

FEMALE CRIME IN THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN: ANALYSIS AND PROPOSALS

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ABSTRACT

This article examines issues of female crime, the conditions and causes of their occurrence, as well as issues of combating female crime. This article analyzes the emergence of female crime and the personality of the criminal (woman). Suggestions for preventing female crime are given.

Key words : female crime, personality of the criminal, causes and conditions, crime.

INTRODUCTION

A woman is the standard of kindness in society, which is manifested in the person of mothers, sisters and wives. It is a symbol of beauty, elegance and fidelity. Historically, women occupy a special place in the Uzbek nation. But, unfortunately, not all our women are equally worthy of such a high title. In particular, the number of crimes committed by women is increasing day by day. This is sufficient cause for concern. This situation worries not only the public, but also the intelligentsia. In this regard, from a criminal legal and criminological point of view, lawyers have conducted and are conducting a sufficient amount of research on the issues of preventing female crime.

In recent years, the number of crimes has increased several times due to the decline of morals and changes in the general culture of society. A considerable number of these crimes are committed by women. These are ordinary thefts or murders, often committed in the family, and there are also official crimes. However, government statistics focus on the total number of crimes and crimes committed by minors, and the category of female crime is rarely identified, which is currently a problem when researching this topic.

In general, crime is a negative social phenomenon with a high level of public danger. Female crime is an important social problem because it has additional negative consequences for society, in addition to the characteristics of crime in general. First, family environment has a great influence on children's upbringing. And in this regard, the role of women is very important.

Currently, although a number of criminological studies are being conducted, a lot of attention is paid to the topic of female crime. However, scientific research in this area has been done and continues to this day. Firstly, female criminals were studied in the second half of the 19th century by Adolphe Lambert, Jacques Quetelet and Cesare Lombroso. During the years of independence, the criminological description of women's crimes and their prevention were studied by Uzbek scientists Z. S. Zaripov, K. R. Abdurasulova, I. Ismoilov, Yu. M. Karaketov, M. Usmonaliev. In addition, such criminologists as Yu.M. Antonyan, V.A. Serebryakova, V.M. Kormshchikov, V.N. Zyryanov worked in this area. and others.

At its core, female crime is “the totality of crimes committed by female persons in a certain territory over a certain period of time ¹. ”

Typically, crimes committed by women are of a domestic nature and occur due to family quarrels or bad personal relationships, and their victims are relatives, husbands, children or cohabitants. This is a conflict that occurs in a family where the spouses want to solve the problem that has arisen, but due to some, most often psychological and emotional reasons, everything ends in harm to the health or death of one of the participants in the quarrel. In such cases, women, due to their physiological characteristics, become victims of violence, and this, in turn, in some cases becomes the reason for a female person to commit a crime.

Here it is worth distinguishing between two types of crimes. The first is intentional, that is, the woman consciously takes such a step, and the second is accidental, taken during self-defense and self-defense ².

Women often commit crimes against other people's property (theft, fraud, extortion, robbery and trespass), crimes against economic foundations, drug-related crimes, and intentional infliction of grievous bodily harm. According to the Statistics Agency under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the most common crime committed among women is fraud, which in 2007 was 624, and now this figure has almost quadrupled, that is, in 2022 it will be 2467. Theft was 653 in 2007 and reached 1,150 in 2022. However, one of the most dangerous crimes, murder, is significantly decreasing: in 2007, 93 crimes were committed, and in 2022 this figure has changed from year to year to 39 ³.

As for the second type of crime committed by women (accidentally), compared to men, women often begin their criminal activities years later under the influence of family disputes and an unfavorable family situation. Most women who commit crimes are over 30 years old. However, in recent years there has been an increase in female crime ⁴in the world as a whole.

In Uzbekistan, based on statistics, we can conclude that both of the above types of crime are relevant, and the issue of preventing female crime today is subject to careful study.

Analyzing the above statistical data, we can note that female crime has increased significantly compared to the early 2000s, which indicates the presence of problems in the field of combating female crime, as well as its prevention.

If we talk about the classification of female crime in the Republic of Uzbekistan, then according to statistical data we can distinguish the following categories:

Intentional murder and attempted murder;

Intentional grievous bodily harm;

Extortion;

Theft;

Robbery and robbery;

Fraud;

¹ Stepanyan Sh.U. Modern female crime in Russia and ways to prevent it [Electronic resource]. – Access mode: <http://www.justicemaker.ru/view-article.php?id=21&art=2334> (access date: 03/27/2022).

