

The Connection Between Organized Crime and Globalization

An Unacknowledged Reality?

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1. Abstract

This report will shed light on the connection between organized crime and globalization, a topic that has been overlooked throughout history. Although there are books and movies about organized crime and globalization, there is none that solely focuses on the connection between these two. Organized crime in the modern world is a major phenomenon accounting for a great portion of the global economy. However, international crime and the consequences of globalization have not been recognized as a crucial problem only until recently. The connection between organized crime and globalization has gradually gained attention over the last decade, and in some countries, there are university classes covering organized crime, which reflect the importance of this subject. To explain and examine the connection between globalization and organized crime, the report will be broken down into two main parts; part 1, the historical link between organized crime and globalization and part 2, the threat of organized crime and globalization in the current context. Additionally, these two parts will be divided into smaller sections in order to take an in depth view of the connection between organized crime and globalization. Throughout the paper, the progress of globalization will be examined parallel with the development of organized crime, attempting to link globalization and organized crime.