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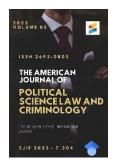








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# SOCIAL CAUSES AND PRECONDITIONS OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN GAMBLING

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#### **ABSTRACT**

The article discusses the social causes and prerequisites for the participation of the population in gambling and other risk-based games. The measures taken to prevent illegal gambling activities and casinos (brothels) are being investigated, and appropriate conclusions are being drawn.

#### **KEYWORDS**

Causes, background, gambling, gambling activity, counteraction, negative effects of gambling.

#### INTRODUCTION

Since ancient times, gambling has attracted the attention of a wide range of people as a flourishing type of entrepreneurial activity in Central Asian countries. However, at present, the organization and conduct of gambling games creates a worrying situation. This type of activity with high latency seriously threatens both the economic security of each country and the social foundations of society [1, p.227]. In order to protect the population from being attracted to gambling, as well as to protect spirituality, the rights and legal interests of citizens, by the decision of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan No.

176 of August 16, 2007 "On measures to further regulate the organization and conduct of gambling games", 2007 since September 1, the organization and holding of gambling games and other risk-based games (including totalizers) (except for circulation, instant and digital lotteries) has been prohibited in the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan [2].

However, most of the "entrepreneurs" involved in the organization and conduct of gambling games in most countries ignore these prohibitions, open casinos that operate secretly or reorganize their activities under the

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guise of Internet cafes, thereby continuing to provide citizens with the opportunity to participate in gambling games [3].

Among the negative consequences of the organization and conduct of gambling games, the problem of the decrease in morale, the increase in crime and offenses has a special place. Along with alcoholism and drug addiction, "gambling" is actively showing its influence as the basis of crime.

But all of the above is a consequence. In order to prevent gambling crimes, it is necessary to "look at the root", to study the causes of this type of crime. As most criminologists rightly point out, the causes of these negative social events are hidden in the existing conflicts of the socio-economic, ideological, moral and legal order.

In due time, in the second half of the 19th century, A.N. Radishchev tried to find the social roots of crime. He stated in his work "On the state of legality" ("About the statute"): "even with a little thought, it can already be clear to a person how civil laws correspond to criminal laws and that they include issues of prevention of crimes or prevention of offenses. Looking at the sources of lawsuits in court and the causes of crime, sometimes it is possible to find an obstacle to them" [4, p.46].

Therefore, it can be said that all the social factors that cause the increase in crime in the field of illegal gambling are clarified and only after they are thoroughly studied, it will be possible to determine the appropriate means to fight this phenomenon. At the moment, if we focus on cases of illegal organization and conduct of gambling and other games based on risk, researcher M.V. One can agree with Dukhovsky's point of view. According to him, the main reason for

these crimes is the current socio-economic system [5, p.223].

Despite the ban on the organization of gambling games (except for circulation, instant and digital lotteries) established by law, the organizers of illegal gambling games continue to operate, which contributes to the deterioration of the general crime (criminogenic) situation, as well as uncontrolled criminal income. Studies show that the crime rate in cities where gambling is developed is more than 8% [6, p.223]. The risk of criminal penalties and fines cannot prevail over the "desire" to make large profits from illegal gambling.

Today, in the conditions of competition, the decrease in the general standard of living, the existing social situation itself creates preconditions for the involvement of a person in criminal activities.

For example, according to the criminal case files, citizen G. Kuliboev did not have a permanent place of residence or work. A citizen who was engaged in various day jobs earned money by betting on sports competitions and spent all his money on them.

Since 2014, Kuliboev worked unofficially at a car wash Chilonzor branch of belonging to the "Makhsustrans" enterprise.

E.Radchenko, an acquaintance of Kuliboev, occasionally helped him transfer money to the Webmoney e-wallet. Kuliboev spent all his free time in an Internet cafe, played illegally organized lotteries, and bet on sports competitions through betting tips. However, his luck did not come and he began to fall more and more into debt.

In April 2018, Kuliboev took 2,300,000 soums from his workplace and also borrowed another 200 US dollars from his brother B. Toshpolatov and invested all this

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money in gambling. Luck turns away from him again he lost.

