I. Street crime:

1. Definition

B. Trend

C. Perception and treatment

1. media

a. news: “If it bleeds, it leads.”

i. street crime

ii. crimes against the moral order

b. entertainment

2. politicians: “tough”

a. 3 strikes

b. mandatory and determinate sentencing: crack cocaine

c. capital punishment

3. public

1. surveys
2. Annenberg study

4. criminal justice system

II. Corporate crime

A. Definition

B. Cost

C. Example: Ford Pinto

1. Development

2. Problems

3. Deaths/Injury

4. Cost benefit Analysis

5. Pay outs and gag orders

6. Taking responsibility?

7. Victim rights?

D. Types and consequences

1. Knowingly selling dangerous and defective products.

a. 27,000 deaths annually (U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission)

b. Merck/Vioxx(100,000 +)

c. Ford-Firestone (200)

2. Knowingly polluting the environment with toxic and hazardous waste.

a. death and disease

b. Monsanto/ Anniston, AL

c. GE and Hanford, WA/ Hudson River

d. Kerr-McGee and Navajo Nation

e. PG&E

3. Knowingly exposing workers to dangerous and hazardous conditions (intentionally concealing from the workers those conditions)

a. 60,000 deaths annually, 340,000 permanently disabled

b. W.R. Grace and Libby, Montana

c. John Mansville and asbestos

d. mining industry

e. oil drilling

4. Corporate fraud: deceptive and illegal economic practices

a. avg year: $200 billion vs $4 billion

b. New City Lines and mass transit

c. Goldman Sachs

c. 60%/500 corps

d. Health care: Columbia/HCA, Blue Cross, Blue Shield

g. Overcharging: KBR/Iraq

5. Violation of labor laws

a. time card fraud b. off the clock OT

c. illegal workers d. gender discrimination

e. illegal anti-union activities

6. Human rights violations: Unocal, Shell, Enron, Occidental Petroleum,

Mobil, Freeport McRoMan, Halliburton, Chevron Texaco

a. Funded extra-legal violence against indigenous people (Shell, Chiquita)

i. Ogoni people: non-violent march

ii. response: fund paramilitary “Kill and Go”

b. Used forced and slave labor as workers (Target, Gap)

c. Acted with governments engaged in ethnic cleansing (Unocal)

d. Knowingly polluted environment: Chevron Texaco

III. Corporate Crime: Perception and Treatment

A. Perception

1. Mass media

a. news: “a few bad apples”

b. entertainment: Law and Order: Corporate Crime?

c. Ford-Firestone vs Scott Peterson

i. “willfully and knowingly kept unsafe products on the market”

ii. killed 200, injured +700

d. Jack Welch for President: Time Magazine cover

i. model CEO

ii. GE 1990-2001 42 criminal violations for which it was fined or ordered to pay restitution

iii. selling defective nuclear reactor parts,

defective jet engine parts, polluting air and

water of Hanford, WA with radioactive waste,

creating the biggest Superfund site.

2. Politicians: “not tough on corporate crime”

a. tort reform laws: limit corporate liability

b. regulatory agencies

i. limit funding

ii. limit enforcement

iii. revolving door

c. oil executives: no oath

B. Treatment

1. under prosecuted by a factor of 100

2. no UCR

3. Civil courts or regulatory hearings

a. punishment: fines

b. gag orders

4. Criminal courts

a. resources

b. deferred and non prosecution agreements

1. commit a crime

2. agree not to do it again

3. time period

4. no prosecution

c. “guilty pleas”: branch of company with no assets