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PSYCHOLOGY OF YOUTH CRIMINAL SUBCULTURE

Among many subcultures that occur among today's youth, special attention should be paid to criminal subculture. It occupies an exclusive position, as it creates a detrimental effect and puts under control a lifetime of youth involved in it, in detail adjusting its behavior and in many cases, determining all further life of a young man. The criminal subculture is the greatest danger, because it contains a strong antisocial orientation and practical ability to implement this direction through criminal activity.

This is a unique alliance that brings together individuals who understand that it will be very difficult to legally achieve power in the highly competitive modern society alone. Therefore, it is easier to seek the simple way, even if it goes against the principles, norms and laws of civilized society. Stiffness and pragmatism are the main characteristics of young people who

join the ranks of street gangs of criminal orientation. Most of these groups are spontaneous – teenagers sometimes do not know the purposes and objectives of the group, the leader and other members of the group. This is especially true for unstable antisocial groups – “companies”. The desire to be like all teenagers leads to uncritical acceptance of reality. Group has a strong influence on impressionable youth that has no solid attitudes and self-confidence. Means of influence can be verbal persuasion of leader or the whole group, their threats and harassment.

Thus, norms, values and attributes of criminal subcultures are formed with regard to age peculiarities of boys, providing a wide range for self-fulfillment of their “I”, compensation of social failures attracting by a halo of romance, mystery and strangeness, lack of moral restrictions and prohibitions.