

## EVOLUTION AND SOCIO-PATHOLOGICAL TRAITS OF DELINQUENT GROUPS IN SERBIA

**SUMMARY:** *In this paper the author examines the socio-pathological aspects of delinquent groups issues in Serbia. After reviewing the definition and features of delinquent groups, we offer a chronological analysis of various forms of local delinquent groupings from the mid-20th century to the present. Next, the relationship between those groups and various socio-pathological manifestations was examined. In the final section, the author summarizes the features of this phenomenon, and offers his own perspective of its evolution in the future. Moreover, the author discusses the overwhelming influence of information technologies on the transformations and contemporary tendencies of delinquent groups and delinquency in general. This can have a dual impact on socio-pathological phenomena: as a factor in reducing the occurrence of traditional deviant behavior, but also as a factor in the expansion of new socio-pathological phenomena.*

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