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DEVELOPED COUNTRIES EXPERIENCE IN CRIME FIGHTING

An analysis of international experience in combating crime shows that in modern conditions, criminal manifestations pose a real threat to democracy development and national security of most countries. The number of different crimes is constantly growing at a high rate and it is very important to find effective ways of crime fighting and analyze the foreign experience in this sphere.

The relevance of the given research in the area of crime fighting is due to the fact that during the last decade a trend of growing level of crime has been seen around the world. At the same time there is a lack of measures of social and legal control from the growing criminalization of public relations. In this paper we are going to describe the experience of developed countries in combating crime because in these countries it is given great importance to this problem and the effective ways of crime fighting are investigated and implemented.

Firstly, let's observe the ways of crime fighting in the USA. It is important to mention, that in the USA in the last years the number of violent crimes has jumped dramatically, over three times the rate in the 2000s is bigger than it was in 1900s. In order to combat crime in the country, communities develop social and policing services [4]. Social services

approach to crime fighting is ranging from job creation to better schools and mental health treatment, it is generally takes longer to work, because problems like education, poverty and other underlying issues that contribute to crime can take years, or even decades, to truly address [1, p. 33]. The impact of police, meanwhile, tends to happen quickly, that's why the government of the country increases the number of police departments and police officers, whose task is to protect citizens, monitor public order and prevent crimes.

Japan, for instance, is characterized by a low crime rate. In this country there is a small number of serious offenses and violent crimes, and a little bit bigger number of property crimes, which happen during a year. The relative safety of Japanese citizens should be attributed mostly to an effective police force and high discipline of society. Japan has a well-developed crime prevention system, which operates on a government level as well as on local levels [2, p. 1549].

In France the government announced that it will increase the powers of municipal police in order to be able to control public order and set a standardized fixed-price fine for the use of narcotic drugs, because this problem is relevant nowadays. Most law enforcement experts in France agree that the single most important thing the government can do to reduce crime is to put more police on the street. That's why half the nation's law enforcement agencies have received grants to hire more than 17 thousand new police officers [3].

So, it can be concluded that in foreign countries crime fighting is based on legal support and special government programs, which contain different areas of sociological research, staff training, financing, organization and implementation of preventive measures with an emphasis on early prevention.

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