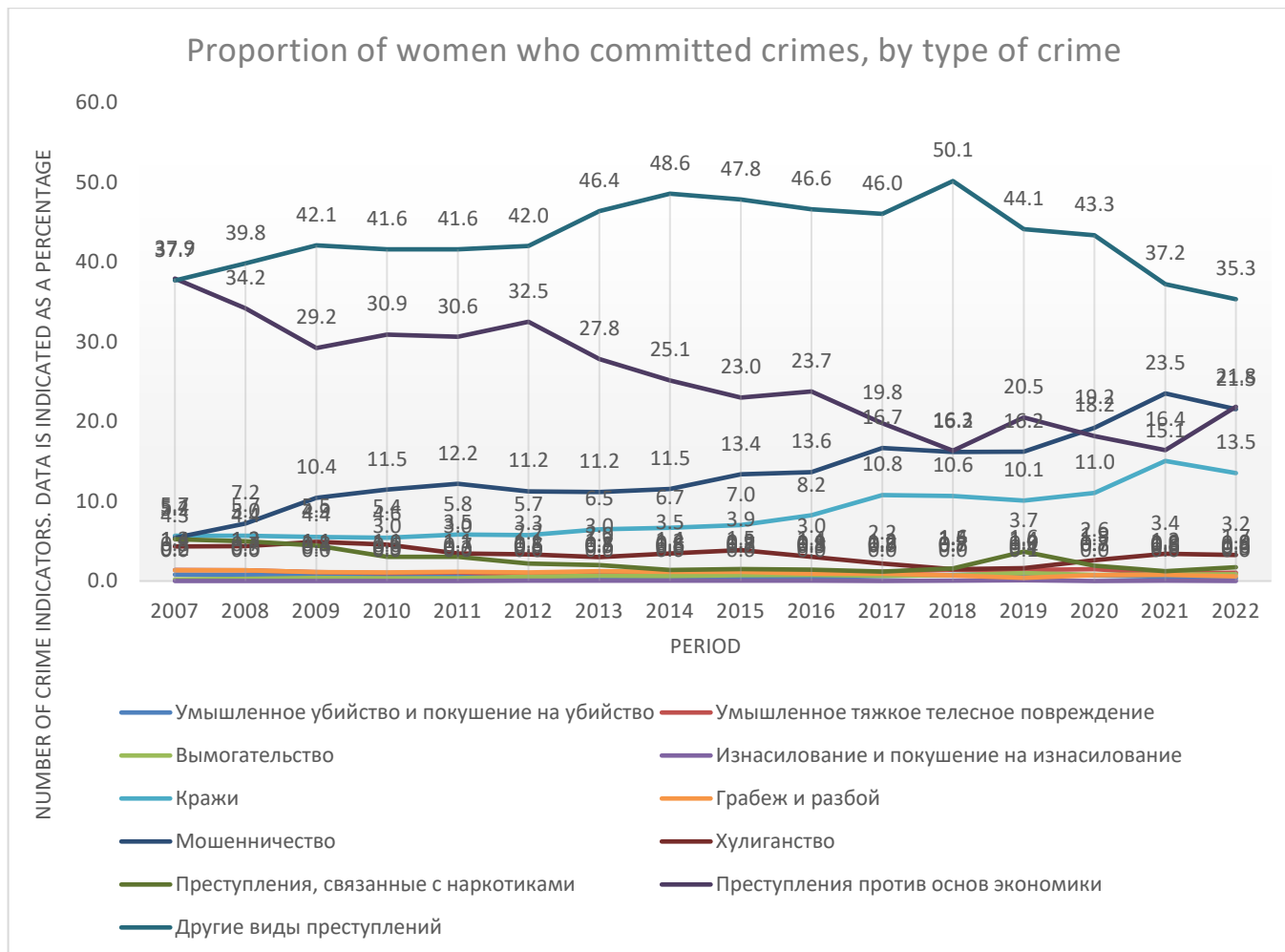
² Tuaev V.P. Criminological characteristics of female crime / V.P. Tuaev // In the collection: Innovative mechanisms and strategic priorities of scientific and technological development. Sterlitamak, 2021. pp. 234–237.

³ Website of the Statistics Agency under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan (Electronic resource). – Access mode: <https://stat.uz/ru/ofitsialnaya-statistika/crime-and-justice>

⁴ Vyatkina A.S., Zubova O.G. The image of a modern female criminal (based on materials from the Astrakhan region) // Caspian region: politics, economics, culture. - 2010. - No. 3 (24). - pp. 16-21.

