

WHAT IS 'CRIME'?

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- ⦿ How do YOU define crime?
- ⦿ List crimes in our society.
- ⦿ What is the difference between rules and laws?
- ⦿ Is it ever acceptable to break a law?
What about a rule?

What is 'crime'?

- ⦿ Crime- a violation of **social rules** of conduct, interpreted and expressed by a **written criminal code, created by people** holding social and political power.

TYPES OF CRIME

Crime Classification

- ⦿ Felonies- serious crimes usually carrying a penalty of incarceration for more than one year or the death penalty.
 - Murder
 - Robbery
- ⦿ Misdemeanors- offenses less serious than felonies and usually punishable by incarceration of no more than one year, probation, or intermediate sanctions.
 - Drug Possession
 - Vandalism

Nature of the Act

- A third way to classify crimes is by the nature of the act.
- 6 Types of Crimes:
 - Visible Crime
 - Occupational Crime
 - Organized Crime
 - Victimless Crime
 - Political Crime
 - Cyber Crime



Visible Crime

- ⦿ Often called “street crime”
 - Shoplifting → Homicide
 - Acts that the public regards as “criminal”
- ⦿ Violent: results in physical injury → murder, assault, rape, etc.
- ⦿ Property → theft, shoplifting, burglary
- ⦿ Public Order: challenge accepted moral and social values → vandalism, disorderly conduct, public intoxication

- ◎ Occupational: criminal offenses committed through opportunities created in a legal business or occupation.
 - Shrewd business practice or illegal act?
 - Characterized by gaining profit through illegal business practices
 - Tax evasion, credit card fraud, embezzlement, bribery
- ◎ Organized: the framework for the perpetration of criminal acts that provide illegal services
 - Provide outlawed goods and services demanded by the general public
 - Prostitution, narcotics, money laundering

- ◎ Political: A Violation of public peace of the law for political reasons not for private reasons
 - Treason, terrorism
 - Watergate, Hillary Clinton email server
- ◎ Cyber Crime: is crime that involves a computer and a network. It may have been used for the crime or the target of the crime
 - Using a computer to steal money from someone's bank account
 - Destroying a server to delete evidence
 - Creating a virus to hack government computers

Quick Review

Felony or Misdemeanor?

1. Murder
2. Rape
3. Traffic Violation
4. Marijuana Possession

Name the type of crime

5. Assault
6. Shoplifting
7. Money Laundering
8. Tax Evasion