Later, tired of the constant calls and demands of his creditors, Kuliboev decides to commit a crime. On July 7, 2018, he evicted E. Radchenko from the house under the pretext that he needed to add additional money to the balance of the electronic wallet. When E.Radchenko leaves, Kuliboev sneaks into his house and steals money. Kuliboev killed E.Radchenko with a kitchen knife and stabbed his wife L.Radchenko 18 times and stole all her money.

Having paid off his debts, Kuliboev continues his lifestyle as if nothing had happened, but this did not last long. In court, Kuliboev fully confessed his guilt and regretted his actions. He was found guilty based on Article 97, Part 2, Clause "i" and Article 164, Part 3, Clauses "v", "d" of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Uzbekistan, and was sentenced to 18 years in prison [7].

Professor V.I. As Kudryavtsev rightly noted, the lower the culture, upbringing and education of criminals, the more brutal and brutal the crime they commit, and the more primitive their motivation [8, p.124]. So, the nature of crimes is directly influenced by the person's belonging to a certain social class.

The formation of antisocial behavior is caused by poor living conditions, improper upbringing, lack of knowledge, etc. [9]. These social conditions of participation in the illegal organization and conduct of gambling are largely dependent on economic and material conditions. A gambler sacrifices money, work, family, friends, interests, and social status for gambling. The number of people drowning in debt is increasing.

For example, in 6 months of 2022, 6 citizens who lost in online gambling committed suicide. This was announced during the discussion of the draft law on determining responsibility for gambling and risk-based games on the Internet, held in the Legislative Chamber of the Oliy Majlis. In particular, it was reported that 6 people committed suicide in 2021 and 6 more in 2022 due to online gambling losses. Sadly, they were all young people under the age of 25 [10].

It should be noted that the gambling business is a favorable environment for committing other crimes. Cash is required for betting, and since the available money is sooner or later lost, players decide to commit violent crimes: extortion, robbery and robbery, even murder.

As an example, an 18-year-old boy living in Urgut district stole money from someone else's car and used it for internet games. He stole 1,700 US dollars from one of the abandoned cars, and 2.5 million soums from the other.

A criminal case was initiated against him under Article 169, Part 3, Clause "A" of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Uzbekistan, and a precautionary measure of imprisonment was applied.

As a result of the investigation, citizen N. suffered from a pathological addiction to gambling and committed theft in order to earn money [11].

Criminological studies also convincingly prove the connection between alcoholism and the organization and conduct of gambling games. Alcohol consumption significantly increases the likelihood that a person will engage in gambling, commit a violent crime [12, p.38-42].

The antisocial role of drunkenness is related to the strong influence of alcohol on the nervous system,

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intellect, emotional sphere, will, people's behavior, motivation - all these constitute the subjective, internal causes and conditions of criminal behavior with negative values.

Also, egocentric motives, unreasonable desires and instincts, unethical and antisocial tendencies, limited to positive views, attitudes and habits, which do not come out in the sober state, come to the fore in the motivation of the addict's behavior. According to A. B. Sakharov, "drunkenness is the urge to commit a crime" [13, p.279]. Regular drunkenness creates conditions for creating criminogenic situations.

The specific danger of illegal gambling is that these crimes are under the complete control of organized crime, the funds received from such activities are increasingly actively invested by criminals in legal (legal) economic projects [14].

The role of the media in shaping the perception of gambling cannot be ignored. Nowadays, most of the media promotes gambling as a modern and free life, violence, frivolity, a source of easy income and a stepping stone to a life of luxury, thereby creating criminal behavior.

Active recruitment of gambling enthusiasts is already done on the Internet [3] or by sending spam ads, and as a result, the issue of control of the Internet space has intensified.

The dangerous thing about online casinos is that it is almost impossible to control their activities. In addition, if there is a possibility to ban real casinos on the premises, everyone in the online space, including children, can access the virtual casino [15].

Analyzing some of the conditions for attracting the population to gambling games, we can say that the society's moral decline continues at the same time, and

the gambling business is creating a favorable environment for the general crime to increase.

In this regard, it is appropriate to agree with the opinion of R. Clark, who said that "the biggest crime is that we allow conditions to arise that cause antisocial behavior" [16].

#### CONCLUSION

In conclusion, it can be said that in order to solve the problem of attracting the population to gambling crime, first of all, it is necessary to solve economic issues, including the development of the health care system, education, expansion of housing construction, job creation, recreation and leisure activities, requires solving the problems related to the formation of cultural and criminal types.

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