Hooliganism;
 Drug related crimes;
 Crimes against the fundamentals of the economy;
 Other types of crimes ⁵.

Table No. 1.



As we can see, the table shows that female crime is growing every day, where crimes against the person and economic crimes prevail over other types of crimes among women.

In order to counteract and prevent further commission of these types of crimes by females, it is necessary to determine their causes and conditions for committing crimes.

If you pay attention to the above graph, you will see that the predominant crimes among women in Uzbekistan are premeditated murder and crimes against the fundamentals of the economy. This situation can be explained by the socio-economic situation in the country, which may be the reason for the commission of these types of crimes.

As we have already said, objective reasons can be the reason for committing crimes. In our opinion, such objective circumstances include the following: unfavorable situation in the family, domestic violence, economic instability, unemployment, lack of stable income, poverty, etc.

In addition, the personality of the criminal can also be an important reason for committing a crime. In this regard, without denying the importance of the impact on the personality of the

⁵See Table No. 1 for more details.

criminal of objective reasons that push to commit crimes, social conditions and circumstances, we note that the criminal behavior of women is directly influenced by their negative personal (individual) properties and qualities that were formed under exposure to negative social factors⁶. Based on this statement, we can say that not only the socio-economic status of a person, but also his personal (negative) characteristics can also be the reason for committing not only crimes against the individual, but also crime in general.

Among such personal shortcomings of women who commit crimes against life, most researchers include the following: their low educational level, alcohol and drug addiction, mental disorders and diseases, aggressiveness and cruelty as character traits, immorality and illegality of previous behavior.⁷

However, the above reasons are, to a large extent, general reasons for committing crimes in general. Determining the specific reason for committing a crime depends on the specific situation. For the most part, crimes committed by women are situational in nature. The study showed that 82.1% of such acts were committed based on some unfavorable situation for the perpetrator. For example, 54.6% of the women surveyed responded that their commission of murder or other crime against life was facilitated by the unlawful, provoking behavior of the victim, who beat, mocked them, and committed violent acts of a sexual nature against them. Violent crimes, as noted by S.V. Kudryavtsev, unfold as conflicts of interest that have either an “objective” or “objectless” basis⁸. He also noted that such conflicts can be considered as a cause of violent crime⁹.

The above study shows that the cause of female crime is many factors, ranging from socio-economic to the individual and qualitative characteristics of the women themselves. In our opinion, eliminating these causes can serve as an effective measure to combat not only female crime, but also crime in general.

Elimination of the causes of crime is realized by influencing the conditions under which the crime was committed. Based on this, the adoption of the following measures, in our opinion, can have a positive impact on the fight against female crime:

1. Expanding access to education: Education helps women become financially independent and acquire the skills they need to make informed decisions about their lives. This directly affects the socio-economic status of women and will help reduce the risk of becoming a victim of crime or being forced into criminal activity
2. Social support: Providing support (financial, social) to women who are victims of or involved in criminal activity can help them get back on track and prevent them from re-offending. If you create special support services for women, they can advise them, provide legal assistance, help with housing, employment and other issues. This makes it possible to stop women from committing new crimes after serving their criminal sentence.

⁶ See A.N. Varygin, D.Yu. Yakovlev. “Causes and conditions of crimes against life committed by women” /CRIMINAL LAW AND CRIMINOLOGY. UDC 343.61. page 43.

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⁸Kudryavtsev S.V. Conflict and violent crime / S.V. Kudryavtsev. – M.: Nauka, 1991.

⁹Kudryavtsev S.V. Interpersonal conflict as a cause of violent crime: abstract . discand. psychol. Sciences / S. V. Kudryavtsev. – M., 1989

3. Creation of preferential jobs. Providing more favorable employment opportunities to women will help them become self-sufficient and reduce the likelihood that they will turn to crime for financial gain.
4. Improved security measures: Improved security measures in public places, parks, streets and public transport, make it more difficult for criminals to “target” women as victims of crime.
5. Raising Awareness: Raising awareness about gender-based violence and other crimes against women through workshops and other activities will help educate the public about the dangers of these crimes and create a culture of respect for all women.
6. Strengthening the justice system. Strengthening the justice system by ensuring that perpetrators of gender-based violence are held accountable and that victims are adequately protected is critical to reducing crimes against women and ensuring justice for victims.
7. Improvement of legislation in terms of strengthening the rights and interests of women. Introduce strict liability for violence (in any form, including domestic violence) against women. In our opinion, these proposals will help stop the commission of crimes by women and reduce the level of female crime if they are successfully implemented by the relevant actors in the fight against crime.

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