

White Collar Crime: Crime Committed By People With Power

Some Examples	Typical Offenders	Public Awareness
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defrauding customers Tax evasion Breaking health and safety laws, Polluting the environment Illegally discriminating against their employees. 	<p>People with power and authority such as company directors and managers. Other professional such as such as accountants, lawyers, doctors.</p> <p>Some White-collar crime is committed by powerful groups such as the Mafia, these are organised crime groups</p>	<p>Public Awareness = Low</p> <p>Awareness of WC crime is <u>low</u> compared to other crimes such as burglary, robbery or assault. Victims often don't report wc crime because they see it a 'real crime' and because they often don't know they have bee a victim. Media coverage of white collar crime is very limited.</p> <p>Offenders' high status means they are less likely to be suspected and may have the power and wealth to avoid prosecution. Therefore much WC crime goes unreported.</p>
Real Examples	Typical Victims	Deviance/Criminality
<p>Bernie Madoff who defrauded thousands of investors out of tens of billions of dollars in Ponzi scheme.</p> <p>David Beckham; Anthony McPartland and Declan Donnelley (Ant n' Dec); Robbie Williams and Sacha Baron Cohen were among 700 rich and famous people who were involved in a scheme to avoid paying tax on income. HMRC decided the scheme was illegal (Tax Evasion) and the celebrities were asked to pay the money owed or face prosecution.</p>	<p>Sometimes said to be 'victimless but this is not the case. The victims of white collar crime include consumers of companies that offer poor service or products; taxpayers who pay their taxes; employees of companies that break health and safety laws and discriminate against people because of gender, age ethnicity etc.; and the health and well-being of the public which may be affected by polluting companies</p>	<p>White collar crimes are criminal - White collar crimes are also deviant and can cause great harm. For example, Bernie Madoff's Ponzi scheme deprived many people of their life savings and led to many suicides including his own son. WCC frequently involves a betrayal of trust, such as when lawyers swindle their clients or doctors abuse their patients. The GP Dr Harold Shipman is believed to have murdered at least 218 of his patients.</p>

Moral Crime: Crime Against Societies Morals

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selling or possessing illegal drugs • Bigamy • Incest • Begging • Vgrancy • Under-age drinking or cigarette smoking. • Prostitution • Assisted Suicide 	<p>Offenders are often the same people as victims, e.g. underage drinkers or drug users. In some cases there is a clear offender, e.g., drug dealers or shop keepers who sell dink or tobacco to underage children.</p>	<p>Public Awareness = Low</p> <p>Public awareness is often quite limited - offenders and victims have a common interest in keeping a low profile. For example drug dealers and users do not want to draw the attention of the police or the public for fear of increased attention.</p>
Real Examples	Typical Victims	Deviance/Criminality
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kay Gilderdale - Assisted Suicide • Patrick Stuebing and Susan Karolewski Sexual intercourse between siblings (Incest) • Alan Turing (computer pioneer) - Gross Indecency • Oscar Wilde - Gross Indecency 	<p>Again these crimes are sometimes said to be victimless and sometimes this may be the case. For example it is difficult to identify the victim if any in most cases of drug use. The law has changed to reflect this all sort of things that were crimes e.g. homosexuality, adultery and having a child out of wedlock were illegal but are no longer.</p> <p>Some moral crimes do have victims though, prostituiton may involve coercion and underage drinking and smoking are definitely harmful to the individuals who engage in this and adults may be involved in an exploitative way.</p>	<p>These act are illegal but the level of deviance is difficult to gauge. Many people now regard issues such as drug-taking and prostitution as private matters and not matters for the law. Offences such as underage drinking are similarly complicated, it may be deviant but in some cultural groups virtually every everyone has done it.</p>

