

Nature of crime's effect

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Abstract

Nature of crime's effect can be described as "disturbed conscience" or "a sense of guilt for a violation committed". A person feels guilty when he feels responsible for an action. People, in general, consider feelings of guilt to be negative emotions, feelings of embarrassment, guilt and responsibility for the negative circumstances they face. Feelings of guilt are strong when a person feels rightly condemned and deserves punishment. These feelings can make a person feel sick, depressed, and unable to connect with people. In general, it can be said that when a person acts against the moral values of society, this emotional state is called guilt. Individuals feel guilty about recognizing the moral values of a society. So the feeling of guilt is distinguished from the fear of punishment by a factor. Guilt is considered a self-administered punishment. Feelings¹ of guilt, in their normal expression, are feelings of shame in relation to violations of legal obligations or codes of ethics.

Healthy guilt is the feeling a person has when they have actually done something wrong, e.g. has intentionally harmed someone. This is an essential feeling that comes from developing a conscience about the common good. People who have never developed a conscience and feel no guilt or remorse for harming others are called sociopaths. These people do not feel love within themselves and can steal, rape and kill without ever feeling bad about it.

In this paper we will address the question of whether there is a link between guilt and crime and, if so, what its nature is and how guilt affects crime. The paper will be based on a review of the existing literature.

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