivation of Term:

The term Crime has been derived from two languages, Latin & French.

In Latin, derived from word "Crimin" means accusation

In French, derived from word "Crimen" means fault & guilt

Definition

"Any act or omission which is considered as against law, is known as Crime."

According to Sutherland,

"It is an interdisciplinary field, which mainly focuses on crime and criminal behavior. It is all about making laws, breaking laws and then looking at the reaction after breaking or implementing laws."

Historical Background:

Todde clear and Natasha Frost, gave a little or brief overview of criminology historical background.

According to them, in early days some of the writers started to study about crimes that & why does it committed.

After some time, Notable writer Emily Durkheim along with others started to study the criminal behavior. Consequently, Founder of Criminology, Lombroso

launched a fully-fledged scientific approach of criminology, which mainly focuses on crime, its nature and laws formulation.

1: A Simple oriented theories

(Focuses on the reasons behind crimes)



2: Notable writes i.e Emily Durkheim became a spot light



3: Lombroso
Father of Criminology

Major School of Thoughts :

① Consensus View:

According to this School of thought, Crime is referred to any act or omission which is considered as against law.

For Example: Murder, Theft etc

② Conflict view:

According to their point of view, power holders makes laws. In this way they label only those ^{acts as} crimes which is of not their concerns. Means any act which aligns to their interests are not considered as crime, although it may have sinister or harmful impacts on society.

Example: Cigarette is dangerous for health, but still cigarette e-company utilize almost \$89.4 million on its advertisement.

Scope of Criminology:

No doubt, Criminology an interdisciplinary field is of immense importance due to its leading role in our society.

Followings arguments shows its immense importance:

1 All about Reason, Impact and way forward:

Criminology, an interdisciplinary field combine all other subjects as well such as: Philosophy, Sociology and law. Along with that it also touches Science as well. Through deep analysis and critical studies it tries to delve into identifying the root causes of criminal behavior whether it is financial problems, social or family issues.

Along with this it look at the profound impact of this criminal behavior on society and its development.

Lastly, it is one oriental nature mean it applies all

its findings in order to formulate rules and regulations for the society.

2 Empirical Approach:

Criminology is unique in its way. Apparently, it seems a plain or simple subject studying crimes but deep down it focuses studies criminal behavior through the help of scientific and empirical approach.

According to George Vedo; Although classical theories focuses on supernatural factors but positivist theories focuses on the scientific and deterministic data. Criminology study crimes by identifying genetics ~~beha~~ features, physical or age factors.

3 Oriental and Practical field:

Criminology not only study about crimes but it also apply rules and regulations to the field of laws implementation. It helps laws enforcers to

to design laws and punishment, keeping in mind criminal behavior its crime patterns and their tactics used for mitigating risks.

2. Phenology and Focus on Rehabilitation:

Phenology means studying different kinds of punishment and its impact on criminal behavior.

It has shown that strict or rigid punishment cause further resentment among prisoners and stubbornness in criminals.

Along with formulating laws it give immense importance to rehabilitation of criminals for their goodness.

Example: Rape Recovery Centre and Rehabilitatory Centres in U.S helps in the recovery of criminal behavior and their mental illness.

Conclusion:

Therefore, Criminology being an immense interdisciplinary field hold great importance.

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Because it[^] focuses on criminals behavior or laws formulating but also focuses on criminals recovery~~ies~~ process. Arises as a simple domain with aim of studying crimes but pave the way towards studying crimes with empirical approach & focusing on law formulation and ending up with preferring rehabilitation for criminals.

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