

The right to life and criminal-law protection of the human person in the Western Balkans

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Abstract

The basic principle for which a democratic governance stands, are expressed in the "Declaration of Independence of the United States of America with the words of *Thomas Jefferson*:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed"

The government of a democratic state does not exist to recognize the basic human rights, but to respect and guarantee the protection of these rights that any person possesses and benefits due to his existence starting from the most important right: The right to life, which is faced against the duty of the state for the protection of the human person's life! In this sense this article analyzes the criminal-law protection of life in the Western Balkans.

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