

White-Collar Crime

This article does a great job examining both the psychological reasons which lead people to committing white-collar crimes and other societal and legal implications which are of major contribution. Drew Feeley begins by connecting corporate crimes to personality factors, continues by describing the political and societal backgrounds which allow for such crimes to occur in the first place, and based on the forementioned observations suggests three main policies which can contribute to the reduction and prevention of financial crimes.

This article is different from all the other scholar sources because it draws attention not only to the legal aspect of financial crimes, but also to psychological processes which were until recently of minor importance to most researchers. Since the term was first coined by Sutherland and until recently, most scholars rejected the influence of personality factors to the commitment of economic crimes. However, Feeley, not disregarding the influence of economic insecurity and today's materialistic standards, speaks of the difference a "competitive personality" makes. Additionally, in presenting solutions he identifies the key drawbacks of each one, compelling the reader to want to know more about the insufficiency of our current crime prevention strategies.

Throughout the article, Feeley draws on major scientific findings including psychological terms and explanations, sociological theories and trends, and established laws and acts. His research is mostly underpinned by studies, such as the study led by Professor Sean Rosenmerkel who "found that people viewed white-collar crime, in terms of seriousness, as falling between property and violent crimes." These studies are additionally accompanied by statistics and data.

Feeley, Drew. "PERSONALITY, ENVIRONMENT, AND THE CAUSES OF WHITE-COLLAR CRIME." *Law & Psychology Review* 30 (2006): 201-13.