

How Do U.S., Soviet Crime Figures Compare?

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How does the U.S. crime rate compare with that of Soviet Russia?
It doesn't. The Soviet Union has published some recent percentage figures on the types of crime that occur but, since 1928, has withheld the numbers they are based upon.
A new book by University of Michigan criminologist Walter D. Connor may fill some of the void of these concealed statistics. The product of three years' research, "Deviance in Soviet Society: Crime, Delinquency and Alcoholism" will be published in April by Columbia University Press.

IF SECRETIVE about crime rise and its consequences, the Soviets are more informative in discussing its causes, Prof. Connor finds. "The thrust is to establish the offender as a 'flawed product' of various institutions: the family (where his socialization was incomplete or ineffective); the school (where he was likely a dropout); or the factory

(which paid little attention to his off the job behavior).
Crime and delinquency in particular reflect a series of failures on the part of the institutions and activities which the state itself sponsors and regulates," Connor explains.
Statistics, while fragmentary, indicate that more than half of all juvenile crimes are theft and other property offenses, Connor notes. "Hooliganism," the Russian term for public order offenses, accounts for a large proportion also.
"Soviet delinquents tend to break the law in groups, but these bear little resemblance to the organized fighting gangs found in large American cities during the 1950's," Connor says. "They are smaller, seemingly spontaneous and temporary gatherings that come together for some specific act."
The more serious offenses appear concentrated in the older (15- to 17-year-old) age groups, Connor notes, but this segment is not necessarily more delinquent. Court

records show that less than five per cent are girls.
"THE SOVIETS attribute delinquency to two related trends: the failure of family, school, youth organization and factory to control the young, and second, the dynamics of the adolescent male personality. The latter theory sees adolescents, with their burgeoning self-assertiveness and desire for independence, as persons not fully formed, more susceptible to bad influences than adults, and more promising prospects for rehabilitation," Connor says.
"The case of the adult criminal does not permit excuses of immaturity or diminished responsibility, and his crimes are more serious." The distribution of crimes listed in a Soviet criminology textbook (presumably for 1966-67) includes: "hooliganism" - 24 per cent; theft of state and public property - 17 per cent; crimes against the person - 16 per cent. Connor observes that, unlike during the early years of the USSR, "crimes against the state" represented only a small share of the total.

"There is no reason to believe this data, however vague, is intentionally falsified," Connor comments. "Russian scholars and practitioners rely upon it for their studies also."
"But we can speculate that the statistics on property offenses, particularly of the petty variety, are far behind the 'real' situation," Connor says. "Soviet newspapers and legal journals frequently publish complaints about the inefficiency of accounting and property control in large enterprises, giving us the impression of massive small but damaging thefts by employees. To many socialists, 'what belongs to the state' belongs to no one."
With a few exceptions such as large scale embezzlement, crime is concentrated among those aged 18 to 30, Connor notes. Russian researchers frequently cite low educational achievement as a common characteristic of criminals but no conclusive data relating criminality to social class, occupation or income is yet available.
One significant factor linked to some 80 per cent of

all robberies and homicides, Connor estimates, is drunkenness. "Alcoholism is a severe problem in the Soviet Union. But it should not be interpreted as a cause of crime, only as a second form of deviance in one person."
PRODUCTION of ethyl alcohol and beer tripled and grape wine production increased six-fold between 1950 and 1965, Soviet records show, and illegal distilling remains very prevalent in rural areas, Connor notes. Indications are that per capita consumption has risen proportionately, and Soviet writers and legislators are very candid in expressing their concern about the consequences, he says.
One explanation is the behavior of Russians as a "drinking culture," Connor says. "Alcohol appears as a virtually indispensable adjunct to many pleasant events

and as a refuge from painful ones.
"To 'hold one's liquor' is a source of pride, and drunkenness is not all that shameful. Given the relatively low standard of living and the drabness of the environment, many Soviets, particularly the working class, welcome it as an escape mechanism."
"There are no taverns in Russia, so typically one might find a man standing outside a liquor store, looking for one or two others to share the price and the contents of a bottle with him."
Behind its public denouncement of drunkenness, the Soviet government is ambivalent, Connor suspects. The production of vodka is a lucrative state monopoly.
Behind just describing the dimensions of crime and alcoholism, the U-M author delves into the Soviet explanation for them. He also

investigates their methods of prevention and the steps being taken to correct, cure and rehabilitate.
One finding is that the Soviets contend with many of the same problems, such as reidivism, in their correctional institutions, courts and prisons, as Americans experience, according to Connor.
"At a time when such measures are undergoing

deep reexamination in the United States, this information should point out the pitfalls as well as the promise in alternatives to our present techniques," he says.
"Finally, it should make clear, to those in doubt, that a different social system and a different mode of economic organization promise no 'total cure' to the problems of crime, delinquency and alcoholism."

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with the lead and what do you do now? Tut, tut! No peeking at the other cards allowed!!

If you are like 90 per cent of defenders you will woodenly return a heart and, whether or not it works out, you will defend your action by the worst of all means, well, it was partner's suit!! The trained (or instinctive, if you like) defender realizes that he is defending against a contract and will look for ways to beat same.

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