

Summary

RELIGIOUS SECTS AND THEIR CRIMINOLOGICAL INFLUENCE

Religious sects, as isolated communities, and especially those that propagate violence and occultism, are one of the biggest problems of modern society. Sects, through direct and indirect methods of mind control, create blindness and addiction among their members, and often among followers, there is a radical, unexplained, change in the system of value. The era of modern technologies, the Internet and social networks has contributed to the new flourishing of religious sects. In cyberspace, religious sects easily propagate their teachings and recruit members. The existing, both international and national legislations, proved to be insufficient to counter the rapid development and emergence of religious sects. Inadequate treatment of the competent institutions combined with the fact that most sects operate under a veil of secrets, isolated from the magnifying glass of the public, certainly contributes to the spread of this negative social and religious problems.