White Collar Crime

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White collar crimes refer to a variety of non-violent crimes that are usually committed in different business situations for financial gains. Offenders are mostly high-powered professionals such as corporation’s owners, executives as well as employees. These crimes affect the credibility of institutions such as financial scandals results in collapsing of major banks. White collar crimes related to tax and public sector results in a reduction in government resources. Moreover, police also do not consider these crimes the same as burglary, robbery as well as assault.

Hazel Croall criticizes the researchers who have a focus on lower-class crimes or blue-collar crimes rather than focusing on White collar crimes. They neglect the white-collar crime and victimization as they have no proof to show their evils. However, with time the analysis of white-collar crime is also moving further than the traditional apprehensions of criminology. They are now also covering the areas of financial regulation, the environment in addition to occupational health and safety. Different organizations are extending their services to detect and capture the proofs of these criminal activities. One such effort has also been conducted by CBS news."60 Minutes" shows two stories involving these crimes that were captured by hidden cameras. In reality, these charges can affect nearly everyone and every field resulting in serious consequences(Cohen, 2015).

White collar criminals can be seen everywhere even in the health industry. "60 Minutes" has made an extraordinary effort in exposing Stow, one of the white collars criminal. People suffering from ALS cannot be cured or even experience a reduction in their symptoms(CBS news, 2011). However, people still tend to visit places that claim to make impossible to happen. For example, the treatment of multiple cases of sclerosis was claimed by Stowe Biotherapy in the medical oasis. Stowe was a white collar criminal who was claiming to cure neuro cells by stem cells implantation in ALS patients. He had a career in the oil industry and then moved to pseudo-science(CBS news, 2011). He was a fraud and no medical research supported his claim. Even he did not have an authentic degree. Furthermore, Pentagon officials can also be seen in the video as a White collar criminal. They have terms with Chinese spy and sell him sensitive information of American.

Hazel Croall's argue that White collar crimes have an effect over key areas of contemporary life. Corporation’s carryout different harmful activities that imperil the wellbeing of workers and consumers. White collar crimes can even kill and injure people such as the case of Takata airbags(The real news network, 2016). These criminals also understate the pollution and provide wrong information about building materials. Such frauds have been seen in China and Turkey that result in the death of thousands of people. Therefore, their activities comprehensive affect public health and the environment. They are more serious in their nature as compared to blue-collar crimes as they affect a large number of people and can even result in their death and injury. Previously, criminologists consider crimes only committed by lower-class offenders who were mainly seen in courts and prisons. The research was also mostly conducted to know about the causes of crimes committed by offenders in poverty and scarcity.

White-collar offenders go for white collar crimes due to the larger financial gains. They have economic and political power and can have larger gains as a result of these crimes as compared to gains that street criminals can have. These have an effect on every field of human life. In today society, these are not only affecting the financial sector but are also affecting the occupational health and safety and the environment.

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