State Crimes: Crime Committed or Sanctioned By The State

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<p>These are crimes that are committed by the state or one where the state gives approval to them. These include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genocide • Torture • Police brutality • Imprisonment with out trial of political opponents • war crimes • Political crimes (e.g. election-rigging) 	<p>Political leaders and state officials. For example after WW2 senior Nazis were put on trial for genocide and other crimes. Lower level officials such as police officers can also be tried but usually for lesser crimes. One exception to this was (again) the prosecution of low level Nazi officers after WW2 for a range of war crimes</p>	<p>Some state crimes are very well-known. For example the Nazi holocaust is arguably the most discussed crime in history, similarly the Rwandan Genocide and the Mai Lai Massacre are widely discussed and talked about.</p> <p>Other crimes have a lower profile, for example the Uyghurs Muslim Persecution by the Chinese government does not attract the attention that other crimes have had. Also governments are good at hiding their crimes from the public, police brutality is not widely discussed or believed except when cases such as the killing of George Floyd surface and cannot be ignored.</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Man Lai Massacre • The Rwanda Genocide • Uyghurs Muslim Persecution • The Nazi Genocide of Jew, Gypsies amongst others • The Killing of George Floyd 	<p>Victims of genocide are typically an ethnic group that is demonised by the state and usually a minority. For the Nazis this was mainly Jews and Gypsies, for the Chinese it has been Uyghur Muslims. In Rwanda the main offenders were from the Hutu tribe and victims were from the Tutsi - two tribes who had lived peacefully for many years before the state initiated conflict.</p> <p>Victims of state crime do not always form an ethnic group, the Nazis for example persecuted and murdered gay people, the disabled and political opponents.</p>	<p>These 'crimes' go against basic principle of behaviour so must be regarded as deviant. They are clearly criminal but that doesn't mean that they will always be treated as such. The Nazis were put on trial because they lost the war and not because of what they had done. States make their own rules and law and unethical, immoral or outright evil acts may be tolerated and perfectly legal.</p>

Technological Crimes:

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<p>These are offences involving the use of information and communication technology (ICT) such as the internet, social media etc. They are also known as cyber-crimes or e-crimes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial crimes (e.g. phishing frauds) Ransomware frauds Cyber-trespass Identity Theft Hate crimes made online. Illegal downloading of copyrighted material Online Grooming Publishing or viewing child pornography/ other restricted material. 	<p>Some crimes (e.g hacking; cyber trespass ransomware) are male dominated but anyone with access to the Internet can commit these crimes. Other such as cyber-bulling, social media hate crime and stalking are less gendered. Offenders (and victims) can be based anywhere - these are truly 'global' crimes.</p>	<p>Public Awareness = Medium</p> <p>Victims of cyber-bullying, online hate crime are likely to be aware of being trolled but victims of other crimes such as finical fraud or identity theft may not know they have been q victim</p> <p>Public awareness of the risk is quite low. The WannCry ransomware attacks in 2017 showed that even large organisations such as the NHS were vulnerable to these kinds of attacks.</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Grooming of Shamima Begum Gary McKinnon - Hacking into United States military and NASA computers (2002) WannaCry Virus the NHS (2017) One billion user accounts stolen from Yahoo, (2013) 	<p>Anyone can be a victim but for some types of financial crimes there are clearly vulnerable groups such as the elderly and and less educated. Technological hate crime is no different from any other hate crime it is directed at individuals on the basis of their gender; sexual orientation or sexual identity, race/ethnicity or disability.</p> <p>Young people seem particularly vulnerable to online hate crime, a survey found that a quarter had been victims of online abuse (Channel 4, 2013),</p> <p>Finally, online downloading and piracy is often seen as a 'victimless' crime but this is not the case. The music, film and games industries have incurred large financial and job losses as a result of this activity,</p>	<p>Most of these acts are criminal and there are clear sanctions set out in law for them, but there is some disagreement about whether they are all deviant. While some clearly are, e.g., viewing child pornography, cyber fraud or identify theft for example, others are less clear. Online downloading, is so commonplace amongst some groups that to not do it could be considered deviant. Similarly, it can sometime be difficult to distinguish degrees of legality and deviance in some online acts. Not all trolling is illegal; some posts are rude but do not cross the line into criminality. Others are both deviant and illegal, e.g. racist abuse or homophobic abuse.</p>