

Crime Figures Used To 'Terrorize' Public

"For most people, frightening figures published by the FBI and hurled at them by politicians seem to measure crime volume and trends in a precise, aseptic way."

But in reality, argued a University of Michigan law professor, crime statistics are being "manipulated" to "terrorize" the public, with the result that the nation's "crime problem" has been grossly sensationalized and oversimplified.

Charging that some members of both major political parties have been involved in this statistical maneuvering, Prof. Yale Kamisar explained the success of the tactic by noting:

"Statistics have an almost magical appeal in a fact-minded culture such as ours."

KAMISAR made these comments at a symposium on the American Constitution at the University of Oklahoma College.

Kamisar said the manipulation of crime statistics has often been used to pin the blame for sharp increases of reported crime on "soft-on-crime" liberals and on the U.S. Supreme Court—particularly the court under Chief Justice Earl Warren. In effect, he said, the public has also been convinced that "we cannot afford" to take the rights of the accused too seriously.

One explanation for the so-called "crime crisis," the U-M professor said, is that the public is now reporting a much higher percentage of actual crime than ever before.

By contrast, he observed,

several studies show that a major reason for the relatively low percentage of reported crime in the past has been the feeling that the police "can't do anything about it anyway."

Thus, he said, the greater the citizen's confidence in the effectiveness of police action, the greater his tendency to contribute to a "crime reporting wave."

KAMISAR ALSO noted that as a police department grows aware that it is generally regarded as understaffed, overworked and "handcuffed by the courts," it becomes much less inhibited about producing fuller and more accurate statistics.

In this situation, he said, police feel that they cannot be held responsible for sharp increases in crime.

He continued: "As crime figures rise, the public grows more frightened and angry. An alarmed and indignant public is more determined to report crime. Crime statistics rise still higher—and in flame the public still more."

The U-M professor emphasized that he was not saying there has not been any real increase in crime. He said:

"Advocates of a calm and rational approach to the 'crime problem' do their cause a disservice by insisting on 'explaining away' the entire statistical increase as a mere paper increase...What I am saying is that the real increase in crime has probably been much less dramatic than the bare statistics indicate."

Kamisar observed that in many cases elected officials who equate the "crime

wave" with the work of the Supreme Court are also critics of strict gun control legislation.

HALF THE nation's 60 million households, he pointed out, now possess at least one gun, and three times as many guns were sold to civilians in the last 10 years than in the previous 50.

And since 1963, he said, the number of homicides involving firearms has increased about 50 per cent while the number committed with other weapons has risen 10 per cent.

But "the 'law and order crowd,'" said Kamisar, "is not always impressed by statistics." He went on to cite the case of a U.S. senator, a critic of the Supreme Court, who was presented with statistics showing that the per-

centage of murders by use of firearms in a relatively strict gun control state was only half that of a compara-

tively weak gun control state.

The senator was quoted as commenting: "If one does

enough hand-picking and meandering through statistics of this kind, he can prove almost anything he wants."

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