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Discuss the scope of criminology and its significance in Pakistani society.

### Introduction:

Criminology deals with understanding and controlling crime. It is a multidisciplinary field with its scope including studying criminal law, helping criminal investigators, evaluating criminal justice systems, understanding crime and criminals, addressing white collar crime, and assisting counter-terrorism efforts among others. Criminology in Pakistan is significant because numerous reports suggest growing gender-based violence, street crimes, corruption, and extremism in Pakistan, and for that, criminology offers viable solutions.

### Scope of criminology:

#### 1- Studying criminal law:

It studies how criminal laws

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are made, their effect on the society and crime rate, their effectiveness, and whether they are just and fair.

## 2-Interaction with Forensic Science:

It works with forensic science to solve crimes. Forensic science incorporates chemistry and biology to examine DNA for identifying suspects and to analyze poisons and drugs.

## 3-Helping in investigations:

It assists investigations by explaining through its theories—including strain theory and social learning theory—why and how offenders behave. This helps investigators predict crimes.

## 4-Addressing white-collar crime:

criminology also helps in

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detecting fraud, scams, bribery  
and corporate crimes:

#### 4-Evaluation of criminal Justice system:

It evaluates policing strategies,  
judicial procedures, prison systems  
and criminal rehabilitation  
programs. It ensures the justice  
system is fair, just, and effe-  
ctive.

#### 5-Understanding Gender- Based violence:

The Power Theory explains  
why perpetrators use violence  
and how gender-based violence  
can be addressed through eguali-  
tarianism.

#### Significance of criminology in Pakistan:

##### 1-Addressing corruption:

According to corruption

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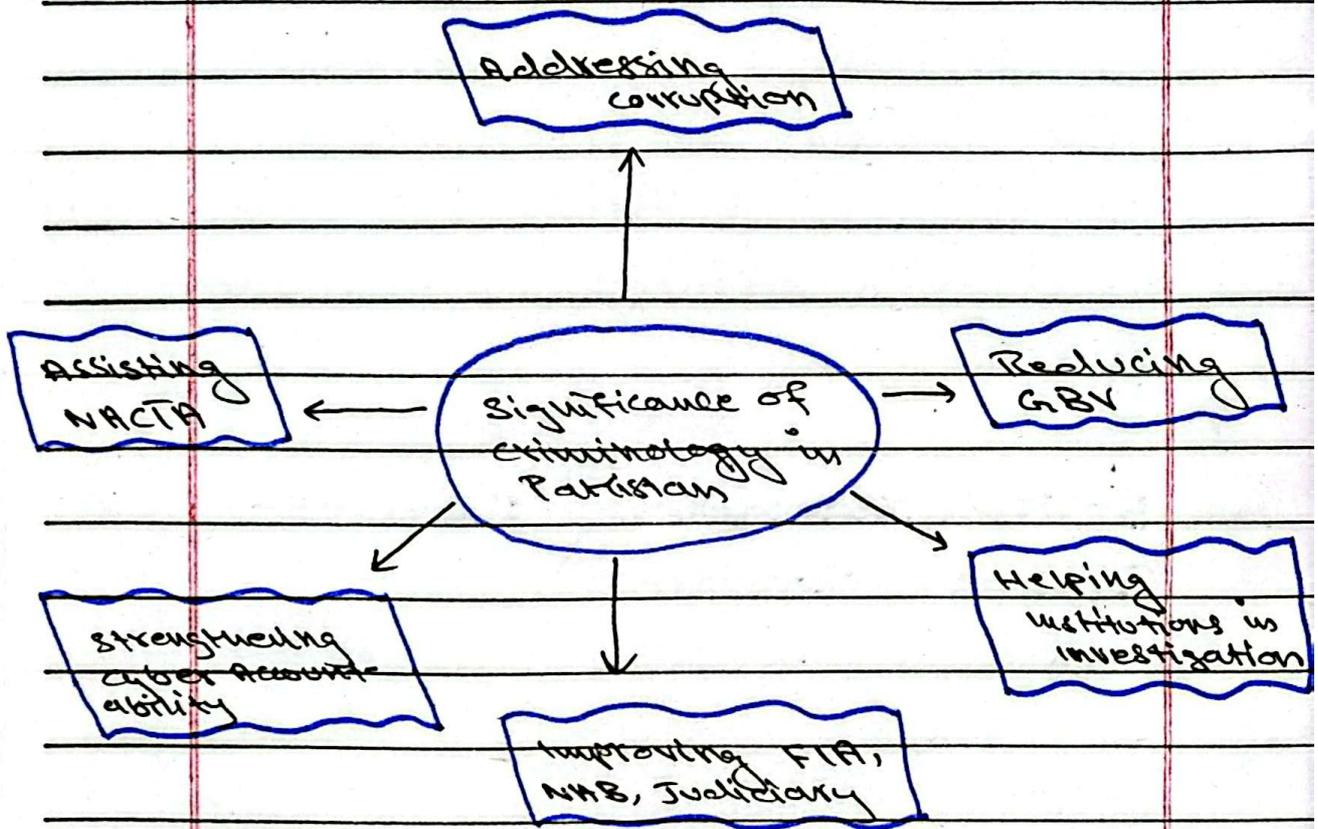
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ranked at 135 out of 180

countries. The insights of criminal-

ogy are vital in addressing

such high rate of corruption.



## 2- Assisting NACTA:

It helps the National Counter-Terrorism Authority (NACTA)

formulate effective counter-terrorism

policies. It also suggests better

rehabilitation programs for surrend-

ered militants.

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### 3-Reducing Gender Based Violence (GBV):

As per Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP), report 2020, 90% of Pakistani women have experienced violence in their lifetime. Theories of criminology help reduce GBV in Pakistan.

### 4-Understanding crime:

According to World Bank, 44% of Pakistani population live under poverty line. The strain theory explains how poverty and unemployment culminated in high crime rates.

### 5-Improving the Justice System of Pakistan:

Criminologists evaluate the Federal Investigation Bureau (FIA), National Accountability Bureau (NAB), and the Police services of Pakistan (PSP), and the Judiciary among

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others to improve their performance.

## **6- Helping state institutions During investigations:**

The researches, findings, and theories of criminology helps the police, FIA, and NAB to understand crime patterns and develop better investigation strategies.

## **Conclusion:**

Criminology draws on numerous disciplines to understand and control crime. Its scope includes analyzing criminal law, interaction with forensic science, and evaluating state institutions. Moreover, it helps Pakistan reduce its wide-ranging crimes and corruption.