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Organized criminals are associations of individuals who are involved in the operations and illegal activity engagements. These individuals have good relations and interact with each other globally to gain power, financial gains and influence. Such organizations are involved in illegal activities such as robbery, kidnapping then asking for payments and cargo theft. However, for organized criminals to fund their actions, they obtain money from the supply of services and goods which are of high demand such as corruption, prostitution, international commerce, drugs, violence, gambling and intricate communication mechanisms. Moreover, several organizations which involve in organized crimes are formed and hence become rivals when they operate in the same region. Law enforcement agencies such as the federal bureau of investigations have been working hard in tracing the criminals with concrete evidence so that they can arrest them.

¹ Literature will focus on **history of organized crimes and terrorism in America.**

Organized crimes have **in** existence since 1920 in the United States. The methods in which criminals have been involved in organized crimes have increased predominantly in urban areas because of the conditions provided in the regions enabled organized crime to flourish (Adler, 2015). For instance, the regions had a large number of people that offered many customers, offenders and victims who enhanced the growth of market for illegal goods and services. Nonetheless, organized crimes always require sources that would provide finance to their activities; thus through urban areas, they will have enormous size as well as density of urban networks. The connection between them and other criminals will make them diversified and inspire development of important support services that will be provided by other sources that need a favor from the criminals such as the corrupt politicians and law enforcement officers.

Majority of the political leaders and police officers involved in criminals activities do that to hide the illegal activities they have performed.

Furthermore, the increased discrimination that was available also favored the development of organized criminals in local areas. Entrepreneurs have created conflicting ideas due to their interest and thus providing a good environment for local criminal activities to be planned by other entrepreneurs who are willing to participate in several forms of illegal marketing. Additionally, entrepreneurs involved in criminal activities that could jeopardize their competitors in business, for instance, when a person who is well in the society could be provided with an anonymous message to give a certain amount of money or their work property and businesses be destroyed or safety of their families be in danger.

Many of organized crimes that happened in America before World War I were minor activities since they were done on a small scale. However, the condition changed after the introduction of prohibition. The main aim of the United States implementing the amendment was to control alcohol use by regulating the manufacture, sale and transportation of alcohol (Von Lampe, 2015). Nonetheless, the prohibition amendment promoted the spread and growth of the illegal market more than reducing. During 1933 when prohibition ended, many organized criminal organizations diversified and developed progressively and be influential since they improved their activities from the illegal sale of alcohol to gambling, narcotics distribution and loan sharking. The increase in organized crime organizations has led to more people joining the gangs since life has become hard with no employment to the youths. Hence, it is only through organized crime that individuals can have sources of income hence supporting the creation of more criminal organizations around the United States.

A good example of organized group organization undertaking illegal operations in the US is the Eurasian Transnational organized crime group. The organization is inspired both politically and financially and originates from the Soviet Union (Kupatadze, 2015). The criminal organization has developed and expanded widely and now operating outside their countries to other nations including the United States. The Eurasian organization has resulted in severe losses in the United States including enormous financial losses to the taxpayer's residents, investors and businesses. The organization started in 1970 in the west when Soviet Refuseniks were permitted to move to Israel, Europe and United States. The Refuseniks were a recognized group of criminals who needed to exploit their freedoms gained. The criminals supported other main criminal groups that progressed to the west after the Soviet Union failed and resulted in individuals moving freely in their areas.

Moreover, the organization has also deceived the new administration formed in the former Soviet Union billions of money while many of the industries are now managed and owned by the private sectors. Besides, individuals who own the industries benefit through tax avoidance procedures and utilizing government officials who are corrupt to misappropriate use finances. The foundation of the Eurasian organized crime organization in US is supported by Vory Zakone, who are well-known criminals that partnered to work together towards support and benefits in the Soviet prison system (Yurieva, 2018). Nonetheless, during the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, the individuals partnered with corrupt government officials to get industries and other sources of money. Besides, to get enormous amount of money, they decided to find other means to maintain their cash flow through being involved in criminal activities.

² Eurasian transnational organized crime groups do not follow the hierarchical structure in their ruling. Still, they are alienated into different supporting networks with every network in the

division having a particular responsibility or role. However, despite having different divisions in their organizations, they all share the same goals and objectives (Otey, 2015). Therefore, the hierarchical structure used enables members of various divisions not to interact directly with other members of the organization hence making them plan and protect high organized crimes. The Eurasian transnational organized crime bandits are engaged in different kinds of criminal dealings such as fraud including security and investment and healthcare fraud. Other criminal activities involved include attempted murder, theft, money laundering, transporting stolen property within countries, robbery, drug trafficking and murder.

² The rival group of the Eurasian transnational organized crime group is the Middle Eastern transnational organized crime organization because they are involved in the same criminal activities. The group is maintaining itself and its operations by being involved in making money using illegal activities (Chimni, 2016). Although the organization has been in existence since 1970, it has caused a significant impact in the United States.

Several terrorism activities have happened in the United States and have caused a tremendous effect on people. Some individuals have lost their lives while others are engaged in severe injuries due to such terrorist actions. Terrorists use terror attacks such as violence to promote their causes (Laqueur, 2016). However, the United States faces terror which is performed by either individual who is citizens of the United States and other people who come from different countries which are highly brought by the consequence of Islamic extremism. Terrorist always work to achieve their purposes and they will do anything to achieve it including killing other people. The main purpose of terrorist being involved in illegal activities is to exploit the media and to attain as much publicity as possible to be able to get the attention of the government or the population they have targeted to achieve their goals.

Moreover, terrorism can occur in two different forms, with the first form being domestic terrorism and the last one being international terrorism. Domestic terrorism is when ³citizens of the country are targeted by the perpetrator of the same country, for instance when an American individual target to attack other Americans for their gains (Chaliand & Blin, 2016). On the other hand, international terrorism is where a person is involved in activities that will threaten the lives of other individuals in the united states or the jurisdiction of any other country. Terrorism activities are caused by several factors including both strategic, ideological and psychological. People may be involved in terror for their reasons and benefit from their minds. Similarly, several beliefs, principles and values make people realize their goals and aim, for instance, religion. Finally, strategic causes are based on what individuals require and are usually used by political leaders when they want to address their grievances to the administration, but they fail to get attention.

Some of the terrorist activities in the United States include in the Najibullah Zazi, who was an Afghan immigrant who was involved in plotting a bomb in the New York City subway. Zazi is claimed to have ties with the Ala-Qaeda (Klausen et al., 2016). Moreover, in 2009 there were shootings in the Little Rock Recruiting office where one United States military was killed and another one injured. The person involved in the activity is Abdulhakim Mujahid, who was an American. The main aim of performing an activity was to revenge what the US military did to the Muslims.

In summation, having focused on organized crimes history and terrorism in US, it is evident that organized crimes have increased significantly in the United States. Therefore, it is time for law enforcement agencies to take more diverse and strategic actions in combating the criminals. Criminal organizations are also increasingly dominating and using advanced

techniques when performing their activities. Similarly, terrorism has always been a nightmare for law enforcement. Although terror attacks frequency is reducing in the United States, when they happen, they cause numerous deaths of citizens. Religious segregation is found to be the main reason for terrorism in the United States.

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